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54 Wisconsin Ski Hills 'Better Than Ever'

Fifty four Wisconsin ski hills will be better than ever this season.

New chairlifts, new and more instructors and more hours of skiing have been added at many ski areas, and 16 of them now offer cross country facilities . . . the newest craze in the sport.

New chairlifts are installed at Alpine Valley, Devil's Head, Mr. Telemark, Skyline, Whitecap, Mt. La Crosse and Hiawatha Hills, and many areas, including Hidden Valley, have stepped up their snowmaking production.

New slopes have been added at Eagle Bluff, Hardscrabble, Harrison Hills, Paradise Valley, Rib Mountain, Snowcrest and Viking. And, snowmaking equipment will be improved at Hiawatha Hills, Timberline and Hidden Valley.

Cross country facilities are open at: Chanticleer Inn, Eagle River; Devil's Head, Merrimac; Gateway, Land O'Lakes; Hardscrabble, Rice Lake; Mt. LaCrosse, LaCrosse; Mt. LeBett, Coleman; Mt. Telemark, Cable; Port Mountain, Bayfield; Sheltered Valley, Three Lakes; Snowcrest, Somerset; Sunburst, West Bend; Tyrol Basin, Mt. Horeb; Whitecap, Hurley; Woodside Ranch, Mauston; Birch Park, Houlton; and Blackhawk Ridge, Sauk City.

Alpine VALLEY: 3 mi. SW of East Troy on Sth 15 to CTH "G" then to CTH "D". Open daily (all nights). Runs: 9 (longest 3,300). Lifts: 11 chairlifts, 7 rope tows. Facilities: snowmaking, rentals, instruction. Write: Fred Cimino, Alpine Valley Resort, East Troy 53120. Phone: (414)642-7374.

BIG DIPPER: 7 mi. W of Mountain off STH 64 and 4 mi. S on CTH "T". Open daily (all nights). Runs: 4 (longest 1,200). Lifts: 1 rope tow. Facilities: rentals. Write: Echo Valley Resort, White Lake 54491. Phone: (715) 276-4637.

BIRCH PARK: Houlton, Wis. (3 mi. E of Stillwater, Minn. on Wis. CTH "E"). Open daily. Runs: 13 (longest 1,850). Lifts: 1 D chairlift, 1 T-bar, 6 rope tows. Facilities: chalet, food, bar, rental shop, ski school, ski patrol, cross country. Write: Roger Levy, 8 Flags of Birch Park, Route 1, Stillwater, Minn. 55082. Phone: (612) 439-3723.

BLACKHAWK RIDGE: 2 mi. S of Sauk City on STH 78. Open daily (all nights). Facilities: cross country — 40 miles (31½ miles lighted at night), rentals, instructions. Write: Blackhawk Ridge, Box 92, Sauk City 53583. Phone: (608)643-3775.

BRUCE MOUND: 3 mi. E of Merrillan or 15 mi. SW of Neillsville on STH 95. Open Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays (nights by appointment).Runs: 6 (longest 2,000). Lifts: 6 rope tows. Facilities: snowmaking, rentals, instruction. Write: Don Kirn, Forestry and Parks Administrator, Courthouse, Neillsville 54456. Phone: (715)743-2490.

BULL RUN: 2 mi. W of Boscobel on STH 133. Open Saturdays and Sundays (Nights Monday, Wednesday and Friday). Runs: 4 (longest 1,500) Lifts: 2 rope tows. Facilities: rentals, instruction. Write: Leon Blasbrenner, Route 3, Boscobel 53805. Phone: (608) 375-5869.

CALUMET PARK: 2 mi. N of Stockbridge on STH 55, than 1 mi. W on CTH "EE" to Lake Winnebago. Open Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. Runs: 4 (longest 2,500). Lifts: 5 rope tows. Facilities: rentals, instruction. Write: Lothar Funke, Route 2, Calumet City County Park, Hilbert 54129.

CAMP 10: 10 mi. SW of Rhinelander on CTH "A". Open Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays. Runs: 7 (longest 2,000). Lifts: 2 T-bar, 4 rope tows. Facilities: rentals, instruction. Write: Camp 10, Rhinelander 54501. Phone: (715)362-6754.

CASCADE MOUNTAIN: 4 mi. SW of Portage on IH 90-94. Open (nights Tuesdays and Thursdays). Runs: 14 (longest 5,300). Lifts: 1 chairlift, 1 T-bar, 3 rope tows. Facilities: snowmaking, rentals, instruction. Write Floyd Mirkes, Box 384, Cascade Mountain, Portage 53901. Phone: (608)742-2550.

