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# A guide to Alpine skiing

For some people, winter is a dreaded season, but for skiers it becomes a paradise.

Whether you plan to travel 10 miles or 200 miles from home, Ontario has a ski area to suit the novice, intermediate or advanced skier.

Ontario offers more than 400 different Alpine ski resorts. Many of these ski areas provide relaxing apres-ski facilities; some have convenient babysitting services and most provide ski instruction. Commercial slopes are patrolled by the Canadian Ski Patrol.

Following is a list of ski areas, including location, lift types, vertical drop and facilities, to help you decide. Explanation of codes: J-J Bar; T-T Bar; C-Chair; DC-Doublechair; TC-Tripchair; P-Poma; R-Rope; CA-Cable.

**Aberfoyle Country Club:** 2 Mi. (3 km) on Wellington Rd. 34, Hwy. access: No. 8, Tel: (519) 823-0764, Vertical drop 180', Maximum length, 2,500', Lifts: IT-IR, Open: Daily, Nightly - Tues. to Sun., Snowmaking, pro, rentals, X-ctry, snack bar.

**Horseshoe Valley Resort:** 15 Mi. (24 km) NE on Cty. Rd. 22, Hwy. access: No. 400, Tel: (416) 364-6509, Vertical drop 375', Maximum length 3,200', Lifts: ITC 2 DC-ST-IR, Open: Days - Daily Snowmaking, pro, rentals, X-ctry trails, accommodation, dining room, package plans, daily transportation from Toronto and Barrie.

**Medonte Mountains:** 15 Mi. (24 km) on Cty. Rd. 22, Hwy. access: 400, Tel: (705) 835-3001, Vertical drop 400', Maximum length 4,000', Lifts: 4T-1-IR, Open: Days - Tues. to Sun., Snowmaking, pro, rentals, snack bar, package plans.

**Mosness Ski Resort:** 18 Mi. (30 km) NE on Hwy. 400, Hwy. access: 400, Tel: (705) 835-2018, Vertical drop 425', Maximum length 3,200', Lifts: 2 DC-1T-2P-IR, Open: Days - Tues. to Sun., Snowmaking, pro, rentals, X-ctry trails, snack bar, package plans, daily transportation from Toronto.

**Mount St. Louis:** 18 Mi. (30 km) NE on Hwy. 400, Hwy. access: 400, Tel: (416) 368-6578, Vertical drop 380', Maximum length 4,000', Lifts: ITC-1DC-ST-1P-IR, Open: Days - Daily, Snowmaking, pro, rentals, X-ctry trails, snack bar, package plans, daily transportation from Toronto.

**Pine Ridge Ski Club:** 15 Mi. (24 km) NE on Cty. Rd. 22, Hwy. access: 400, Tel: (705) 835-2014, Vertical drop 265', Maximum length 3,200', Lifts: 1DC-1T, Open: Days - Weekends, Pro, snack bar.

**Snow Valley Ski Resort:** 5 Mi. (8 km) NW on Snow Valley Rd. Hwy. access: No. 27, Tel: (416) 728-9541, Vertical drop 350', Maximum length 3,200', Lifts: 1DC-ST-1R, Open: Days - Wed. to Sun., Nights - Wed. to Fri., Snowmaking, pro, rentals, X-ctry trails, snack bar, package plans, daily transportation from Toronto.

**BETHANY**  
**Bethany Ski Club:** 2 Mi. (3 km) N. Hwy. access: No. 7A, Tel: (705) 277-2311, Vertical drop 350', Maximum length 3,000', Lifts: 2T-3P, Open: Days - Wed. to Fri. to Sun., Nights - Fri. to Sun., Snowmaking, pro, rentals, X-ctry trails, snack bar, package plans, daily transportation from Peterborough.

**Devils Elbow Ski Area:** 3 Mi. (5 km) N. Hwy. access: No. 7A, Tel: (705) 277-2012, Vertical drop 350', Maximum length 3,000', Lifts: 2 DC-4T-2R, Open: Days - Daily, Snowmaking, pro, rentals, X-ctry trails, snack bar, package plans.

**BOLTON**  
**Albion Hills Conservation Area:** 4 Mi. (6 km) N. on Hwy. 50, Hwy. access: No. 50, Tel: (416) 861-6500, Vertical drop 125', Maximum length 600', Lifts: 2R, Open: Days - Weekends, Pro, rentals, X-ctry trails, snack bar.

**Edelweiss Sports Centre:** W. on Cty. Rd. 9, Hwy. access: No. 50, Tel: (416) 857-3120, Vertical drop 150', Maximum length 2,000', Lifts: 3T-3CA, Open: Days - Wed., Weekends, Snowmaking, pro, rentals, snack bar.

