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## Franklin in the Winter

There are many incontrovertible statements to show why winter makes me feel closest to nature. The trees are leafless and you can see the true intricate and different ways the trees are shaped, rather than only seeing the stem and leaves. There are also layers of snow on some days of winter, which are magnificent for multiple different things. You can sled and have snowball fights in the snow. There is so much going on around wintertime, I feel that you can interact with it as much as possible.

Every single one of the trees finally shows its true intricate and different designs once winter comes around. The trees have a completely significant sensation once felt by your skin; it is a rough, hard texture. The trees smell like dirty grass, which is far from awful. To me, the trees look much more natural without their leafy covering.

You can also have fun sledding or even just running or sliding down a snowy bill. You get to see a small snow trail behind you if you look back. If you run down or slide, then you even feel yourself going straight through the frigid and delicate snow. The snow might also be nice and powdery and you can see the indent in the snow, possibly exposing the grass.

It is also fun to use the snow to make things, like a fashionable snowman and rounded snowballs. The snow feels cold and nice in your hands when you have soft gloves. Snowmen look nice in a yard and are fun to build, while snowballs are fun to throw. Snowmen can also be enjoyable to see in different shapes and new ways you can find to decorate them. Snowballs are less enjoyable than snowmen, but they still provide an easy and safe way to have a fun fight.

Sledding, having snowball fights, and looking at the nice, leafless trees are amazing ways to feel close to nature. All seasons have interesting ways to feel closer to nature, but I feel winter has the most abundant amount of ways and the most enjoyable ways.