

New ski funspot

VULCAN — The midwest's newest ski area, Vulcan USA, is now open and offers some of the finest skiing in the area.

Located nine miles southeast of Iron Mountain in U.S. 2, Vulcan USA has a vertical drop of 420 feet and runs that vary in length from 2,000 to 3,000 feet.

In keeping with the Greek theme outdoors, as well as inside the lodge, the runs are named after the Greek gods and goddesses.

Two chairlifts transport skiers to the top of the hill, and from either of the lifts, a skier can choose any of the nine slopes. There is also a tow rope and "bunny hill" for children and beginners.

Snow making and grooming are the main concern at Vulcan USA, and the latest and most efficient equipment available on the market is used for these purposes.

Lodge facilities are at the top of the hill and consist of three floors, each with its own fireplace of magnificent size.

The Saturn Room, located on the bottom level, has a bar, jukebox and dance floor.

The Janus Room on the middle floor is the "hub" of the ski day, with a cafeteria that specializes in homemade Cornish pasties. This floor also contains the rental shop and ski school.

The Olympus Room, on the top floor of the lodge, is a cocktail lounge and dining room done in a Grecian decor — the color scheme being restful shades of blue and green. The lounge and dining room also contain sculptures of the Greek gods and goddesses done by a local artist.

Lift tickets on weekends are \$8 for adults (\$15 for two days) and \$6 for students (\$11 for two days) and \$5 for adults and \$4 for students on weekdays. All rope tow tickets are \$1.