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# Omens Forecast Heavy Snowfall Skiers Preparing For Winter

If all goes well with the forecast of a Cornwall area farmer which calls for snow "several horses high" everywhere this winter, Ontario can well expect its niftiest ski season ever.

The canny seer bases his prophecies on the thickness of his corn-stalks and—chuckle if you wish—his snow-crystal-gazing is usually on the ball.

Lending conviction to his prediction is the fact that there has been skiing at the Canadian Lakehead for several weeks, actually since mid-October.

But closer afield are the 72 resorts situated within 150 miles of Toronto, with about 12 of these offering resort accommodation. The rest are within a short distance of comfortable motels.

Advance reports on activities at

the ski areas across Ontario indicate this province's 1967 season will offer slopes with the most, topping all previous marks.

New installations completed this year include one double chairlift, 27 rope tows, seven chalets, five new ski areas and four areas adding night skiing.

Ontario now has 115 active skiing areas plus some 15 private ski clubs with their own facilities. A total of 17 chairlifts, 68 T-bars, 22 Poma lifts, 3 J-bars and 26 areas with snow-making equipment are available this winter.

Nearly all the developments have club chalets with coffee bars and many provide such other facilities as accommodation, ski rentals, professional instruction, tobogganing, sleigh rides, skating, dancing and apres-ski entertainment.

Listed here are some of Ontario's most popular ski areas within easy driving range of Toronto, all catering to those wishing to take advantage of the thrills of the hills:

**NORTH CENTRAL ONTARIO**  
Huntsville's Hidden Valley has

enlarged its chalet fourfold, giving it an entertainment capacity of 2,000 persons. All slopes have snowmaking equipment and two double chairlifts, T-bar and rope tow in service. Apres-ski dancing on weekends is featured.

T-Bars will be operating daily at Rainbow Ridge, Muskoka Sands, Limberlost Lodge and Sir Sam's Inn in Haliburton, plus daily Poma lift service at Britannia Hotel Tally-Ho Winter Park and Hotel Bernard.

## CENTRAL ONTARIO

A new ski area, the Loretto Ski Resort, has opened near Alliston, equipped with T-bar, club chalet and skating rink.

Snowmaking equipment has been installed at Snow Valley Resorts near Barrie, also at Mansfield Skiways, Collingwood's Blue Mountain Winter Park, Georgian Peaks Resort, Owen Sound's Bay Motor Inn Village and Orangeville's Hockley Valley.

Chairlifts will be operating at Blue Mountain, Talisman, Bay Motor Inn and Georgian Peaks, with T-bars at Mansfield Skiways, Mount St. Louis, Snow Valley, Horseshoe Valley, Alpine Ski Club, Blue Mountain, Craigeleith, Beaver Valley, Talisman, Old Smoky, Cedar Springs, Twin Hearths, Valley Schuss, Bay Motor Inn and Georgian Peaks.

A little farther afield to the southeast, Camp Fortune Ski Area north of Ottawa will open the season with a double chairlift, two T-bars, two Pomas, a J-bar and snowmaking equipment.

A T-bar and snowmaking equipment is also at the ready at Ottawa's Carling Park Ski Area and Napanee's Nacona Skill Hill.

Southwesterly, at the U.S.-Ontario border, a newcomer this year also is the Fonthill Ski Centre near Welland, with three rope tows and a chalet.

Hide-A-Way in Shakespeare country has increased the number

of rope tows to four. Snow-making equipment will be in operation again at Grand Bend's Pinery Provincial Park, Kitchener's Chicopee Ski Club, London's Ski Club and Thamesford's Skee-Hi. Woodstock Ski Club has added equipment rentals. The new Corwhin Ski Slopes is under development eight miles southeast of Guelph.

## TORONTO AREA

The new Palisades Country Club will open five miles east of Uxbridge with a rope tow, club chalet, dining room and facilities for tobogganing and skating.

Nine ski areas have snowmaking equipment ready, including Cedar Springs at Burlington, Chedoke Winter Park at Hamilton, Honey Pot Ski Valley at Maple, Glen Eden Ski Club at Milton, Oshawa Ski Club, Bethany Ski Club and, in Metro area, at Don Valley, Forest Valley and Rouge Valley.

T-Bars will be in use at Bethany, Cedar Springs, Chedoke, Honey Pot, Oshawa, Rouge Valley, Devil's Elbow and Poma lifts at Honey Pot and Don Valley.

## NORTHERN ONTARIO

T-bars are operating at Sault Ste. Marie's Buttermilk Hill and Searchmont Valley; also at Sudbury's Nordic Hills, Timmins Kamiskotia Mountain, Virginia-town's Raven Mountain and the Kirkland Lake, North Bay and Onaping Ski Clubs.

Haileybury's St. Bernard Ski Village, the Sault Ski Club and Searchmont Valley have Poma lifts.

An additional rope tow has been installed at the Elliot Lake and Espanola Ski Clubs. A new ski club with two rope tows and chalet has opened at Azilda near Sudbury, and at Wawa the new Mount Wawa Ski Resort has installed a double chairlift and chalet.

For further information on winter holidays in Ontario or detailed lists of accommodation and ski facilities, write the Department of Tourism and Information, 185 Bloor St. E., Toronto 5, Ont.

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