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Sylvan Hill opens officially Jan. 13

The Marathon County Park Department announced today that Sylvan Hill will officially open and all tows will be operating on January 13 at 9 a.m.

From then on the ski area will be open every Saturday and Sunday, and school holidays, from 9 a.m to 4 p.m.

Until the official opening, skiers can use the slopes any time, but will have to make their own way back up the hill.

The department reported the parking lots and roads to the ski area will be kept open from now on.

A park department spokesman said they experienced some difficilties in receiving parts for the two mechanisms, and in scheduling state inspection of the completed tows. The last tow will be installed today.

The Chalet and cafeteria will also open January 13.

A trained ski patrol will cover the slopes, and a fully equipped first aid station will be manned for emergencies.

The department also plans to organize ski schools for beginners, and details on regular ski instruction will be disclosed soon. Further details will be published when available.

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