Free Skiing Attraction at Barberry

It's the newest thing in skiing-no charge.

Patrons of Louis Cernocky's Grove Marina restaurant and lounge, overlooking the picturesque valley of the Fox river, may use the rope tows and hills as part of their day's entertainment as nonpaying guests on the slopes.

The general area is called Fox River picnic grove. The spot for active skiers is named Barberry Hills. It's adjacent, but in no way connected with, the famed Norge ski hill, where national ski jumping contests are held annually.

Can Dance, Too

Cernocky said that patrons will find excellent food and beverages in the Marina and may dance to the music of the Ambassadors every Friday and Saturday night. This orchestra has been engaged from tonight thru New Year's cve. The supposition is that the guests will have energy enough to dance after a day on the slopes.

The ski area now is being whipped into shape. The poles for the rope tows are up and Cernocky said that two will be ready within two weeks, serving several slopes.

He stated that the operation has been moving against deadlines which did not allow time for snow-making machinery to be installed this season. But he's been reading the long range weather reports and hopes that natural snow will blow in sometime this month or at least before Christmas. When the snow comes, the slopes are open to all his guests, Cernocky says.

Named After Leaf

The route to Barberry Hills from Chicago's Loop is the Kennedy expressway to Barrington road, then to Route 14.

Cernocky extended an invitation to Chicago area skiers to come out before snow flies and look over the set-up. He said that the resort is named after the barberry leaf, similar of the aspen leaf. It is not to be confused with the Barbary coast.