

SNOW. ICE HIKES COUNTY ACTIVITY

Region Rapidly Becomes One of Outstanding Winter Sports Centers in State

Mason county, long-known as one of the finest summer resort spots in the state, is rapidly assuming a reputation of becoming one of the outstanding winter sport centers in Western Michigan.

Winter and its sports are "king" in Mason county, holding sway between the months of December and March.

With an abundance of natural facilities, Mason county has made great strides in recent years along a winter sports line. To the natural facilities have been added such man-made developments which help in making the sport more attractive.

The county has much to offer the winter sport lover. If it is skiing he desires, he will find long, sloping, snow-covered hills of any size or description—small gradual hills for the beginner and steep slopes for the advanced skier.

Fine Skiing
Nowhere in Michigan will the skier find better skiing country than in the sand dunes near Lake Michigan. Noted skiers have stated that seldom have they seen a finer section of constantly changing scenery for the cross-country skier.

Ice skating is one of the most popular winter sports in the county, being enjoyed on practically all the inland lakes and municipally operated outdoor rinks in Ludington and Scottville.

Be it figure, speed or any other kind of skating a person may desire, he is certain to find opportunity aplenty in Mason county. Skating has grown by leaps and bounds in recent years and is today enjoying its greatest popularity. Everybody skates in Ludington and Mason county.

Tobogganing has come to the front in Mason county in an amazing way since completion of a 1500 foot slide at Ludington state park. During the winter hardly a day passes when a crowd of gay carefree persons will not be found making use of the slide's facilities.

Ludington state park, an increasingly famous mecca for winter sports, has numerous other winter sport facilities. Skiing, hiking, snow-shoeing, skating and practically anything in a winter sports line can be enjoyed within its confines. Popularity of the park is attested to by the large crowds attracted over week-ends. Only recently, park officials estimated that over 1,200 persons turned out to enjoy some form of sport.

Other Sports
Examples cited are only a few of the many. Mason county has to offer. Opportunities for such sports as ice-sailing, ice-boating, bob-sledding, coasting, hockey and others too numerous to mention, will be found on all hands throughout the county.

And above all, the fisherman must not forget that in the winter we have ice fishing. Lakes of Mason county are dotted with shanties during the winter months and seldom are catches reported anything other than "fine."