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Nearby Areas Offer Ideal Ski Resorts

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Not all ski areas are located in the Rocky or eastern mountain ranges. Northern Illinois and Wisconsin offer a vast number of places for all skiers.

Fox Valley Ski hills at Cary offer gradual runs. Admission is 50c and tow fee \$1.50. At nearby Fox River Grove will be held the annual Norge Ski Jumping tournament on Jan. 17 with many world famous jumpers competing.

Near Genoa City, Wis., are located the New Munster and Wilmot Ski hills about 70 miles from Chicago. Both charge admission and tow fees. A day's skiing at New Munster is \$1.90, at Wilmot \$2.25.

Holiday Hill at Lake Geneva offers long gentle slopes which appeal to skiers first getting the feel of those unwieldy hickory boards. Nearby Williams Bay offers the Bay View Ski hill, 100 feet high with runs up to 500 feet.

Near West Bend, the Slinger area, are three good hills for all types of skiers. Fox hill, Elpa slopes, and Little Switzerland Ski hills are open weekends and holidays when snow conditions allow. There is no admission charge and rates vary from \$1.50 to \$2 a day. Overnight accommodations are plentiful in the Milwaukee area or nearby places, and at reasonable rates.

Moving north into the snow belt there are many places offering good snow conditions. At Wausau is famed Rib mountain, highest peak in the state. A first for the midwest is a new Constan T-Bar Lift which is tentatively scheduled to begin operation Jan. 15. The Wausau Chamber of Commerce deserves much credit for this great contribution to the advancement of midwest skiing. Rib mountain runs are 3,200 feet long and 600 feet high, with an average grade of 20%.

At the base of the hill is the ski lodge with four huge fireplaces, a spot to warm up with a hot cup of coffee and talk over the mistakes of the day. It also houses a completely equipped ski shop for renting or repairing equipment. Accommodations are plentiful in nearby Wausau and range from hotels and motels to private homes all within prices to fit every purse. A complete all-expense week-end tour from Chicago by rail is about \$30.

The La Crosse Snow bowl is nestled near the Mississippi river. Featured here are trail skiing, ski touring along the crest of the hills and night skiing on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Between La Crosse and the heart of the deep powder snow country at Telemark, near

Sleighting in Wisconsin



Sleighting in the snow in northern Wisconsin is a winter delight. The scene is near the Northernaire hotel at Three Lakes, Wis. (Northernaire Hotel-Rocks Photo)

Michigan Scene



Ski enthusiast admiring the rolling, snow covered landscape at one of Michigan's 38 skiing and winter sports centers. (Michigan Tourist Council Photo)

consin's better ski areas for slalom and downhill skiing, Peshigo, Trollhaugen at St. Croix Falls, Mount Atlanta at Rice Lake, and finally the Cable-Spooner area and Mount Telemark. Snowfall in this northern area averages about 115 inches a year.

Telemark is overnight from Chicago by rail. Last summer trees were removed to widen slopes and a sixth rope tow was added to serve the Big Tapley and Rendal slopes. At the foot of Telemark is the skier's chalet with large picture windows and an excellent cafe and ski shop. Here one can sit and watch with mild amusement the antics of his fellow skiers on Telemark's broad, open slopes.

Lodgings are available in and nearby Hayward and reservations may be made with the Telemark Reservation bureau at Hayward. Rates vary from \$5 to \$7.50 a day for two meals (breakfast and supper) and lodging. The ski school will be headed by "Tap" Tapley who has taught at Sun Valley and newly opened Whitefish, Mont., ski resort. All-expense week-end tours from Chicago will be inaugurated Jan. 22 and will continue bi-weekly until March 19. Rates for the week-ends begin at \$42.30. A three day Washington's birthday week-end trip will begin at a rate of \$54.05.

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