

Did You Know?

Did you know that the world's largest snowflake is on record to have fallen at Fort Keogh, Montana on January 28, 1887? On that day soldiers in the army outpost reportedly witnessed a snowflake that was 15 inches across and 8 inches thick!

Did You Know?

Did you know that the persistent fear of snow, especially becoming trapped by snow, is called chionophobia?

It comes from the Greek words “chion” which means “snow” and “phobos” which means “fear”.

Did You Know?

Did you know that over 100 different types of snowflakes have been identified?

Some of their given names are: stellar dendrites, columns, needles, fernlike stellar dendrites, diamond dust crystals, triangular crystals, 12-branched snowflakes, rime snowflakes and graupel.

Did You Know?

**Did you know that the world record for the most snow to fall in one year in North America was 1,140 inches in Mount Baker, Washington from July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999?
That is 95 feet of snow!**

Did You Know?

Did you know that a New Zealand insect called the weta actually freezes solid each night?

The weta is a flightless cricket that lives in very high altitudes. In the evening, when the temperature drops, the insect will freeze, but as daylight comes and temperatures rise, the weta thaws and goes back to its normal activities.

Did You Know?

Did you know that the largest snowman ever built was 122 feet, one inch tall in Bethel, Maine?

Olympia was the snowwoman's name and she took around a month to build with the help of a crane. She was finished on February 26, 2008 and over 13 million pounds of snow were used to make her.

Did You Know?

Did you know that the most snow to fall in one 24-hour period in the United States took place in Silver Lake, Colorado in April of 1921? 75.8 inches of snow was recorded. That is over six feet of snow!

Did You Know?

Did you know that snowflakes begin from crystals of ice that are formed from particles of dust, pollen or dirt in the air?

Water vapor coats the particle and freezes into a tiny crystal. The particle becomes heavier than the air and begins to fall. As it falls more water vapor coats and freezes to the crystal becoming a snowflake. Each snowflake could have as many as 200 crystals in it!

Did You Know?

Did you know that the largest sled ever made was in Bergün, Switzerland?

Here is a look at its size:

- **32 feet, nine inches long**
- **13 feet, one inch wide**
- **10 feet, two inches tall**

It was pulled through the village on February 4, 2006.

Did You Know?

Did you know that, according to Guinness World Records, the fastest speed on a gravity powered sled was achieved by Guy Martin in the United Kingdom on January 10, 2014?

It was on the set of a TV show called "Speed with Guy Martin". He reached a speed of 83.49 miles per hour!

Did You Know?

Did you know that the longest chain of sleds to ever go down a snowy slope was achieved on a ski resort in Austria on January 22, 2017?

508 sledders traveled down a 60 meter slope and stayed connected the whole time! That is 1,968 feet - more than a quarter mile!

Did You Know?

Did you know that the first Winter Olympics were held in Chamonix, France from January 25th to February 5th in 1924?

During that time 247 men and eleven women competed in 16 different events including ice hockey, speed skating, ski jumping and curling.