CHANTICLEER INN: 3 mi. E of Eagle River off STH 70. Open daily (nights Tuesdays and Thursdays). Runs: 2 (longest 600). Lifts: 2 rope tows. Facilities: rental, instruction, cross country. Write: John Alward, Chanticleer Inn, Eagel River 54521. Phone: (715)479-4486.

CHRISTMAS MOUNTAIN: 4 mi. W of Wisconsin Dells on CHT "H". Open Tuesday through Sunday (nights). Runs: 8 (longest 2,800). Lifts: 2 chairlifts, 3 rope tows. Facilities: snowmaking, rentals, instruction. Phone: (608)254-2531.

DEEPWOOD: 9 mi. NW of Colfax on CTH "N". Open Saturdays, Sundays and holidays (nights Saturdays by appointment). Runs: 16 (longest 3,200). Lifts: 2 T-bar, 8 rope tows. Facilities: snowmaking, rentals, instruction. Write: Ray Fritz, Wheeler 54772. Phone: (715)658-1394.

DEVIL'S HEAD: Near Merrimac. Open daily (all nights). Runs: 7 (longest 5,500). Lifts: 4 chairlifts, 3 rope tows. Facilities: snowmaking, rentals, instruction, cross country. Write: Domenic DiGirolemo, Devil's Head, Merrimac 53561.

DRETZKA PARK: 12020 West Bradley Road, Milwaukee. Open daily after 6 p.m. (all nights). Runs: 1 (longest 1,000). Lifts: 3 rope tows. Facilities: snowmaking, instruction. Write: Dretzka Park, care of Milwaukee County Parks Commission, 12020 West Bradley Road, Milwaukee. Phone: (414)354-5340.

GATEWAY: 1½ mi. S of Land O' Lakes on STH 45. Open daily (nights Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays). Runs: 13 (longest 1,400).Lifts: 4 rope tows. Facilities: rentals, instruction, cross country. Write: Gateway Hotel, Land O' Lakes 54540. Phone: (715)547-3321.

GREENBUSH: 2½ mi. S of Greenbush on the Kettle Moraine Drive. Open Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays. Runs: 3 (longest 700). Lifts: 1 rope tow. Write: Forest Manager, Route 2, Campbellsport 53010. Phone: (414)626-2116.

HARDSCRABBLE: 5 mi. E. of Rice Lake on CTH "C". Open Saturdays, Sundays and Christmas Vacation. Runs: 6 (longest 2,600). Lifts: 2 T-bar, 7 rope tows. Facilities: snowmaking, rentals, instruction, cross country. Write: Cap Hagen, Rice Lake 54868. Phone: (715)234-3412.

HARRISON HILLS: 20 mi. NE of Merrill on STH 17 and 1 mi. W on CTH "B". Open Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. Runs: 4 (longest 2,000). Lifts: 3 rope tows. Facilities: instruction. Write: Dave Jackson, Route 2, Gleason 54435. Phone: (715)873-2235.

HIAWATHA VALLEY: 3 mi. S of Alma. Open daily (Tuesday through Sunday; nights Tuesday through Saturday). Runs: 7 (longest 5,500). Lifts: 1 chairlift, 1 pomalift, 2 rope tows. Facilities: snowmaking, rentals, instruction. Write: Hiawatha Valley, Box 125, Alma 54610. Phone: (608) 248-2325.

HIDDEN VALLEY: Approximately 15 mi. between Manitowoc and Green Bay on STH 141. Open daily except Monday (nights Tuesday through Thursday). Runs: 5 (longest 2,500). Lifts: 2 chairlifts, 5 rope tows. Facilities: snowmaking, rentals, instruction. Write: John E. Frolick, 1815 Maple Street, Manitowoc 54220. Phone: (414) 863-2713 or 682-5475.

HILLY HAVEN: 6½ mi. S of DePere on CTH "PP" off STH 32. Open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays (nights Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays). Runs: 7 (longest 1,000). Lifts: 5 rope tows. Facilities: rentals, instruction. Write: Hilly Haven, Route 2, DePere 54115. Phone: (414)336-6204.

KETTLEBOWL HILL: 15 mi. NE of Antigo on STH 52. Open Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. Runs: 5 (longest 2,000). Lifts: 4 rope tows. Write: Ben Mundl, Kettlebowl, 104 Wilson Street, Antigo 54409. Phone: (715) 623-3560.

LITTLE SWITZERLAND: 25 mi. NW of Milwaukee on STH 41. Open Tuesday through Sunday (all nights except Monday). Runs: 15 (longest 1,500). Lifts: 4 chairlifts, 7 rope tows. Facilities: snowmaking, rentals, instruction. Write: Ed Herte, Slinger 53086. Phone: (414)644-5020.

LOCKHAVEN: 2 mi. S of Spooner of STH 63. Open daily except Monday and Tuesday (nights Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Other nights by appointment). Runs: 5 (longest 1,350). Lifts: 4 rope tows. Facilities: snowmaking, rentals, instruction. Write: Tom Lowe, Lockhaven, Spooner 54801. Phone: (715)635-2265.

