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## Ski areas

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machines added. $11. (Group rates for 15 or more.)

**Bruce Mound**, Neillsville, Wis., has two ropetows, two T-bars, improved snowmaking. $5.

**Christie Mt.**, north of Hwy. 8, northwest of Bruce, Wis., recently opened area now under new management, has chairlift, T-bar, fine view of Wisconsin countryside. $10.

**Coffee Mill**, Wabasha, Minn., has changed one run and added a new one to its natural bowl spreading over 250 wooded acres in the Mississippi River valley. $8. (Its base motel rate: $20 double, $16 single.)

**Deepwood**, Wheeler, Wis., is open weekends and holidays (closed Christmas day). Now makes snow, has expertly designed runs and interesting cross-country trails. Three-fireplace chalet, cocktail lounge and bar. Takes group reservations. $8.

**Eagle Mt.**, Grey Eagle, Minn., has an interesting chalet, six ropetows, a pomalift, and woodsy cross-country trails. Owned by Bob and Ursula Lanners. She's a photographer and speaks German like a native, which she is. Do a bit of snow-making. Basic overnight accommodations for groups, by reservation. Box 98, Grey Eagle, Minn. 56336. $7.

**Golden Gate to Fun**, Rt. 1, Sleepy Eye, Minn. 56085. Five rope tows. Inner-tubing section is big. Open 1:30-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, other times by group appointment.

**Great Bear**, Sioux Falls, S.D., has totally new snow-making and a new quad chairlift. It's within the Sioux Falls city limits, has a variety of terrain and considers itself "a friendly area with personality." $11

**Hardscrabble**, Rice Lake, Wis., has improved its chalet—faster cafeteria service, new bar and lounge, ski equipment and clothing, two fireplaces, live music weekends. New wax room. Improved trails. Open year-round. Take bookings (Rt. 4, Rice Lake, Wis. 54868). $10.

**Hole-in-the-Mountain**, Lake Benton, Minn., has good protection from western Minnesota winds and is 75 miles from the nearest ski area. It's three-quarters of a mile from town, with its motel, cafe and bar. $4.

**Hyland Hills**, 8800 Chalet Rd., Bloomington, has chalet facilities, full food service, teaching area, instructors, snow-making, grooming equipment. Run by Hennepin County Park Reserve District. $9.

**Indianhead**, Wakefield, Mich. 49968. New quarter-million-dollar sophisticated snow-making system, plus natural snowfall runs 200 inches annually. Long, long runs. Uphill capacity, 8,550 skiers an hour. Lodging for 700 within walking distance.

**Inkpa-du-ta**, in South Dakota across the line from Ortonville, Minn., has "poor man's snow-making" (snow fencing) and has put up some more "in anticipation of a big snow year." Has run for 10 years, but not the last two. Has three ropetows. With snow, open Tuesday and Thursday nights, 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. $4.

**Loch Lomond**, Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada, has an 800-foot vertical rise, three chairlifts, expanded snow-making, upgraded chalet, 252-capacity licensed lounge, 1,400-foot sundeck. Contact: Thunder Country Tours, 1184 Roland St., Thunder Bay P76 4X9.

**Lutsen Mountain**, Lutsen, Minn., 1-(800)-232-0071, has a 650-foot vertical rise now available, with mountain-like views over Lake Superior and the Poplar River rapids. Under construction, 200-unit Lutsen Village, condo and shops (40 units this year), new chalet in village center. Slopes being cleared on Moose Mt. for 800 vertical feet. Total value of present construction: $3.5 million. $16.50.

**Mt. Ashwabay**, Bayfield, Wis., now restored to what it was before it became "Port Mountain" some years ago. It has 11 downhill runs, 1,500-foot T-bar, four ropetows, downhill and cross-country instruction, chalet, food, rentals and night skiing. For information call (715) 779-3227 or 3257.

**Mt. Baldy Ski Area**, Box 2124, Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada. Double chair, T-bar, poma and one rope. Yearly improvements to total area. Half-day rate from 2 p.m. Friendly family atmosphere, excellent grooming, short lift lines. $12.

**Mt. Frontenac**, Box 119, Frontenac, Minn. 55026. Vertical rise, 420 feet. One double chairlift, two T-bars. Chalet newly remodeled for faster service. $11.

**Mt. Kato**, Rt. 1, Mankato, Minn. 56001. Over some years Ski-Haven has been transformed into Mt. Kato by the Afton Alps owners. It now has four quad chairs, three doubles and (added this year) more grooming equipment and snow-making capacity. Food service and bar are enlarged. Weekend ski "packages" with local motels. $12.

**Mont du Lac**, Duluth, Minn., just east of Jay Cooke State Park. A chair, a T-bar and two ropes. Open weekends, holidays, Wednesday and Thursday nights. $10.

**Mt. La Crosse**, La Crosse, Wis., has increased its snow-making capacities and is "more adequately set up for group parties, whether they be for after-ski, or wine and cheese picnics on the hill." $13.

