If you are hoping to survive outdoors in the winter, you need to know what you are doing and be fully prepared. Otherwise, you might not live through the first night.

When surviving outdoors, absolutely everything is more difficult in the winter when everything (including yourself!) is wet and cold. Just try starting a fire with cold numb hands... Things like striking a match or using fire-steel can become next to impossible for the uninitiated.

Thankfully Robert Munilla over at Practical Survivor has written an excellent and in-depth article (with photos) on winter survival. It covers preparation, fire starting, shelter building, water procurement and advice on essential items and equipment.

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