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Mt. Camden

Mt. Camden ski area one mile south of the Cinemas is open for its second year. In above photo, is Pattie Kiever, village park director. Ski equipment is available for rent. In other photo is Jim Headley, Milan, an employee of the Milan Park and Recreation Department which operates the center. (Argus photos by Helen Gordon

Mt. Camden ski slope opens a new season

The snow is ideal and the hills at Camden Park are beckoning to winter sports enthusiasts.

There are numerous areas for sledding and tobagganing at the village-owned park off of U.S. 67, one mile south of the Cinemas.

The facilities in the ski lodge can be used during the hours the tow rope is in operation.

Mt. Camden Ski Slope opened this week. Use of the tow rope is $2.50 for all day. There are 18 pairs of boots and skis for rent at the lodge for $7.50. The equipment also may be taken from the premises for $10 for each 24 hours and $8 for each additional day. However, there is an initial $20 deposit.

"Mt. Camden is a good beginners slope," said Pattie Kiefer, park director.

The tow rope is in operation on weekdays from 3 to 10 p.m. and on weekends, noon to 5 p.m. and 6 to 10 p.m. The area is lighted.

There is heat in the lodge in addition to a fireplace. Snacks and hot and cold beverages are for sale.

Assisting Kiefer in the operation of the winter activities at the park are two Milan teenagers, Jim Headley, 19, and Curt Lee, 17. This is the second year for both of them to work at the slope.

Lee is a junior at Rock Island High School. Headley, a former carrier for The Argus, is studying biology at Blackhawk College.

Mt. Camden was opened in December 1978, under the direction of the Milan Park and Recreation Department. The lodge, tow building and the tow rope was constructed by the Milan Jaycees.

Funds for the undertaking were provided by the village, Blackhawk Township and Jaycees.

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