

Area Ski Resorts Tell Season Improvements

GRAND RAPIDS (UPI) - West Michigan's growing winter sports industry offers a record 39 ski and toboggan centers and major improvements for the 1964-65 snow fun season.

There will be three new ski centers in West Michigan-Sugar Loaf Mountain and Timber Lee, both on the Leelanau Peninsula northwest of Traverse City and Maplehurst at Kewadin, Goshorn Hills, a ski-toboggan area at Saugatuck and the Pleasant Valley ski area at East Jordan will not operate this year, according to West Michigan Tour-

ist Association.
At Boyne Mountain Lodge, Boyne Falls, the world's first four-place chair with a carrying capacity of 2,400 skiers an hour has been installed. The resort, which is also remodeling rooms in its main lodge and enlarging its ski area, has five double chair lifts, T-bars and J-bars in addition to the four-seat chair.

BOYNE MOUNTAIN
At Boyne Mountain's sister resort, Boyne Highlands near Harbor Springs, there will be six additional slopes, two T-bars,

heated pool, snow machine, a cafeteria building and additional lodge rooms. Boyne Highlands installed the world's first three-place chair lifts last year in its first season of operation. A \$200,000 expansion program at Caberfae ski area west of Cadillac features a second cafeteria-lounge building, a ski run and other improvements and expansions.

SHANTY CREEK
Shanty Creek Lodge at Bellaire will have a second chair lift and nine new slopes, a snow machine and skating rink.

The association said other major improvements and changes include:

Carousel Mountain at Holland, new model and swimming pool; Brady's Hills at Lakeview, snow machine; Eskar ski area at Middleville, new lodge with dining area; Pando near Rockford, snow machine; Thunder Mountain near Boyne Falls, expanded ski shop and lounge area; Big M ski area east of Manistee, new lodge interior and additional slopes, and Little Switzerland near Three Rivers, a new name-"Swiss Valley."

NUB'S, WALLOON HILLS
Areas completing slopes remodeling projects include Mt. Manelona at Manelona, Nub's Nob at Harbor Springs, Crystal Mountain at Thompsonville, Ward Hills near Branch, Walloon Hills near Walloon Lake and Timber Ridge northwest of Kalamazoo.

Other West Michigan skiing and tobogganing centers include Echo Valley at Kalamazoo, Petoskey Winter Park. Mt. McSaub at Charlevoix; Avalanche at Boyne City, Glacier Hills in Bellaire, Chimney Corners on Crystal Lake, Bear Hills at Bear Lake, Briar Hill near Mesick, Missaukee Mountain north of Lake City, McGuire's Winter Park in Cadillac, Newaygo County Winter Park north of Newaygo, Moon Ridge at Lakeview, Ski Bowl at Grand Haven, Brock Park near Ionia, Indian Hills in Grand Rapids, Hu-Lu Heights at Hudsonville, and Biosler Park in Battle Creek.

Details on all West Michigan winter sports centers are contained in an illustrated 40-page winter sports guide available free on request from West Michigan Tourist Association, 107 Pearl St., N. W., Grand Rapids, Mich.

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