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Skiers' Guide Grows Bigger Every Year

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Time again for the "skiers' guide," a compilation which can never be complete but which can be relied upon to grow each year.

Listed here are the places where the skiers go to get themselves pulled up the hills to find warmth, shelter and sustenance between runs, to take lessons (sometimes more social than educational) and perchance to indulge in the popular sport of chalet-sitting while somebody plays an accordion or a guitar.

This has been going on in increasing degree since the nation's first chairlift went in at Sun Valley, in 1937. This year the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis has published a business report entitled "Ski Resorts in the Ninth District" (Minnesota, northwestern Wisconsin, upper Michigan, North and South Dakota and Montana).

It runs to 18 pages, and you can get the whole thing by writing to Publications Section, Research Department, Federal Reserve Bank, Minneapolis 55440, but here are a few of its observations:

"Depending upon who does the counting . . . there are now from 5 to 11 million skiing Americans . . ."

"Judging from the number of lift tickets sold, ski slopes of the district were utilized 20 per cent more each year in the last two seasons than in the previous three . . ."

"Prospects are good for further increase in the popularity of skiing in the Ninth district . . ."

The study was based on the results of a questionnaire. As strangers pair up on T-bars to ride uphill another kind of questionnaire goes on continually between the skiers: "Where've you skied so far this year? How was it?"

The answer will never be finished, but here is a start . . .

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Resort	Location	Hours	Rates, Lifts	Hill Data	Other Data
AFTON ALPS, Afton, Phone 436-2218.	4 miles south of Afton, 15 miles east of St. Paul; junction of Washington county roads 20 and 21.	Daily except Monday; 9-4:30 weekends, 10-4:30 weekdays.	Double chair, Poma Lift, 4 ropes, $2, $3, $3.75 weekends, $2, $3, weekdays.	Seven runs longest 1,900 feet; vertical drop 270 feet.	Chalet, meals, shop, rentals, school, patrol, new-parking lot, increased snowmaking.
BENTON VALLEY, Lake Benton. Phone 825-2141	Half-mile west of Lake Benton on highways 75 and 14; 200 miles from Twin Cities.	Sunday afternoon, other times by special arrangement.	One rope tow; Collection box.	Three runs, longest 800 feet; vertical drop 150 feet.	- Some rentals.
BREEZY POINT, Breezy Point. Phone 562-7811	20 miles from Brainerd on highway 25; 135 miles from Twin Cities.	Daily, 9-5 p.m.	T-bar, Poma Lift, 4 ropes; $2.50, $3.50, $4.50.	Four runs, longest 2,000 feet; vertical drop 300 feet.	Chalet, meals, shop, rentals, school, patrol, lodging possible night skiing; skating, fishing, snow machine.
BUCK HILL, Savage; Phone 435-9913	10 miles south of Minneapolis on interstate 35W.	10 a.m.-10 p.m. weekdays; 8:30-4:30, 6:30-10 weekends; $2, $3, $4.	T-bar, J-bar, five ropes; $2, $3, $4.	Eleven runs, longest 2,000 feet; vertical drop 310 feet.	Chalet, shop, rentals, school, patrol, lodging; new—three runs, two ropes, addition on chalet.
BUENA VISTA, Bemidji; Phone 751-5530.	12 miles north of Bemidji on Irvine Ave.; 230 miles from Twin Cities.	10 a.m.-4:30 weekends and holiday weeks.	Four ropes; $1.25 $1.75, $2.50.	Eight Open slopes; longest run 1,500 feet; vertical drop 225 feet.	Chalet, snacks, rentals, school, patrol, 20-meter jump; new—snow moving equipment.
CEDAR HILLS, Eden Prairie.	On Eden Heights Rd., ½ mile north of Hwy. 169.	Noon-4:30, 6-10 p.m. daily except Monday; 9 a.m. opening during holidays.	Seven electric ropes; $1.25, $1.50, $2 weekends, holidays; $1, $1.25, $1.50 weekdays and nights.	Seven runs, longest 1,000 feet; vertical drop 150 feet.	Chalet, snacks, rentals, school, patrol, nearby lodging; heated outdoor patio, group-family rates, snowmaking equipment; new—three tows, double snow-making capacity.
DETROIT MOUNTAIN, Detroit Lakes. Phone 847-7084.	2½ miles east of Detroit Lakes on Hwy. 34; 220 miles from Twin Cities.	10 a.m.-dusk Wednesday, weekends, holidays.	Six ropes; $1.50, $2, $2.50.	Six runs, longest 1,200 feet; vertical drop 200 feet.	Chalet, lunches, shop, rentals, school, patrol; new—snow-making equipment, all runs regroomed.
GIANT'S RIDGE, Biwabik. Phone 865-4515.	Five miles northeast of Biwabik; 210 miles from Twin Cities.	Friday, Saturday, Sunday 9-4:30; midweek for groups, everyday during Christmas Holidays.	T-Bar ($2.50, $4), 3 ropes ($1, $2.50).	Six runs, longest 3,000 feet; vertical drop 440 feet.	Chalet, meals, shop, rentals, school, patrol, lodging lighted beginners' area.
HIDDEN VALLEY, Ely. Phone 365-4074.	One-half mile from Ely on Hwy. 169; 250 miles from Twin Cities.	10 a.m.-10 p.m. weekends, holidays; 3-10 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays.	J-Bar, two ropes; $.50, $1, $2.	Four runs, longest 1,500 feet; vertical drop 145 feet.	Chalet, lunches, rentals, school, patrol, 2 jumps (30 meter, 60 meter), cross country skiing; new—J-bar, lights.

