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# This Week In Whistler



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## Calling All Snow Lovers

Whistler welcomes new Ice Kingdom

**DAWN GREEN**

Whistler is an extraordinary place— attracting nature-loving experience-seekers from all over the globe.

And while the slopes of Whistler and Blackcomb mountains are the main draw each winter in Whistler, there is much more beyond the expansive mountain terrain to explore.

The newest addition to Whistler's seemingly never-ending array of adventures to enjoy is the Ice Kingdom—a winter wonderland running February 3 to March 31 at the Whistler Golf Course (just across from Whistler Village).

Ice Kingdom is a magical interactive exhibit where families can explore a community of snow sculptures and an ice slide lit up with brilliant and colourful lights. Ice Kingdom public relations manager Alexandra Leo explains that Whistler is a natural location for Ice

Kingdom, given its distinctive mountain culture. "Particularly for the snow sculptures, we need a landscape which provides reliable snow for the duration of the event as well as provide for a market who have a genuine interest in winter-like events."

Whistler it is! What is there not to love about wandering amongst the twenty or more interactive snow sculptures of all shapes and sizes, scooting down multiple snow slides, and warming up with a hot chocolate in the clubhouse afterwards?

But this is just one of a great number of activities you can enjoy this winter in Whistler. You may want to challenge yourself to an invigorating dog-sledding adventure, explore the valley on snowshoes, or give ice fishing a try. If you possess the need for speed, you simply cannot pass up a bobsled or skeleton ride at the Whistler Sliding Centre. Ziplining

above the snow-covered landscape is another way to take your breath away or jump onto a thrilling snowmobile tour to head to unknown snowy terrain beyond the slopes.

For a more relaxed time, there's the Peak 2 Peak sightseeing experience. Dress in your winter garb, climb onto the Whistler Village gondola and head up the mountain. At the Peak of Whistler Mountain, pause to relish the vista and then experience the feeling of pure happiness as the Peak 2 Peak gondola whisks you two kilometres across to Blackcomb Mountain.

Of course, a real holiday should also include some serious chill time. You can count on Whistler to serve up a wide range of spas, yoga studios, restaurants and après venues so you can spend a day unplugging and unwinding.

Find out more at [whistler.com/activities](http://whistler.com/activities).

## Nita Lake Lodge Turns Ten

Come Celebrate with this Sensational Whistler Resort

**CAROLINE HELBIG**

This month, Nita Lake Lodge is turning ten. Whistler's stunning lakeside boutique hotel is celebrating its anniversary with a party, amazing prize giveaways and feature specials. You're invited!

"Reaching the ten-year milestone feels absolutely fantastic," says General Manager Theresa Ginter. I see our tenth anniversary as a special occasion to share with our guests and 'Team Nita' who have made the lodge the success it is today."

Put on your party clothes! You're invited to the "Nita Turns Ten" anniversary celebration on Sunday, February 11, from 8 p.m. at Cure Lounge and Patio. There'll be live music, prize draws, and special party cocktails for just \$10. There's no cover and everyone is welcome.

What's a party without loot bags? Check out Nita Lake Lodge's Facebook page for daily giveaways through February 10. Lucky winners will enjoy prizes like a Signature Facial at the lodge's spa, or breakfast for two at Aura Restaurant. The February 10 grand prize is over the top: a two-night stay, dinner, lunch, spa treatments and more!

Indulge in celebratory features throughout the month. Fix Café has



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birthday cupcakes for only \$6, and Aura Restaurant is offering a mouth-watering Callebaut chocolate mousse creation for just \$10. Don't miss the "Nita Lake 10" anniversary cocktail at Cure Lounge or the soothing \$10 aromatherapy oil add on at The Spa.

Amidst the celebrations, Ginter shares her gratitude. "I would personally like to thank all of our valued guests, owners, 'Nita Cheerleaders'

and all our employees—the heart of our organization—for their support over the years. We wouldn't be where we are today without them!"

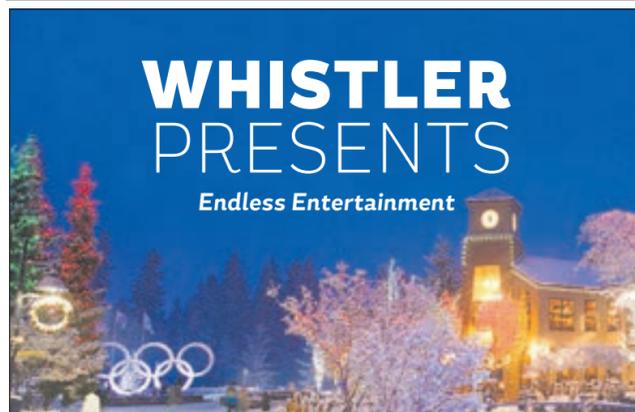
There's even more incentive to visit Nita Lake Lodge. BC residents now enjoy twenty percent off the best available rate. See [nitalakelodge.com](http://nitalakelodge.com) for details, and don't forget to visit their Facebook page for your chance to win fabulous prizes.

### Correction:

In our Family Day story on January 23 we mistakenly identified the

Meadow Park Sports Centre as having a wave pool. They actually have a 25-metre pool, an eight-foot slide, a kids' pool with a lazy river and

spouting bears, but no wave pool. *This Week in Whistler* hopes this error has not caused inconvenience to anyone.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 3 - March 31** | Whistler Golf Course

#### ICE KINGDOM

Explore Whistler's newest winter attraction, a truly magical experience featuring snow sculptures and ice slides.

**February 10** | Rainbow Theater

#### FILM SCREENING: THE MOMENT

Don't miss this chance to meet the cast and crew of *The Moment*, a feature-length documentary about a group of mountain bikers who turned the sport of cycling on its head.

**February 23 & 24** | Whistler Mountain

#### PEAK TO VALLEY RACE

This long-standing Whistler event is the longest GS race of its kind. Teams of four ski a 5km course with 180 gates and a vertical drop of 1,443 metres.

**February 24** | Whistler Olympic Park

#### SIGGE'S P'AYAKENTSUT CROSS COUNTRY SKI EVENT

This family friendly event is the largest cross country ski race in BC with 15km, 30km or 50km courses.

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