

Chicago January 5–11: "The Christians" & Winter WonderFest

The best of what to do in and around Chicago this week

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Get the new year started with the right eats at two recently opened restaurants, Publican Anker and Eden. Then catch the last few days of Winter WonderFest at Navy Pier, which brings the winter wonderland feel indoors. Critically acclaimed play *The Christians* is still on at Steppenwolf Theatre and worth seeing. Or get out of the city for the weekend and snuggle up at the Big Cedar Lodge in Ridgedale, Missouri.

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Ridgedale, Missouri

The snow is still falling hard in Chicago, which means it's the perfect time of year to get away to somewhere cozy. Ridgedale, Missouri, is that place. Get there via a 90-minute flight to Branson, MO, and then a 15-minute drive to Big Cedar Lodge in Ridgedale, where you can ice-skate and warm up by the fireplace or head to the spa for a Swedish or deep-tissue massage. This time of year, the Lost Canyon Cave Nature Trail is open to golf cart traffic. Rent your transportation from Big Cedar Lodge. Then roll through the cave (covered in a blanket, of course) and stop for some snowy photos along the way.

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