MAJESTIC HILLS: 8 mi. S of Lake Geneva on S. Shore Dr. Take STH 120 to CTH "BB" to S. Shore Dr. Open daily (all nights except Sunday). Runs: 6 (longest 1,400). Lifts: 2 chairlifts, 5 rope tows. Facilities: snowmaking, rentals, instruction. Write: William Grunow, Majestic Hills, Lake Geneva 53147. Phone: (414)248-6128.

MANITOU VALLEY: 10 mi. S of Superior off STH 35 (west side) or ½ mi. N of Pattison State Park off STH 35. Open Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday and Holidays (Friday nights). Runs: 5 (longest 1,300). Lifts: 4 rope tows. Write: Art Van Horenweder, Manitou Valley, Superior 54885. Phone: (715)399-8469.

MT. LaCROSSE: 2 mi. S of LaCrosse on STH 35. Open daily (Tuesday through Thursday nights). Runs: 13 (longest 5,300). Lifts: 1 chairlift, 3 rope tows. Facilities: snowmaking, rentals, instruction, cross country. Write: Ted Motschman, Mt. LaCrosse, LaCrosse 54601. Phone: (608)788-0044.

MT. LE BETT: 5 mi. W of Coleman. Open Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays (Friday and Saturday nights). Runs: 10 (longest 1,500). Lifts: 3 rope tows. Facilities: rentals, instruction, cross country. Write: Leland Webster, 1801 27th Street, Two Rivers 54241. Phone: (414) 897-2290.

MT. TELEMARK: 3 mi. E of Cable on CTH "M". Open daily (Saturday nights). Runs: 10 (longest 2,600). Lifts: 1 chairlift, 3 T-bar, 10 rope tows. Facilities: snowmaking, rentals, instruction, cross country. Write: Jerry Berard, Mt. Telemark, Cable 54821. Phone: (715) 798-3311 or 634-2959.

NOR-SKI RIDGE: 1 mi. S of Fish Creek on STH 42. Open daily (Thursday nights). Runs: 7 (longest 3,000). Lifts: 1 T-bar, 4 rope tows, 1 chairlift. Facilities: snowmaking, rentals, instruction. Write: Wink Larson, Box 66, Sister Bay 54234. Phone: (414)868-3313 or 868-3621.

PARADISE VALLEY: 4 mi. W of Burlington on STH 11 and 2 mi. N of Lyons Road. Open daily 10-4:30 (nights Tuesday through Sunday 5-11). Runs: 6 (longest 1,750). Lifts: 6. Facilities: snowmaking, rentals, instruction. Write: Paradise Valley, Box 3382, Burlington 53105. Phone: (414)763-9997 or 763-7272.

PAUL BUNYAN HILL: 2 mi. N of Lakewood on Blacktop, town road. Open Wednesday through Sunday (Monday and Tuesday by appointment only). Runs: 7 (longest 1,300). Lifts: 1 T-Bar, 4 rope tows. Facilities: snowmaking, rentals, instruction. Write: Paul Bunyan Hill, Lakewood 54138. Phone: (715)276-3522.

PINK PANTHER: 3½ mi. S of De Pere on STH 32. Open daily except Monday and Wednesday (all nights). Runs: 6 (longest 1,000). Lifts: 1 T-bar, 3 rope tows. Facilities: snowmaking, rentals, instruction. Write: Pink Panther, Rt. 1, De Pere 54115. Phone: (414) 336-1122.

PLAYBOY CLUB: at Lake Geneva Playboy Club, Jct. of STH 12 and 50. Open daily (all nights). Runs: 5 (longest 2,000). Lifts: 2 chairlifts, 1 rope tow. Facilities: snowmaking, rentals, instruction. Write: Playboy Club, Lake Geneva 53147. Phone: (414)248-8811.

PORT MOUNTAIN: 3 mi. S. of Bayfield on STH 13. Open daily 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (nights Tuesday and Thursday, 6-9:30). Runs: 7 (longest 5,000). Lifts: 1 chairlift, 1 T-bar, 5 rope tows. Facilities: rentals, instruction, cross country. Write: Port Mountain, Box 299A, Bayfield 54815. Phone: (715)779-3372.

POTAWATOMI PARK: 4 mi. W of Sturgeon Bay on CTH "C". Open Saturday and Sunday (Wednesday nights). Runs: 2 (longest 1,000). Lifts: 2 rope tows. Write: Potawatomi State Park, Route 4, Sturgeon Bay 54235. Phone: (414) 743-5123.

