

Winter Carnival Is On --- Northlands Call Skiers, Tobogganers

Snow Sports Send Many To Resorts

THERE are two diverse groups of winter vacationers who make regular pilgrimages each year. One is the group which heads southward to warmer climes while the other is comprised of the winter sports enthusiasts who travel north for the promise of more snow and a longer winter.

The ever-growing numbers of winter sports enthusiasts are becoming an important force in the vacation picture of the United States. Many resorts in the north country, which formerly closed when winter's onslaught began, are remaining open this winter for the first time. They expect to accommodate overflow crowds of winter sports fans.

Many northern resorts are rapidly developing their potential winter attractions by building toboggan slides, ski runs and skating ponds. Some fishing and hunting lodges are expanding their operations to include ice fishing and hunting game in season during the winter months.

The most avid of the winter sports fans are the skiers who sometimes travel thousands of miles to glide through the powdery snows of Sun Valley, Lake Placid or Quebec's Laurentian Mountains. These places are all excellent winter sports areas, but midwestern skiers are extremely fortunate since they are located close to several fine winter sports areas. The one disadvantage of these nearby areas is that many of them have a short season, since they usually don't have enough snow until mid-winter.

Two skiing spots are located in Illinois and Indiana. Indiana's Pokagon State Park, near Angola, offers skiing, tobogganing, sleighing and ice skating for winter sports enthusiasts.

In Illinois there are runs equipped with three tow lines near Cary. Here, at the Fox Valley Ski Hills, the annual Norge Ski Jumping tournament was held last week. This annual event attracts the world's best skiers and ski jumpers each year.

Neighboring states of Wisconsin and Michigan offer many excellent winter sports areas. In southern

Michigan excellent skiing and tobogganing are offered at Echo Valley near Kalamazoo, Bertha Brock Park near Ionia, and Newaygo County Park near Newaygo. Skiing is offered at the Temple Hill Ski Club at Pontiac, the Lansing Skie Club at Lansing, Muskegon State Park near Muskegon, and Schussaway at Lowell.

Farther up north in Michigan's lower peninsula, winter sports areas offering fine skiing and tobogganing are the Snow Valley Ski Club near Otsego Lake, Elberta Mountain near Elberta, Grayling Park near Grayling and Silver Valley near East Tawas. Some of the state's finest skiing runs are Sheridan Valley near Lewiston, Al & Stevie's near Otsego Lake, Au Sable near Osconda, and Missaukee and Skyline Parks near Roscommon.

Equally fine skiing is available at Ogemaw Hills and Kenyons near West Branch, Caberfae near Cadillac, Briar Hills near Mesick, Udell Hills near Manistee, Wilson

State Park near Harrison and Snowsnake Mountain near Clare.

In the northern portion of the state you'll be assured of a long season at Sugar Loaf near Glen Arbor, Hickory Hills and Holiday Hills near Traverse City, Mt. Mancelona at Mancelona and Sylvan Knob and Otsego near Gaylord. There is also fine skiing at Avalanche near Boyne City, Boyne Mountain Lodge near Boyne falls, Petoskey Park at Petoskey and Griswold Mountain near Indian River.

On Michigan's northern peninsula you'll find excellent skiing facilities at Gladstone Park near Gladstone, Crystalla Hill near Crystal Falls, Mount Mesnard near Marquette, Mount Kimberley near Marenisco, Porcupine Mountain near Silver City and the Ripley Hills area near Hancock. Both skiing and tobogganing are offered at Mount Zion near Ironwood, Pine Mountain near Iron Mountain and Ishpeming Winter Sports Area near Ishpeming.

Wisconsin Areas

In Wisconsin, the closest skiing areas are New Munster near Richmond, Wilmot at Wilmot and the combination ski-toboggan areas at Holiday Hill near Lake Geneva,

Bay View near Williams bay, Lake Lawn at Delevan and Hog's Back Hill near Reedsburg. Other popular southern Wisconsin skiing areas are: Fox Hill at West Bend, Windy City near Baraboo, Snow Bowl at LaCrosse, Bruce Mound near Alma Center, Calumet Park near Appleton, Fox Valley at Peshigo and Rib Mountain near Wausau.

Farther north in Wisconsin you'll find excellent ski runs at Deep Wood near Colfax, Tollhaugen at Croix Falls, Hard Scrabble Hill near Rice Lake, Mount Telemark and Lockhaven near Spooner, Deer Trail at Rhinelander and Shelterer Valley near Three Lakes. The two northern sports areas in the state affording both tobogganing and skiing are Potawatomi near Sturgeon Bay and King's Gateway Hill near Three Lakes.

If you're one of the vast army of midwestern winter sports enthusiasts who will head for these winter sports areas you should make travel arrangements and reservations as far in advance as possible.

The Chicago Motor Club warns winter sports fans to make last minute checks of road conditions and weather before leaving on winter skiing trips.