

Long Mountain ski resort is not far off

Long Mountain, central Indiana's newest alpine ski resort, is located in the scenic hills and countryside of Brown County. Known for its colorful autumn leaves, Brown County also has picturesque winter scenes.

Long Mountain is covered with sycamore and pine trees, overlooking the snow-covered hills and valleys. Two challenging ski trails, Longway (a 1,050-foot run) and Longwood (1,000 feet) extend down the sides of Long Mountain in such a way as to give skiers a view of the surrounding scenery. For those less experienced, there are two beginner trails, both on a smaller hill, the 400-foot Pokalong and the 100-foot Ski School trail.

"Our resort offers the unique beauty of Brown County and the chance to ski challenging trails, without the expense of a cross-country trip to Colorado or Utah," commented owner Ronald D. Long.

Located just one mile southwest of Nashville on Highway 46, the 150-foot vertical "mountain" is set on a 155-acre tract of wooded land, well known to residents as the historic Berry Farm. The farm's huge stone barn has been especially remodeled for use as part of the ski resort's facilities; yet it retains the original flavor of its setting. The area was also designed to complement the beautiful 13-acre lake that was part of the original farm property.

All of the buildings at Long Mountain were designed by Connie Long, wife and partner with Ron. They include the restored barn/ski rental shop with equipment to outfit more than 1,000 skiers daily; the pro shop with gifts and souvenir items; and the Long Branch restaurant and lounge.

Architects for the buildings are Freeze and Alpanalp of Franklin, and Harden and Associates of Bean Blossom.