

# WINTER FISHING AT THE MOLSON ICE FISHING DERBY

A family-friendly adventure in Washington's Okanogan Highlands



adults and kids in categories such as length, weight, smallest fish, and even fun awards like the best-decorated fishing shanty, oldest fisherman and farthest distance traveled.

Not just for fishing enthusiasts, the Molson Ice Fishing Derby provides a day for the whole family to enjoy. For those who prefer to stay out of the cold, the local Molson Grange Hall serves a pancake breakfast from 7 to 10 a.m. and then becomes a cozy haven where crafters and vendors display

**IF YOU'VE NEVER** experienced ice fishing, the picturesque setting of Sidley Lake in Molson, Wash., might be a great spot to try your luck at the Molson Ice Fishing Derby. Located 15 miles east of Oroville in the Okanogan Highlands, this fishing derby delivers a day of fish and fun that draws anglers from near and far and keeps families coming back year after year.

Founded by Robin Stice, owner of the Eden Valley Guest Ranch, the derby started as a small community fundraiser and now attracts well over 100 participants each year. The 2025 derby, scheduled for **Saturday, Jan. 18, 2025**, promises to be a day of fun, prizes, and community spirit.

"Derby Day" begins with registration at the Molson Grange at 7 a.m. Anglers then start fishing, with "poles in holes" at 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. The derby features multiple categories to keep things exciting. **Grand prize is \$500 cash plus a \$500 gift certificate** at the Country Store in Oroville. Other cash and prizes are awarded for

their handmade goods. It's a great chance to browse unique wares while sipping on hot cocoa. There's also plenty planned for children, with crafts, raffles of gift baskets and gift cards, bingo games and a lunch benefitting the Sitzmark Ski Hill available in the Grange Hall or at the warming tent on Sidley Lake.

What makes this event even more special is its impact on the local area. Proceeds from the derby support community initiatives, helping to strengthen and sustain the Okanogan Highlands. So, whether you're fishing, shopping, or simply enjoying the atmosphere, your participation contributes to a great cause.

Pack your gear, gather the family, and get ready for an unforgettable day of ice fishing, prizes, and winter fun at the Molson Ice Fishing Derby sponsored by the Oroville Washington Chamber of Commerce. For more event and accommodation information, please visit [www.DiscoverOrovilleWA.com](http://www.DiscoverOrovilleWA.com). (Sponsored)



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