

# Minnesota: 36 downhill ski areas

Minnesota, sporting 36 downhill ski areas within its boundaries, certainly lives up to its reputation as a land of plenty of cold and an equal amount of snow.

There's a ski hill within easy driving distance of just about every Minnesotan.

The closest to Winona is the Coffee Mill Ski Hill in Wabasha. Coffee Mill opened just last year and is still in the process of adding equipment, but it and every other hill in the state is now in full swing.

Following is a list of the 36 downhill ski areas in Minnesota:

**COFFEE MILL**, Wabasha: 1 chair, 1 poma; 3 runs; longest run 4,000 feet; vertical drop 500 feet; open Wednesdays and Fridays through Mondays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; 612-465-4561.

**MT. FRONTENAC**, Frontenac: 1 chair, 2 T-bars, 4 ropes, 8 runs; longest run one mile; vertical drop 420 feet; open Tuesdays through Fridays 4:30-10 p.m.; Saturdays 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. and Sundays 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.; 612-388-8226.

**ROCHESTER SKI HILL**, Rochester: 1 rope; 3 runs; longest run 800 feet; vertical drop 140 feet; open Tuesdays and Thursdays 6-10 p.m.; and weekends and holidays 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.; 507-268-6767.

**WELCH VILLAGE SKI AREA**, Welch: 4 chairs; 2 T-bars, 2 ropes, 1 Mighty Mite; 21 runs; longest run 4,000 feet; vertical drop 350 feet; open Mondays through Thursdays 10 a.m. - 10 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m. - 10:30 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. and Sundays 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.; 612-258-4567.

**GIANTS RIDGE**, Biwabik: 1 T-

bar, 1 poma, 2 ropes; 7 runs; longest run 3,700 feet; vertical drop 440 feet; open weekends and holidays; 218-865-6315.

**HIDDEN VALLEY**, Ely: 1 T-bar; 4 runs; longest run 1,800 feet; vertical drop 165 feet; open Saturdays and holidays 10 a.m. - 10 p.m., Sundays 1:30 p.m. and Wednesdays 6-10 p.m.; 218-365-3097.

**LUTSEN**, Lutsen: 3 double chairs, 1 poma, 1 T-bar, 2 ropes; 14 runs; longest run 7,000 feet; vertical drop 630 feet; open daily 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; 218-663-7212.

**MT. ITASCA**, Coleraine: 1 rope; 6 runs; longest run 1,800 feet; vertical drop 275 feet; open weekends from noon 4:30 p.m. and Thursdays 6:30-9:30 p.m.; 218-245-1463.

a.m. - 10 p.m.; Saturdays 9:30 a.m. - 10 p.m. and Sundays 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.; 612-465-6365.

**BUENA VISTA SKI AREA**, Bemidji: 2 double chairs, 6 ropes, 12 runs; longest run 1,600 feet; vertical drop 200 feet; open Tuesdays through Fridays noon - 9 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Sundays 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; 218-243-2231.

**EAGLE MOUNTAIN**, Grey Eagle: 1 poma, 4 ropes; 11 runs; longest run 2,000 feet; vertical drop 200 feet; open Wednesdays through Fridays 1:10 p.m. - Saturdays 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. and Sundays 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; 612-285-4567.

**POWDER RIDGE SKI AREA**, Kimball: 2 chairs; 1 T-bar, 1 J-bar; 3

ropes; 4 runs; longest run 1,100 feet; vertical drop 90 feet; open Sundays and holidays noon - 9 p.m.; Saturdays 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. and weekdays 5-9 p.m.; 612-770-1361.

**BLAINE SKI AREA**, Blaine: no lifts; 3 runs; longest run 500 feet; vertical drop 75 feet; open daily until 10 p.m.; 612-784-6700.

**BUCK HILL**, Burnsville: 3 chairs, 1 T-bar, 1 J-bar, 5 ropes; 12 runs; longest run 2,000 feet; vertical drop 304 feet; open daily 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.; 612-435-7187.

**CEDAR HILLS SKI PARK**, Eden Prairie: 9 ropes; 14 runs; longest run 1,250 feet; vertical drop 200 feet; open daily 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; 612-445-4664.

**COMO PARK**, St. Paul: 2 double ropes; open Wednesdays 12:30-9:30 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 5-9 p.m.; Saturdays 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Sundays 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.; 612-489-1804.

**HYLAND HILLS SKI AREA**, Bloomington: 1 triple chair, 1 T-bar, 5 ropes; 12 runs; longest run 2,000 feet; vertical drop 175 feet; open Mondays through Fridays 10 a.m. - 10 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. and Sundays 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; 612-835-4604.