**Mt. McKay**, Rt. 4, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7C422, Canada. Hill grading and expanded snowmaking. Great beginner and intermediate runs, excellent advanced—four separate picturesque parts to view. $11.50 (half-day $8.50)

**Mont Ripley**, Houghton, Mich., run by Michigan Tech University. A chair and T-bar. New intermediate slope and new grooming equipment. Strong points: short liftlines and usually lots of natural snow. $9.50.

**Mt. Zion**, Gogebic Community College, Ironwood, Mich. 49938. One chair, two ropes. (Run as part of a ski-area management course at the college.) Open noon-4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekends and holidays. Rates approximately 50 percent less than surrounding areas. New parking area and new rental skis. Chalet relocated to slope bottom.

**Powder Ridge**, Kimball, Minn., owned by Buck Hill. "Variety of minor improvements, most not noticeable to the public." Two chairs, T-bar, J-bar, ropes. $12.

**Porcupine Mountain**, write Wilderness State Park Ski Area, Star Rt. 314, Ontonagon, Mich. 49953. Spectacular view of Lake Superior. Rugged wilderness surrounds the area. Three T-bars, two ropes, a double chairlift. Three new cross-country trails. $11.

**Quadna Mountain Resort**, Hill City, Minn. 55748. A quad chairlift new last year, two T-bars and a rope. Expanded Loose Moose saloon in the chalet. Live music weekends. Regraded some slopes. New timing for recreational racing. 360-foot vertical rise.

**Rib Mt.**, Wausau, Wis. More snow-making. Two double chairs, two T-bars. 680-foot vertical. $13.

**Skyline**, Devils Lake, N.D. Should have snow-making on 50 percent of the area. View of lake from hilltop. The slopes, for being short, have a high degree of difficulty. Open weekends and Wednesday nights. $5.50.

**Sky Line Ski Area**, Rt. 3, Friendship, Wis. (75 miles east of La Crosse). Double chair, triple chair, two ropes. Scenic slopes for all levels of skiers. $11.

**Spirit Mountain**, 9500 Spirit Mountain Pl., Duluth, Minn. 55810. New tractors and grooming equipment. Added picnic areas on the runs. Will be changing dining room to sandwich-and-soup type instead of formal menu. Beautiful view of Lake Superior or harbor, only 15 minutes from city. $15.50 (4-hr. day $12, 4-hr. night $6.50.)

**Sugar Hills**, Grand Rapids, Minn. Complete redesign and rebuilding of snow-making system (double water capacity). "Village at Sugar Hills" abuilding. $2 million spent so far. Like a mini-Vail village. Building-A complete. Building-B under construction. $15.50.

**Telemark**, Cable, Wis. 54821. Improvements: completion of Telemark Colosseum, partly used last year, featuring four indoor tennis courts, the Fjord Room Pancake House restaurant, ski shop, rental shop, and Rathskeller with live music. Free ski lessons to lodge guests Dec. 11-13. Noted over years for good-time atmosphere and apres-ski activities. $14.

**Terry Peak**, Box 774, Lead, S.D. 57754, in the Black Hills. 20 downhill runs, easy to advanced. Snow-making on half the area. Liftlines short, people friendly. Plans under way to build all-season recreational condo/cabin type developments. One quad chair, two double chairs, three pomas.

**Trollhaugen**, Dresser, Wis. 54009. Improvements: Beginner and two advanced runs added, expanded snow-making equipment, new rental equipment for cross-country, new amusement center and group center. Relocated ticket-office to combine ticket sales. 21 runs. Some offer challenge, some encourage beginner. Special chalet atmosphere. Formal dining. Cocktail lounges. Grill. Recreational racing program. Ski school. New ice rink. $13

**Viking Valley**, Rt. 1, Box 198, Ashby, Minn. 56309. New snow-making system started, will be operational for 1982-83 season, possibly in partial operation this season. Improved grooming capability with Tucker Snow-cat. No city crowds. Groups by appointment. $6.50.

**Val Chatel**, 16 miles north of Park Rapids on County Rd. 4 (Park Rapids, Minn. 56470). Triple chairlift, expanded rental shop, snow-making, 11 runs, pro shop, lodging, nursery, Alpine dining room, Bavarian lounge, skiers' cafeteria, Schnee Haus. Beautiful birch and pine forest welcomes cross-country skier to network of winding trails (tickets $2). Weekend downhill, adult, $10.

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**Whitecap**, Montreal, Wis. New daytime chalet on top of mountain. Four double chairs, one quad chair, two ropes. Snow-making added this year. Motels at area, rates ranging from $33, "Stables," shared bath (two per room per night) to $110, "Coach Haus" kitchenette/adj. room (2, 3, or 4 per room per night). $14.

**Wild Mountain**, Box 225, Taylors Falls, Minn. 55084. New advanced steep run, two more grooming ma-

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