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Ski resorts near Q-C

Here are thumbnail sketches of nearby ski resorts:

Chestnut Mountain, Galena, Ill.

Spent $1.2 million this year on improvements, including a $400,000 quad chair lift (seating for four skiers), more snowmaking and grooming machinery, and hotel and lobby remodeling. Opened in 1959.

Sixteen runs (ski slopes). Maximum length, one-half mile. Vertical drop, 475 feet. Three chair lifts.

Adult cost for one-day chair lift ticket is $20 on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, $15 Mondays through Fridays. Equipment rental for adults is $15 on weekends, $14 Mondays though Fridays. Night skiing (lighted, from 4:30 to 10 p.m.) is $13 for lift ticket and $11 for rental.

Open 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Phone (815) 777-1320.

Sundown Ski Resort, Dubuque, Iowa

Connected both beginners areas to form one large area with two runs, and added parking spaces. Opened in 1973.

Seventeen runs. Maximum length, one-half mile. Vertical drop, 475 feet. Two chair lifts.

Adult one-day lift ticket is $18 on weekends and holidays, $15 Mondays through Fridays. Equipment rental for adults is $15. Lift ticket for night skiing (lighted, 4 to 10 p.m.) is $12.

Open 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Phone 1-800-397-6676 or (319) 556-6676.

Snowstar Ski Area, Andalusia

Weather permitting, will open two new runs (advanced and intermediate) in January. Additional snowmaking capacities this year. Opened in 1980.

Nine runs. Maximum length, one-fourth mile. Vertical drop, 228 feet. Two chair lifts.

Adult one-day lift ticket is $14 on weekends and holidays, $7-$11 Mondays through Fridays. Rental is $13. Night skiing (lighted, from 4 to 10 p.m.) is $9 for lift ticket, $10 for rental.

Open 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Phone 798-2666.

Mount La Crosse, La Crosse, Wis.

Seventeen runs. Maximum length 5,280 feet (one mile). Vertical drop, 516 feet. Three chair lifts.

Adult one-day lift ticket is $20 on weekends and holidays, $16 Mondays through Fridays. Two-day lift ticket (Saturday and Sunday) is $37. Senior citizens, $5. Rental is $15 on weekends, $14 weekdays, $11 nights.

Open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays. Phone (608) 788-0044.

Mount Camden, Camden Park, Milan

One 350-foot "bunny slope" for beginners and a warming house with fireplace. The hill is divided into skiing and sledding areas. Opened in 1978.

Cost is $2.50 for rope tow, $10 for rope tow and rental. Phone 787-8533.

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