**MARTHALER**, West St. Paul: 1 rope; 2 runs; longest run 1,000 feet; vertical drop 300 feet; open weekends and nights; 612-455-9937.

**MT. WIRTH**, Minneapolis: 3 ropes; 5 runs; longest run 300 feet; vertical drop 150 feet; open Mondays through Thursdays 6-10 p.m. and weekends and holidays 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; 612-522-4584.

**SKI TONKA**, Orono: 10 ropes, 14 runs; longest run 1,000 feet; vertical drop 250 feet; open weekends and holidays 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Fridays 4:10 p.m.; 612-472-2027.

**VILLA PARK**, Roseville: 1 rope; 3 runs; longest run 600 feet; vertical drop 120 feet; open vacations 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. and weekly 4-10 p.m.; 612-484-3371.

**GOLDEN GATE CAMPGROUND**, Sleepy Eye: 5 ropes; 5 runs; longest run 1,000 feet; vertical drop 150 feet; open weekends and holidays 1:30-5 p.m. and Thursdays 6:30-10 p.m.; 507-794-7459.

**HOLE-IN-THE-MOUNTAIN COUNTY PARK**, Lake Benton: 3 ropes; 5 runs; longest run 1,000 feet; vertical drop 175 feet; open Saturdays 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sundays noon-5 p.m. and Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.; 507-366-9330.

**MT. KATO**, Mankato: two 4-place chairs, 1 double chair, 2 ropes; 9 runs; longest run 2,000 feet; vertical drop 240 feet; open daily 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.; 507-825-3363.

**DETROIT MOUNTAIN**, Detroit Lakes: 6 ropes, 2 T-bars, 1 chair; 9 runs; longest run 2,400 feet; vertical drop 225 feet; open Wednesdays through Sundays and holidays; 218-847-4703.

**GLENHAVEN**, Glenwood: 2 ropes; 7 runs; longest run 950 feet; vertical drop 150 feet; open Saturdays 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. and Sundays 11-5 p.m.; 612-634-9912.

**OLD SMOKY**, Fergus Falls: 2 ropes; 4 runs; longest run 1,000 feet; vertical drop 115 feet; open weekends 1:30-9:30 p.m. and weekdays 6:30-9:30 p.m.; 218-739-2251.

**TIMBERLANE**, Red Lake Falls: 4 ropes; 7 runs; longest run 1,200 feet; vertical drop 110 feet; open weekends and holidays noon 8:5 p.m. and Thursdays 5 - 9 p.m.; 218-733-2437.

**VIKING VALLEY RECREATION AREA**, Ashby: 3 ropes; 5 runs; longest run 1,400 feet; vertical drop 180 feet; open Saturdays 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. and Sundays and holidays 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; 218-747-2547.

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**QUADNA MT.**, Hill City: 2 ropes, 3 T-bars; 15 runs; longest run 3,800 feet; vertical drop 325 feet; open daily 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.; 218-697-2324.

**SPIRIT MOUNTAIN RECREATION AREA**, Duluth: 3 double, 2 triple chairs; 14 runs; longest run 3,800 feet; vertical drop 610 feet; open daily 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.; 218-678-2891.

**SUGAR HILLS**, Grand Rapids: 2 double chairs; 3 T-bars, 3 ropes; 23 runs; longest run 4,000 feet; vertical drop 400 feet; open Mondays - Saturdays 9:30 a.m. - 10 p.m. and Sundays 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; 218-326-3473.

**WILD MOUNTAIN SKI AREA**, Taylors Falls: two 4-place chairs, 1 T-bar, 4 ropes; 11 runs; longest run 4,500 feet; vertical drop 370 feet; open Mondays through Fridays 10

ropes; 9 runs; longest run 2,400 feet; vertical drop 310 feet; open daily; 612-396-7200.

**SKI GULL**, Brainerd: 1 T-bar, 3 ropes; 12 runs; longest run 1,700 feet; vertical drop 285 feet; open weekends and holidays 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 4:30-9:30 p.m.; 218-963-4353.

**VAL CHATEL**, Park Rapids: 6 ropes; 10 runs; longest run 1,425 feet; vertical drop 270 feet; open daily 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Wednesdays and Saturdays 7-10 p.m.; 218-266-3306.

**AFTON ALPS**, Afton: 14 double chairs, 3 triple chairs; 31 runs; longest run 3,000 feet; vertical drop 330 feet; open daily 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.; 612-436-3245.

**BATTLE CREEK**, St. Paul: 3