

The cold, the weather changes, the heat, and the storms

If I had to choose my least favorite thing about Wisconsin I would say it's the weather. In the winter, I hate when it's freezing and I can't feel my fingers. In the spring, I hate when the weather changes from nice and sunny one day to somehow snowing the next day. In the summer, I hate when it's way too hot that I am sweating and dying of heat. Finally, in the fall, I hate when we have crazy storms every other day. While I might say that the weather is my least favorite thing about Wisconsin, it just so happens to be my favorite part too.

The calendar year starts off in the winter. The winter holds so much fun in Wisconsin since we are lucky enough to have plenty of snow. One of my favorite memories from the winter is going sledding and playing in the snow with my sisters and cousins. It was winter break and we spent the day at Mitchell Park in Brookfield where there is a big hill to sled on. We brought all of our sleds from home to the park and put on our snow pants and that's when the fun began. Our time at the park was spent racing each other down the hill, riding down together, trying to stand on the sled while going down, constantly falling and laughing when trying to do the latter, and building a giant snowman. While all of these things were fun, nothing was more fun than our epic snowball fight. We split up into two teams and began preparing balls, then the war began. The snowballs flew through the cold air and pelted each one of us until we were all laughing. After the amazing time at the park we went home, made hot chocolate & cookies, watched Home Alone, and had a great sleepover. This is why despite the cold, I love the winter.

After winter we have spring. I love the spring in Wisconsin because of the parks. My favorite park to go to is Devil's Lake State Park. My mom, sisters, aunt, cousins, and I all make an annual trip to Devil's Lake State Park every year and it's one of my favorite things. One year

in particular was my favorite. That year, on our way there, we stopped at Kwik Trip to get Glazers and Cheese Filled Breadsticks. We had brought a mini grill there with us and we made burgers and hot dogs, which were delicious. We didn't go swimming that day because it wasn't hot enough yet. Instead of swimming, we spent our time playing volleyball, which was way more fun anyway. What came next though was my favorite part of the day. When we finished playing volleyball, we went hiking up the mountain. Even though it was a long and tiring hike, it was amazing because we spent the whole time laughing and talking; and by the time we got to the top, we were rewarded with the most beautiful view. This is why despite the constant weather changes, I love spring in Wisconsin.



In summer, nothing is better than being off of school and spending every day of those three months having fun. One time in the summer, my family took a trip to the Wisconsin Dells. It was our first summer in Wisconsin because we had just moved here from Albany, New York. We were worried we wouldn't have fun during the summer because we always spent our summers with our friends back in New York. My parents took us to the Dells so we would have fun, and that's what we did. We stayed at the Wilderness Resort in a room that looked out at the outdoor waterpark. The hotel had three indoor water parks, one outdoor water park, gokarts, rock

climbing, lasertag, mini golf, ziplines, and so many more fun things to do. We mainly spent most of our time at the outdoor water park because it was summer and nothing is better in summer than being outside and going on water slides. We got snacks by the pool like fries and ice cream. The best part of it all though was having fun with my sisters. This is why despite the heat, I love summer in Wisconsin.

While all of the other seasons are great in Wisconsin, the best season is the fall. In Wisconsin we have a great fall, the leaves turn a beautiful orange, it's the perfect weather for sweaters which are my favorite, and we have so many activities to do. The best activity to do is to go apple picking. At Apple Holler orchard, there is a corn maze, apple cider donuts, fudge, candy apples, and of course plenty of apples to pick off the trees. I could spend a lifetime going apple picking. Another reason the fall is great is because I love sitting on the couch drinking hot chocolate and watching scary halloween movies with my family and handing out candy to trick or treaters. I also love dressing up to go to the football games at my school and being with my friends, cheering our team on. This is why despite the storms, I love the fall in Wisconsin.

Although the weather in Wisconsin causes many problems for people living here, I still love living here. In Wisconsin we get to experience all four seasons which gives us many things to do year round. After the six years that I've been living here, I have learned that Wisconsin offers many opportunities to have fun with my friends and family and to enjoy nature. I believe that Wisconsin's strengths lie in its beauty and bringing people together. This is why despite the harsh weather, I love Wisconsin.