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Ski Resorts Prepare For Winter Invasion

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cond T-bar lift has been installed on the west slope, manager Thomas O'Fallon reported. Size of the chalet has been doubled to accommodate 1,000 persons. Rental equipment will be available for cross-country skiing, which is active on open areas of the lake and golf course. Trails used for summer horseback riding are open to cross-country and management hopes to develop more trails.

Whitecap Mountain, Montreal — Three mountains give more than 20 miles of skiing for all classes. In operation is the "longest double chairlift east of the Rockies." The bi-directional lift serves the two back mountains with two loading and four unloading points. There are now 28 major runs. Total lift capacity is 6,000 skiers per hour. Manager David Lundberg noted also Wine Hut and chalet modifications and expansion of the rental shop. Special group classes and private lessons are avilable.

Giants Ridge, Biwabik — A new Pomalift, with a capacity of 800 persons an hour, will be in service for the first full season to serve intermediate and expert skiers. The slopes also have a T-bar and three rope tows. Rock removal and general improvement and maintenance work were done during the summer, Rocky Metish, first year-around manager, announced. The ski area is receiving many reservations, including those from the Twin Cities. Available for cross-country is a 16-mile trail, previously used mainly by snowmobilers, to the closed Lookout Mountain ski area in Virginia, which Metish managed for several seasons.

Ski Gull, Brainerd — Electric motors have replaced gasoline power on the three rope tows and one T-bar lift, and the grooming machine has been purchased and some improvements made on the runs. Roger (Bud)Hillstrom, Ski Gull president, observed that interest in cross-country skiing is growing. Ski Gull is in the middle of Pillsbury State Forest, and many cross-country skiers, he said, are using the ski run areas as a central point.

Pine Valley, Cloquet — Construction is expected to be completed by Dec. 1 on a 30 by 30-foot addition to the chalet, which now measures 30 by 38 feet. Joseph Nowak, Cloquet High School ski coach, said the facility will include a waxing room and space for meetings, movies, judges and storage. The four and one-half miles of cross-country trails have been widened, with loops allowing 10-kilometer races. Training camps for cross-country and jumping will be held during the Christmas vacation prior to beginning of competition in January. The first jumping event will be held Jan. 21.

Buena Vista, Bemidji — The drop on the Bunny hill has been raised to provide a longer run and attract more beginners. Manager Earle S. Dickinson said improvement work will result in a total of seven slopes and three trails. In addition, there will be five miles of maintained trails for cross-country. Some rental equipment and instruction will be offered.

Lockhaven, Spooner — Owner-operator Tom Lowe said the slope has been groomed and recent work included general improvements. Many trails in the area are open to cross-country skiing.

Eagle Bluff, Hurley — Edward Erspamer, president of the Eagle Bluff Country Club, said three slopes have been developed, with the steep one for semi-experienced skiers, the others for beginners and intermediate skiers.

Mount Itasca, Coleraine — Some grading work has been done, and a 35-meter jumping hill is being built to replace the 20-meter hill that was torn down, said manager Paul Laramie. The bigger jump is 50 meters.

Hidden Valley, Ely — A new Rabbitt Ears hill was completed last season for beginning tots. There also are 30-meter and 55-meter jumps. The area has four ski hills with two rope tows and one J-bar lift, as well as a toboggan chute, and skating rink and many cross-country trails. Matt J. Stukel, the city's acting recreation director, said the Central Ski Association, through its member Ely Ski Club, will stage cross-country races Feb. 10 and 11. About 150 youngsters are expected to participate.

Arrowhead Ski Bowl, Floodwood — Much tractor work has been done and two hills are ready at this ski area 12 miles east of Floodwood and reached by way of the Branden Road. A 300-foot slope is for beginners, a 600-foot slope for intermediates. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cook are proprietors.

Manitou Valley, nine miles south of Superior — Shower and rest room facilities were completed and will be open along with camp sites during the winter, said manager Arthur Van Horenweder. Some improvements were made in the hills. Manitou has ski slopes, including one with bends for experts, four rope tows, trails for cross-country as well as some trails for snowmobiling.

Porcupine Mountains, Ontonagon — Newest addition is a seven and one-half mile cross-country trail. Manager David Balbough said the eight novice, intermediate and expert trails are serviced by a double chairlift, a double T-bar lift and three rope tows. There is no overnight lodging at the ski area, but there are room accommodations for 1,500 persons and several restaurants and supper clubs in communities in the vicinity of the "Porkies."

Grandview, outskirts of Duluth — Owner Dale Hendrickson plans to open a new ski area for limited use later in the season. The first run will be about 3,200 feet for intermediate and advanced intermediate. Eventually, three more runs with chairlift will be added. Now available are two runs, 1,000 feet to 1,300 feet, for beginners and advanced beginners.

Mont Du Lac, outskirts of Duluth — Ivan Iverson has installed a new double chairlift, which more than doubles uphill capacity. There are two new hills for intermediate skiers. Snow-making coverage has been doubled.

Ski Thunder Country, Thunder Bay — Jack Mallon, director, said the five hills this year have spent a total of $3 million in expansion and other improvements. Candy Mountain added to its chalet, made extensive hill improvements and added a T-bar to complement the chairlift. At Loch Lomond, two chairlifts were added along with snowmaking equipment. The chalet was enlarged and a new beginner run prepared. Mount Baldy doubled the chalet for the second year, featuring a 300-seat apres-ski lounge. Snowmaking capacity was increased and a new downtown ski shop opened. Mount McKay opened another part of the property to be called Big Chief area. A lodge is new. The area now has three chairlifts and two T-bars. Snowmaking facilities were completed. An additional chairlift is half-way completed at Mount Norway. All runs were reworked, and size of the A-frame chalet was doubled with addition of a lounge. Ski Thunder Country last week received a $300,000 grant from the Ontario Provincial Government for installation of a 90-meter Olympic jump to make it the home of the Canadian National Ski Jumping team. Mallon said the area as a whole also is offering for the first time a ski week package.

Mount Zion, Ironwood — The winter sports complex on the campus of Gogebic Community College is open to the public from noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. The rope tow has been extended, Bunny slope enlarged and intermediate slope recontoured. Opened in the middle of last season, the chalet has undergone redecorating. Joseph Calabro is the new manager.

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or in between, ski touring is a good method of keeping in trim, and any amount of energy may be expended.

Participation can be by persons of any age, including toddlers. This provides another way of enticing the entire family into enjoying the world of winter together.

It's made easier also by the economics of cross-country skiing; equipment is relatively

A variety of boots is available, but they should be fitted to the type of skis and tried on with the kind of sock the skier expects to wear.

Exercising results in a lot of heat given off by the head and many cross-country experts prefer earbands and carry caps or hats for a combination during extremely cold weather. Many skiers use mittens, but some prefer gloves for the feel in handling ski

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