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STEIN ERIKSEN, SKIING'S MASTER STYLIST, IN THE UPPER MIDWEST
On Trollhaugen's 'Jumping Judy' with Trygve Berge (right)

Resort	Location	Hours	Rates, Lifts	Hill Data	Other Data
LITTLE SQUAW VALLEY, Wabasha. Phone 565-4197.	Three miles east of Wabasha on Hwy. 61; 90 miles from Twin Cities.	10-4:30, weekends, holidays.	Two ropes; $.75, $2.	Six runs, open slope, longest 1,000 feet; vertical drop 250 feet.	Chalet, lunches, limited rentals, school, patrol, nearby lodging; new snowpacker, dance floor.
LUTSEN, Lutsen; Phone 663-7212.	Two miles west of Lutsen on Hwy. 61; 250 miles from Twin Cities.	Daily 9-4:30	Double chair lift, Poma Lift, two ropes; Children $2, juniors $3, adults $4 weekdays, $4.50 weekends, holidays.	Twelve runs, longest 5,300 feet; vertical drop 630 feet.	Chalet, lunches, shop, rentals, school, patrol, lodging, enclosed and heated pool, ice skating, snow-making equipment; new — double chair, snowmaking.
MINNESOTA'S LOOKOUT MT., Virginia. Phone 749-1010	Three miles north of Virginia, highways 53, 169; 200 miles from Twin Cities	Daily 9:30-4:30; 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.	Chair lift ($4), 7 ropes ($3).	13 runs, longest 3,400 feet; vertical drop 302 feet.	Chalet, meals, shop, rentals, school, patrol, nearby lodging, snowmaking equipment; new — expert run.
MONT DU LAC, Duluth. Phone 636-0991.	15 miles from Duluth on Hwy. 23; 140 miles from Twin Cities.	9:30-4:30 Wednesday, weekends, holidays; 7-10 p.m. Wednesday, Friday nights.	T-bar, 3 ropes; $2, $3, $3.50.	Seven runs, longest 2,400 feet; vertical drop 310 feet.	Chalet, meals, shop, rentals, school, patrol, special family rates; new—additional lights, slopes, enlarged one-third.
MOON VALLEY, Chaska. Phone 445-3115.	One-half mile north of Shakopee on Hwys. 169, 212; 12 miles from Twin Cities	10 a.m.-6 p.m. weekends, holidays; 3-10 p.m. Thurs., 6-10 p.m. Wednesday, Friday; 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Christmas Holidays	Sizzlift, 3 ropes; $1, $2.	Open slope; longest runs 3,000 feet; vertical drop 200 feet.	Chalet, refreshments, shop, rentals, school, patrol, private group arrangements; new—all tows electric.
MOUNT NORMANDALE, Bloomington. Phone TU 1-7515.	Eight blocks south of Hwys. 494 and 100; 5 miles from Twin Cities.	9 a.m.-6 p.m. weekends, holidays; noon-10 p.m. Fridays.	Four ropes; $1.50, $2.50 days, $1.50 nights.	Open slopes; vertical drop 200 feet.	Chalet, snacks, shop, rentals, school, patrol, nearby lodging; new—ski-school tow.
NORSKI HILLS, St. Paul; Phone 771-2219	Eight miles south of St. Paul on Hwy. 3.	10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekends; 7:30-10:30 Wednesday, Friday nights.	Two ropes; $1, $2.	Six runs, longest 1,500 feet; vertical drop 185 feet.	Chalet, snacks, shop, limited rentals, school, patrol.
QUADNA MOUNTAIN, Hill City. Phone 697-2224.	Mile south of Hill City; 150 miles from Twin Cities.	Daily, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	Two 6-Bars, one rope; $2, $3, $4, reduced two-day rates.	14 runs, longest 3,000 feet; vertical drop 325 feet.	Chalet, meals, shop, rentals, school, patrol, lodging, snowmaking, swimming pool, sauna, skating. New area.
SKI DEVIL, Fertile. Phone 945-5272.	One-half mile south of Fertile on Hwy. 32; 275 miles from Twin Cities.	Weekends, Holidays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; 7-11 p.m. Wednesdays.	Four ropes; $1, $1.50, $2.	Six runs, longest 800 feet; vertical drop 125 feet.	Chalet, rentals, lodging nearby.
SKIHAVEN, Mankato. Phone 345-4269.	One mile south of Mankato on Hwy. 66; 80 miles from Twin Cities.	10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. weekends, undecided holiday schedule	Two ropes; $1, $1.50, $2.	Open slopes, longest 1,500 feet; vertical drop 300 feet.	Chalet, lunches, school, tobogganing and toboggan rentals.
SKI PINE BEND, South St. Paul. Phone 437-4636.	13 miles from Twin Cities on highway 55 (South St. Paul).	10 a.m.-10 p.m. weekdays except Monday; 9-4:30 weekends.	Two Poma Lifts, 4 ropes; $2, $3 weekdays; $2, $3, $4 weekends.	Nine runs, longest 2,000 feet; vertical drop 258 feet.	Chalet, meals, rentals, school, patrol, snowmaking; new—additional lighting, some slopes enlarged.
SUGAR HILLS, Grand Rapids. Phone 326-3473.	Seven miles south of Grand Rapids on Hwy. 169, 5 miles on County 17; 180 miles from Twin Cities.	Daily 9-4:30.	Three T-bars, 8 ropes; $2.50, $3.50, $4.50 weekends, $.50 less on weekdays.	23 runs, longest 1½ miles (touring trail); vertical drop 400 feet.	Chalet, meals, shop, rentals, school, patrol, lodging; new—addition to chalet, T-bar, grooming equipment, lodge.
THEODORE WIRTH, Minneapolis. Phone JA 2-4584.	Plymouth Av., and Glenwood Pkwy., Minneapolis.	9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. weekends, holiday weeks; 6-10 p.m. week nights.	Three ropes; $1.50, $2 days, $.75, $1 nights.	Ten runs, longest 1,000 feet; vertical drop 125 feet.	Chalet, limited meals, limited shop, rentals, Minneapolis Park Board school, patrol, portable tow, music, new snow packer.
VAL CHATEL, Park Rapids. Phone 296-3306.	16 miles north of Park Rapids on Lake George Rd.; 204 miles from Twin Cities	9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. daily.	Chairlift, 6 ropes; $1, $2, $3.	10 runs; longest run, vertical drop never surveyed.	Chalet, meals, shop, rentals, school, patrol, nearby lodging, 2 air-strips; new—wing on lodge, 2 tows, ski rentals, 2 runs, trails recontoured, special bus from Moorhead.
VAL CROIX, Taylors Falls. Phone 465-4115.	7 miles north of Taylors Falls on County Rd. 16; 50 miles from Twin Cities.	9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays, weekends, Christmas holidays.	Seven ropes; $1.50, $3.	Eight runs, longest 5,000 feet; vertical drop 258 feet.	Chalet, lunches, shop, rentals, school, patrol.

