

Operators Describe Ski Facilities

In mailing questionnaires to Upper Midwest ski areas The Minneapolis Tribune provided space for special comments by the area operators about their own facilities.

Below are some of the things which they chose to emphasize about their particular areas:

MINNESOTA

Alden Alps: Two new chairlifts. Two new rope tows. New lights. Night skiing five nights a week. Larger snow-making capacity. Lower chalet enlarged.

Arcadia: Park (formerly Mt. St. Marks) Ski school for all ages five nights a week.

Benton Valley, Lake Benton: Ground, including ski area, purchased by Lincoln County Regional Committee. No money for expansion this season, but tow will run as formerly. There will be 240 acres for snowmobiles, the trails connecting with the lake half a mile from ski area. Area has a toboggan tow and 25 rental "ski sleds" for beginners and intermediate skiers. Skiing average doubled. New equipment added for J-Bar. Night skiing, lighting system doubled. Ski school director. Cross-country trails. Ski school director for all types of skiers. 3M snow installed for fall and spring skiing.

Buffalo Valley: Two new runs, one expert, one intermediate. Wisconsin equipment. Enlarged snow-making. Enlarged ski shop. Closed-circuit TV for ski-school instructional aid, particularly on ladder' day.

Cedar Hills: New cable-bar tow (fourth-highest in the J-Bar). Two new runs. New tow on north hill. Fifty per cent more lighting. Enlarged snow-making.

Frontenac, Red Wing: Heated and ski school. Ski school program for adults and Blue Star junior program for students. 7-to-15. Newly improved rope tows, plus T-bar.

Gillett's Ridge, Biwabik: New 1,000-foot lighting rope. Overnight accommodations for 90 skiers in chalet area. Lodge by hill. Little Chute Super-Cat (dance band) at foot of run. New managers, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Holzner.

Highland Hills: New expert runs. (Loving trails). Extensive snow grooming.

Levee Hills: New ski school under Bill Koonen, certified instructor.

Loonak, Virginia: Supper chalet. Chalet has electric hookups for campers or campers (tent and toilet facilities available). Eight mile snowmobile trail. Snowmobiles permissible at ski area except when open for skiing.

Lutsen: Indoor heated pool. Sauna. Polar Bear. Meeting room or ballroom for large groups. Looking for condominium town house apartments on Lake Superior. Ski vacation homes, as well as at Lutsen. Race at Snowmobile trails.

Powder Bend: Newly installed electric compressors for snow-making. Additional lighting. Certified ski school (Larry Kline and Bob Boyd, instructors). Full NSP ski patrol (Maynard Johnson, leader).

Powder Ridge, Kimball: Snow-making facilities improved. Single Cedar run reconstructed.

Quadra, Hill City: New, long intermediate run, plus an interesting addition to intermediate run "Doozer." Tom O'Fallon, manager.

Rockwood, Silver Bay: Chalet open Saturday evenings for all parties. Friday evenings for snowmobile trails. Cross-country trails. Special appeal to large skiing families.

Ski Gull, Brainerd: Certified ski school. Snowmobile trails. Boland run.

Ski Tenakee: Skies every Sunday afternoon, open to public. After School Program (activities) provides buses to pick up students at schools for lessons and practice skiing until 6 p.m., then returns buses to schools. Chalet available for group skiing parties. Area is just northwest of Lake Minnetonka in Onondaga Junctions of Hennepin County (Elysia, 19 and 94).

Sugar Hill and Lodge: New beginners' hill. Protected and dock. Discount for groups and large families on two-day tickets. Bob Brannan is ski-school director. Rental ski-books.

Vail Chalet, Park Rapids: Major addition to lodge (new retail shop and other services). Extensive summer grooming on runs. Unique snowboard equipment parking area in an unsurpassed position to enjoy all nature's snow in great quantity and a constant high quality snow conditions. New utility building (first aid, ski patrol, ski school lounge, mechanical utilities).

Vail Creek, Taylor Falls: New snow-making.

Villa Park: New area, Ramsey County Road 8 and Dale St. in Roseville. Complete ski school, all ages. Night skiing.

Wabash Village, Wabash: New long, easy beginners area with

T-bar. New racing area with fast rope tow. Lights on all slopes for weekday late afternoon and evening high school and adult night school programs. New T-bar, first step in a 150,000 expansion program being financed by a public stock offering.

With Park: Rental equipment. Liner tow. Food service.

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Ashaway, Bayfield: New 200- by 1,000-foot beginner-intermediate run. Cross country trail. Skiing rink. Snowmobiles. Ski school director, Wayne Peterson.

Birch Park, east of Stillwater: New ski school director from West. Bruce Penman. Skiing rink with warming house. Two cocktail lounges. Weekend entertainment.

Deepwood, Wheeler: Widened and improved runs. Four miles

of cross-country trails. (New nine-hole golf course.) Gateway. Land of Lakes: Indoor pool. Sauna. Skiing rink. Cocktail lounge. Rental snowmobiles and snowmobile trails.

Hardacker, Rice: Lake. Would connect between the two expert slopes, making one wide-open slope.

La Croix: New intermediate slope. Snow-making over greater area.

Powers Bluff, Arpin: Two-story stone shelter, 30-by-40 foot. Concert area inside. No ski-tow area in the country-run area. Parking space for 200 cars. Ski toboggan track. Rental toboggans. Cross country trails.

Rib Mountain, Wausau: Slopes packed with over 100,000 tons of shredded bark (from paper mills) for artificial base. Sun porch. Rustic chalet with German ball-bearer. Rental ski-books.

Sheltered Valley, Three Lakes:

Nearby Northern Hotel has indoor swimming pool, steam bath, all water sports, live entertainment. Snowmobiling available at extra cost.

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