

ICE BLOCKING

Ice blocking, the quasi-sport of sliding down grass-covered hills sitting on thick blocks of ice, has been a popular activity for years in areas where snow is scarce. See the extract below taken directly from Wikipedia (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ice_Blocking).



The screenshot shows the Wikipedia article for "Ice blocking". The page title is "Ice blocking" and it is categorized under "Sledding". The article text describes the activity as a quasi-sport where individuals race down grass-covered hills on large blocks of ice. It mentions that the activity is most popular among students and is sometimes recommended for dating or scout camps. The article also discusses the equipment needed, such as large blocks of ice and thick, padded clothing, and mentions that enthusiasts have been known to make "customized" ice blocks by freezing ropes into them. Hazards include falls, bruises, and getting covered in mud. The article notes that the activity can damage the grass and is often banned or restricted by park authorities and groundskeepers. It also mentions that the activity has been featured on television on the MTV series Jackass.

Ice blocking is a quasi-sport in which individuals race to the bottom of a hill sitting on large blocks of ice. It is most popular among students and is sometimes recommended as a good activity for dating or scout camps. In the United States ice blocking is thought to be regional, occurring in the West. Ice blocking is already fairly prominent in Australia, particularly Tasmania and South Australia, due to climate. Since snow is sparse in Australia, most Australians do not have the chance to sled.

The only equipment needed is some large blocks of ice and thick, preferably padded, clothing. Hessian sacks have been recommended to sit on. Enthusiasts have been known to make "customized" ice blocks by freezing ropes into them to act as handles, and mixing colouring agents into the water prior to freezing.

Hazards include falls, bruises and getting covered in mud. The bottom of the slope being used should be a wide area free from obstructions. Short grass is reported to give the best experience, due to lower drag and hence higher speed.

Generally it is an informal activity not done on a competitive basis but at least one university has held an ice-blocking contest. [1]

This activity can damage the grass and is often banned or restricted by park authorities and groundskeepers. For example, the city of Mesa, Arizona has four sites where ice blocking is permitted in rotation, depending on the judgement of the management. In Fresno, California the sport has been embraced by high school students, who frequent parks during late night hours in an effort to evade law enforcement officers. Ice blocking has also been featured on television on the MTV series Jackass.

External link

- Ice blocking moves

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ICE BLOCKING WITH THE SLICER™

Normally, thin blocks of ice cannot be used for ice blocking, as they easily break; but the Icer's™ patent pending honeycomb grid structure is embedded directly in the ice and prevents the thin ice block from breaking. The Icers™ also enable the thin ice blocks to be easily attached between the SLICER's™ runners; and the Icer™ molds provide a convenient way to quickly make an ice block in a common side-by-side refrigerator/freezer (as opposed to requiring a large freezer and several days to freeze a large ice block normally needed for ice blocking). Furthermore, unlike the thick blocks of ice that can damage lawns during use, the relatively light weight and large surface area of the Icers™ minimizes the downward pressure and stress on lawns.