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Animal Extinction Causes Concern

NEARLY 40 SPECIES DISAPPEAR IN 150 YEARS

Jim Kimball

To exterminate forever any species of animal from the face of the earth is a terrible thing — awesome proof that man is an unworthy steward of the earth's God - given resources. But if you or I were asked to list those species which have been exterminated from this continent we could probably name only the passenger pigeon and perhaps the heath hen.

The frightening truth is that nearly 40 species of birds and mammals have disappeared from the American continent in less than 150 years. Of these extinct species nearly half have vanished since 1900.

TO MAKE things worse, an estimated 16 kinds of animals and 30 to 40 kinds of birds are in the "endangered" category and many of them may well be added to the extinct list if something isn't done about it.

Interestingly enough, it is not the ducks, geese, other game birds, game mammals and game fish which we shoot and catch that are in danger of extinction but, rather those species to which we pay little attention. This again points out that man's harvest of wildlife is, in most cases, far less damaging than is his unwitting destruction of the environments in which wild things must live.

At last there is at least the beginning of an awakening of man's responsibility to not eliminate other creatures from the earth. Within the U.S. Department of Interior, Secretary Stewart L. Udall has established a special scientific team in the Fish and Wildlife to study and preserve rare, or endangered forms of American wildlife.

D. H. JANZEN, who, after nearly 40 years of government service, turned the directorship of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service over to John Gottschalk last October, is formulating the new program for preserving endangered species before his retirement the first of the year.

It would appear that worthy progress already has been made and there is a provision in the recently passed Land and Water Conservation Fund Act that makes money available for the preservation of habitat essential to endangered wildlife.

The Committee on Rare and Endangered Wildlife Species has already prepared a 45-page preliminary draft of a report covering the readily available knowledge on each of the endangered species. This is being sent to all 50 states, national scientific societies, national conservation organization, scientists, and

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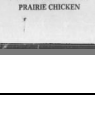

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