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Area Ski Resorts Big Attractions

Villa Vista Facility Popular

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One man's pain is another man's pleasure. Highway crews have been working overtime to clear the abundant snow. Skiers, skaters and snowcaters have been whooping it up at winter fun spots around Grand Forks.

Though skiers look far and wide for slopes in this area, there are at least three ski resorts where hundreds of people are having fun.

The slopes aren't quite like the ones in the Swiss Alps, Vale, Colorado, they are not. But they are within driving distance. They offer a pleasant winter outing.

Ski resorts closest to Grand Forks include:

Villa Vista Ski Resort at Turtle River State Park near Arvilla. Here 300 skiers were in-joying four ski runs and the toboggans were swishing down the trails last Sunday.

David O. Disrud's farm resort near Rolla continues to attract skiers on weekends and Tuesday and Friday evenings.

Near Edinburg, Jim Langerud has recently opened a ski resort which is attracting winter sports lovers from Park River, Hoople, Edinburg, Grafton, Drayton and Cavalier.

Further away, Sugar Hills at Grand Rapids, Minn., draws skiers from all over this area. It's a popular spot for groups like the University of North Dakota ski club.

Then there's always those slopes in the farm yard or city

parks where the beginner can get the feel of the sport.

RALPH LOYD, MANAGER at Villa Vista, reports the ample snow this season has created excellent conditions at the Turtle River State Park area.

The longest of Villa Vista's four ski runs is 900 feet. There are four electric rope tows.

Skiers from Grand Forks Air Force Base and surrounding towns swoop in on the area from 10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays and 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. week nights. For skiing, adults pay \$2 on weekends, high schoolers \$1.50 and children \$1. It's a fourth less on week nights. The Villa has all types of equipment for rent.

Besides skiing, people come to Villa Vista to skate on the ice rink and to use the toboggan trails. The chalet has a dining room and snack bar. There are fireplaces and music to help create a cozy atmosphere.

At least 50 snowmobiles were brought into Turtle River State Park last Sunday. There is no charge for use of trails in the park, and there is an unloading ramp available.

The resort has a snow train

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The Langerud Family above Look Over Ski Layout

for those who want a winter ride through the Park. It's a large snowmobile which pulls a 12-place heated toboggan.

Villa Vista, which is 20 miles west of Grand Forks off U.S. Highway 2, is closed on Mondays.

DAVID O. DISRUD farm near Rolla is the place to go for many a skier near there.

Disrud opened his resort as a sight to farming a couple of years ago. It's on a 1,200 foot slope that was once covered with timber and grazing sheep.

The resort has a beginners' slope, three rope tows and lighting for night skiing. The entire ski area is made up of the main slope and two ski trails that zigzag through flanking

woods. The highest hill has a drop of about 130 feet.

Regular hours are maintained from 1 to 5 p.m. on weekends and 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays. The Disruds also make special arrangements for parties.

ANOTHER FARMER who has gone into the ski resort business as a sideline is Jim Langerud near Edinburg.

Langerud, whose main livelihood is from construction work, bought his 160-acre farm four years ago from Tilbert Peterson. The place is located along the middle branch of the Park River. Its slopes and wooded area was attracting people

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Jim Langerud at Ski Tow



GRAND FORKS SPORTS enthusiasts from left: Laurie McEnroe, Tom and Jim McEnroe, Marilee McEnroe and Kathy Hsiey