

Kitchissippi skates!

RINK GUIDE

Despite repeated thaws and the occasional downpour, it's been a banner year for Kitchissippi's ten outdoor skating rinks. If you're up for a wintery challenge, keep this rink guide handy and try out all of Kitchissippi's outdoor rinks this season!



MAP OF KITCHISSIPPI

Bound by the Ottawa River in the North,
Carling Avenue in the South,
the O-Train tracks in the East and
Woodroffe Avenue in the West

1. Woodroffe Park

180 Lockhart Avenue

Hours of supervised operation:

Mon: Closed
Tues-Fri: 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Sat: 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Sun: Noon – 6:00 p.m.

This park has both a boarded rink for pick-up hockey, and a puddle rink for beginner skaters. The field house facility has washrooms that are open during hours of supervision.

2. McKellar Park

539 Wavell Avenue

Hours of supervised operation:

Mon-Fri: 4:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Sat & Sun: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
This double surface rink ties with Dovercourt for the earliest hours

of supervised operation in Kitchissippi. It opens at 8:30 a.m. on the weekends, which makes it great for parents of early risers. There are washrooms in the field house, and a wide ice path leading from the field house to the rink. There is a small parking lot beside the fieldhouse as well.

3. Westboro Kiwanis Park

411 Dovercourt Avenue

Hours of supervised operation:

Mon-Fri: 4:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Sat & Sun: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

In one of the busiest parks in Kitchissippi, the boarded rink is usually busy with games of pick-up hockey, while the adjacent puddle surface is great for kids learning to skate. There is a trailer

beside the ice for changing, but families can also go inside Dovercourt Recreation Centre to warm up, have a snack at Adam's Café, or use the washrooms. The park also has a great sledding hill for young children and there is a large parking lot onsite.

4. Champlain Park

140 Carleton Avenue

Hours of supervised operation:

Mon-Fri: 6:00 - 9:30 p.m.
Sat: 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sun: Noon – 6:00 p.m.

The boarded rink and oval ring are lit at night and supervised during operation hours. The community facility building has change rooms and washrooms. There's almost always a game of

pick-up hockey in the evenings and rink attendant Jim Kot makes sure the ice conditions are top notch.

5. Laroche Park

52 Bayview Road

Hours of supervised operation:

Mon-Fri: 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.
Sat & Sun: 12:00 – 5:00 p.m.
The boarded rink and adjacent puddle surface are close to a community facility building with change rooms and washrooms.

6. Iona Park

223 Iona Street

Hours of supervised operation:

Mon-Thurs: 6:00 - 10:30 p.m.
Fri: 6:00 – 11:00 p.m.

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KITCHISSIPPI'S TOP 5 MOST POPULAR OUTDOOR ICE RINKS

Kitchissippi's top five outdoor ice rinks, as voted by you in a recent poll:

1. Fisher Park
2. McKellar Park
3. Champlain Park
4. Iona Park
5. Westboro Kiwanis Park a.k.a Dovercourt

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Sat & Sun: 11:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

This park boasts the most interestingly shaped rink surface in Kitchissippi. In addition to a rectangular puddle bordered by Christmas trees, there is an ice surface that circles the wading pool and icy paths looping around the swing set. There is a shack for changing in and washrooms are open during supervised hours.

7. Fisher Park

250 Holland Avenue

Hours of supervised operation:

Mon-Fri: 5:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Sat & Sun: 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.



It's the most popular rink in Kitchissippi according to KT readers! The boarded rink is ringed by an oval and bookended by two large puddle surfaces, making this perhaps the largest rink in the ward. A trailer is set up for changing and there are washrooms in the nearby school.

8. Fairmont Park

265 Fairmont Avenue

Hours of supervised operation:

Mon-Fri: 4:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Sat & Sun: 1:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Twinned puddle ice surfaces offer plenty of room for skaters of all abilities. There is a trailer for changing but no washrooms on site.

9. Ev Tremblay Park

108 Beech Street

Hours of supervised operation:

Mon: Closed

Tues-Fri: 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Sat & Sun: 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.

The first outdoor rink to open this winter, Ev Tremblay is a well-maintained boarded oval surface. The field house has washrooms open during operation hours. As an added bonus it's just a block away from Preston Street and Little Italy's restaurants, pubs and cafés for post-skate refreshment.

10. Tillbury Park

725 Sherbourne Road

Kitchissippi's smallest rink, this puddle surface is tucked away on the side of the park near Tillbury Avenue. Without lights or rink attendant supervision, this rink may not boast many amenities, but could very well be the cutest in the ward.



Want to do something great for your community? Pick up a shovel and help clear the ice next time you're using the rink. The volunteers will be grateful, and so will the skaters!