POWERS BLUFF: 2½ mi.SW of Arpin on CTH "E". Open Saturday, Sunday and Holidays (Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday nights). Runs: 4 (longest 1,750). Lifts: 2 rope tows. Facilities: rentals. Write: Wood County Parks, Courthouse, Wisconsin Rapids 54494. Phone: (715) 423-3000, Ext. 190.

RIB MOUNTAIN: 2 mi. W of Wausau on CTH "NN". Open daily (Wednesday nights) Runs: 6 (longest 3,880). Lifts: 1 chairlift, 2 T-bar, 4 rope tows. Facilities: snowmaking, rentals, instruction. Write: Rib Mountain Ski Corp. Box 387, Wausau 54401. Phone: (715)845-2846.

SHELTERED VALLEY: 8 mi. E of Three Lakes on STH 32. Open daily. Runs: 10 (longest 2,000). Lifts: 1 pomalift, 3 rope tows. Facilities: rentals, instruction, cross country. Write: Mike Marty, Three Lakes 54562. Phone: (715)546-3335.

SKY LINE: ¼ mi. NW of Friendship off STH 13. Open daily (Friday and Saturday nights). Runs: 6 (longest 2,600). Lifts: 1 chairlift, 5 rope tows. Facilities: snowmaking, rentals, instruction. Write: Alex Ginter, Friendship 53934. Phone: (608) 399-3421 or 339-3364.

SNOW BOWL: ½ mi. S of Gays Mills Via STH 131, then E 1 mi. on Town Road. Open daily (depending on conditions) (Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights). Runs: open (longest 1,500). Lifts: 1 rope tow. Facilities: rentals, instruction. Write: President, Recreation Unlimited, Gays Mills 54631. Phone: (608) 735-9479.

SNOWCREST: 4 mi. S of Somerset on STH 64 and 35. Open 7 days, 7 nights. Runs: 16 (longest 2,460). Lifts: 3 D chairlifts, 6 rope tows, 1 T-bar. Facilities: snowmaking, rentals, instruction, cross country. Write: Robert Ownes, Box 150, Somerset 54025. Phone: (715) 247-3852.

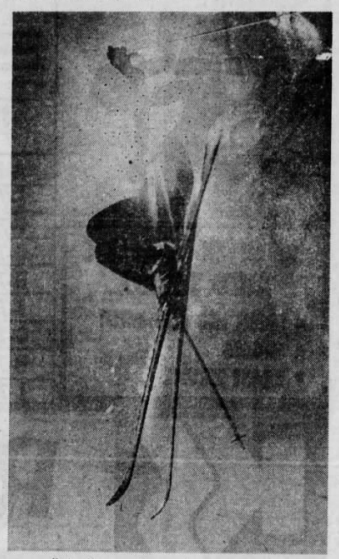
SQUIRREL HILL: 1 mi. N of Minocqua on STH 51 to STH 70. Then W on Squirrel Lake Road. Open Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Runs: 7 (longest 1,750). Lifts: 4 rope tows. Facilities: rentals, instruction. Write: Town of Minocqua. Minocqua 54548. Phone: (715)356-5296.

STANDING ROCKS: 5¼ mi. E of Plover on CTH "B", 1¼ mi. S on Town Road, then 1¼ mi. E on Town Road. Open Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. Runs: ½ (longest 800). Lifts: 2 rope tows. Facilities: rentals, instruction. Write: G. Ernst, City-County Building, Stevens Point 54481. Phone: (715)344-6090, Ext. 33.

SUNBURST: 3 mi. N of West Bend on STH 45. Open daily (all nights). Runs: 7 (longest 3,800). Lifts: 1 T-bar, 5 rope tows, 1 cable-handle tow. Facilities: snowmaking, rentals, instruction, cross country. Write: Sunburst Office, 5856 N. Port Washington Road, Milwaukee 53217. Phone: (414) 626-4605 or 964-6670.

TIMBERLINE: 25 mi. W of Madison on STH 14 and CTH "H". Open Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays (nights Saturdays, Sundays and holidays). Runs: 6 (longest 2,200). Lifts: 1 rope tow, 1 T-bar, 1 chairlift. Facilities: snowmaking, rentals, instruction. Write: Burt Gimber, Arena 53503. Phone: (608) 753-2205.

TROLLHAUGEN: ¼ mi. E of Dresser on CTH "F". Open daily (Friday and Saturday nights). Runs: 13 (longest 2,640). Lifts: 1 chairlift, 3 T-bar, 1 Sitz, 9 rope tows. Facilities: snowmaking, rentals, instruction. Write: Trollhaugen Ski Area, Dresser 54009. Phone (715)755-2955 or 483-3603.



Outer Space — Free style or "hot dog" skiing competition is literally and figuratively growing by leaps and bounds in the United States. This competitor gets airborne in a tricky maneuver practicing for a meet this season.

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