



Skis at the ready at Mansfield's Snow Trails, which opened in 1961

Weekdays — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., \$9; night-time rate, \$10 and \$11. Weekdays and holidays — 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. or 3 to 11 p.m., \$12; 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$9; 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights, \$10. Rental is \$10 for 6 to 11 p.m. sessions and \$11 for daytime or 3 to 11 p.m. sessions. Children age 12 and under, accompanied by an adult, get rental for \$8 and \$2 off chairlift prices.

Further information can be obtained by calling 1-216-467-8198.

### Boston Mills Ski Resort

Located in Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area at Riverview and Boston Mills Roads in Peninsula, this resort claims challenges for the "timid" and the "tiger."

An extra plus for the family is free baby-sitting for the potty-trained set while Mom and Dad ski on weekdays except holidays.

Bud Peterson, manager, says Boston Mills has "the most diversified slope" in Ohio. He hopes the resort, in its 20th season, will be open longer than last season's 88 days.

Boston Mills claims quality foods with pizza and chili as specialties of the house.

Rates are: Monday through Friday — all area lift ticket, 10 a.m. (9 a.m. in January and February) to 6 p.m., \$9; 3 to 11 p.m., \$11; 6 to 11 p.m., \$10. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays — 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$10; 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., \$13; 3 to 11 p.m., \$13; 6 to 11 p.m., \$10. Holiday rates are in effect from Christmas Day through New Year's Day. Total equipment rental is \$11 before 6 p.m. and \$10 if rented after 6 p.m.

Special rates for children under age 12 when accompanied by an adult are \$2 off the posted lift

rate, \$3 off posted equipment rental packages and \$3 off beginners' introductory and intermediate packages. Senior citizens get \$2 off the posted lift rate and \$2 off rental.

Boston Mills has double chairs, triple chairs and rope tows.

Further information can be obtained by calling 1-216-657-2334 or 1-216-467-2242.

### Echo Hills

"Sincerely, we've got it," said Hap Kitzmiller, owner/operator of the newest ski resort in Ohio, Echo Hills.

This resort is entering its fourth season in scenic Hocking Hills, about a two-hour drive from Dayton. It is located on Ohio 180, 15 miles south of Lancaster.

There are no chairlifts, said Hap, who operates and lives on the grounds with his son, Scott. But, he added, that does not mean his hills are unchallenging. A T-bar takes better skiers up a hill for a 285-foot drop.

In addition to challenge, "we have the perfect getaway," Kitzmiller claimed. Skiers can rent cabins at the base of the slopes and hike or cross country ski on some 500 acres of land. "Pets and children are always welcome," the operator said. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are served with food items at the site.

Kitzmiller has put over \$1 million into the resort thus far and "we're still growing," he said.

Echo Hills prices, the lowest in Ohio, are: Saturday, Sunday and holidays — all day, \$10; 4 to 10 p.m., \$8. Weekdays — all day, \$8; 4 to 10 p.m., \$7. Season passes — \$125 for the first family member, decreasing with each member.

The area opens at 10 a.m. daily. Further information may be obtained by calling 1-614-385-8760.

### Alpine Valley

This resort, entering its 20th season, is near Lake Erie, on Mayfield Road, in Chesterland.

Alpine's five different slopes and lifts give skiers a variety of skiing terrain and uphill transportation.

The area was open 66 days last season with some of those days good enough for cross country on a number of available trails, according to Bill Harris, manager.

Alpine, about a four-hour drive from Dayton, has a cafeteria and bar at the site.

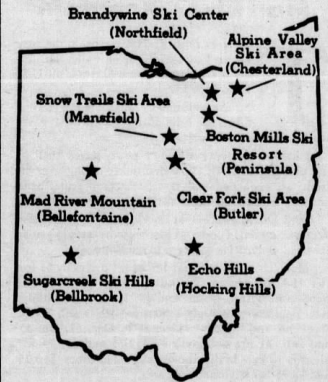
Hours are 3 to 10:30 p.m. Monday; 10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; 3 to 11 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Sunday. A lift ticket on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., is \$7; from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends, \$10 each; evenings, Monday through Friday, and other evenings 5 to 11 p.m., \$8. Children under 12 pay \$7 weekends and evenings. Rental is \$9.

Persons desiring more information on Alpine Valley can call 1-216-729-9775 or 1-216-285-2211.

Ohio resorts generally must have a two-inch base of real snow to make artificial snow.

Persons desiring information on slope conditions, after the first light snow, can call 1-800-BUCK-EYE.

Rates at individual ski areas may vary from those listed, and, of course, increases in rate structures may occur once the season is under way.



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