

Winter Warmers Weekend Itinerary

More memories, less miles.

Friday Evening

- Check in to your hotel.
- Downtown dinner & stroll along Hay Street → festive décor & windows.
- Warm-up stop:

Families: Rude Awakening Coffee House (hot cocoa, spiced lattes)

Couples/Friends: Blue Moon Café (seasonal cocktails, hearty comfort dishes)

 Insider Tip: Share a treat instead of buying two.

Saturday: Sip, Play, Glow

Morning

- Superior Bakery (fried croissants & seasonal donuts)
- Airborne & Special Ops Museum (free admission, indoor exhibits)

Midday

Choose your warm adventure:

- Paraclete XP Indoor Skydiving - big thrills, climate-proof
- Main Event - bowling & arcade bundle
- Sol's Arcade or Dad Bod Dive Bar - retro games + casual lunch

 Insider Tip: Check venues for day-of specials.

Afternoon

- Winterbloom Tea (holiday blends + gift tins)
- Dirtbag Ales Brewery (winter brews & ciders + rotating food trucks)

Evening

- Holiday Lights in the Garden at Cape Fear Botanical Garden (Dec. 5–21, select nights **GET TICKETS HERE**)

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➤ Backup option:

Scenic drive through the Haymount neighborhood - a historic district where many homes typically decorate for the holidays.

Please enjoy slowly, be respectful of residents, and don't block driveways.

💡 *Insider Tip:* If you do the Haymount drive, keep headlights on low beam, avoid stopping mid-street, and pull over only where it's safe and permitted.

Sunday — Slow & Cozy

Hotel breakfast (if included)

Cameo Art House Theatre matinee, or return to Downtown for souvenir shopping

Optional: Renaissance Day Spa for a seasonal massage

💡 *Insider Tip:* Warm your socks in the hotel dryer before heading back out for lights or errands — Fayetteville nights can be brisk.

Helpful Resources

- Places to Stay: <https://www.distinctlyfayettevillenc.com/places-to-stay/>
- Destination Guide: <https://www.distinctlyfayettevillenc.com/view-the-digital-destination-guide/>
- Events Calendar: <https://www.distinctlyfayettevillenc.com/events/>