**BRACEBRIDGE**  
**Rainbow Ridge Ski Resort:** 1 Mi. (2 km) W. Hwy. access: No. 118, Tel: (705) 665-5321, Vertical drop 180', Maximum length 2,000', Lifts: IT-IR, Open: Days - Fri. to Sun., Nights - Wed., Fri., Snowmaking, pro, rentals, X-ctry trails, accommodation, snack bar, entertainment, package plans.

**BRAMPTON**  
**Chingacoma Park Ski Hills:** 1 Mi. (2 km) N. on Bramalea Rd., Hwy. access: No. 7, Tel: (416) 452-2422, Vertical drop 160', Maximum length 600', Lifts: 1P-1R, Open: Days - Daily, Nights - Nightly, Snowmaking, pro, rentals, snack bar.



5302, Vertical drop 360', Maximum length 2,640', Lifts: 5T-1R, Open: Days - Daily, Snowmaking, pro, rentals, snack bar.

**MILTON**  
**Glen Eden Ski Area:** 6 Mi. (10 km) SW Hwy. access: No. 401, Tel: (416) 878-5333, Vertical drop 250', Maximum length 1,600', Lifts: 2T-SR-1CA, Open: Days - Tues. to Sun., Nights - Tues. to Fri., Snowmaking, pro, rentals, snack bar.

**ORANGEVILLE**  
**Aspen Ski Area:** Hockley Valley Rd. Hwy. access: No. 10, Tel: (519) 941-5189, Vertical drop 200', Maximum length 3,500', Lifts: 1T-1R-1CA, Open: Days - Weekends, Snowmaking, pro, rentals, snack bar.

**Cedar Highlands Ski Club:** 6 Mi. (10 km) E. on Hockley Valley Rd., Hwy. access: No. 10, Tel: (519) 941-4000, Vertical drop 340', Maximum length 2,400', Lifts: 2T-1R, Open: Days - Daily, Nights - Tues. to Sun., Snowmaking, pro, rentals, X-ctry trails, heated outdoor pool, accommodation, dining room, liquor, entertainment.

**Valley Schuss Ski Resort:** 5 Mi. (8 km) E. on Hockley Valley Rd., Hwy. access: No. 10, Tel: (519) 941-3467, Vertical drop 260', Maximum length 3,000', Lifts: 2T-1CA, Open: Days - Fri. to Sun., Snowmaking, pro, snack bar.

**RICHMOND HILL**  
**Honey Pot Ski Resort:** 2 Mi. (3 km) N. on Dufferin St., Hwy. access: No. 11, Tel: (416) 889-0868, Vertical drop 120', Maximum length 1,200', Lifts: IT-1P-1R, Open: Days - Tues. to Sun., Nights - Tues. to Sun., Snowmaking, pro, rentals, snack bar, liquor, entertainment.

**Toronto Summit Ski Club:** 3 Mi. (5 km) N. on Hwy. 11, Hwy. access: No. 11, Tel: (416) 368-1331, Vertical drop 80', Maximum length 300', Lifts: SR, Open: Days - Weekends, Pro, X-ctry trails, snack bar.

**Caswell's Resort & Motor Inn:** on Hwy. 11, Hwy. access: No. 11, Tel: (705) 364-5771, Vertical drop 125', Maximum length 1,800', Lifts: IT-1P-1R, Open: Days - Daily, Snowmaking, pro, rentals, accommodation, dining room, liquor, entertainment, package plans, daily transportation from Toronto.

**SKEE-HILL**  
**Skee-Hill:** 7 Mi. (11 km) NW on Skee-Hill Rd., Hwy. access: No. 2, Tel: (519) 461-1720, Vertical drop 150', Maximum length 1,600', Lifts: 2T-4R, Open: Days - Daily, Snowmaking, pro, rentals, snack bar.

**THORNHILL**  
**Uplands Ski Hill:** 1 Mi. (2 km) W. on Uplands Ave., Hwy. access: No. 11, Tel: (416) 889-2791, Vertical drop 110', Maximum length 1,300', Lifts: 2T-1R, Open: Days - Daily, Nights - Mon. to Fri., Snowmaking, pro, rentals, snack bar, liquor, entertainment.

**CAPEL VALLEY SKIWAYS:** on Twyn River Dr., Hwy. access: No. 48, Tel: (416) 294-0908, Vertical drop 130', Maximum length 800', Lifts: 1T-5R, Open: Days - Daily, Snowmaking, pro, rentals, snack bar.

**CENTENNIAL PARK SKI HILL:** on Renforth Dr., Hwy. access: No. 47, Tel: (416) 621-3702, Vertical drop 130', Maximum length 700', Lifts: 2T, Open: Days - Tues. to Sun., Nights - Tues. to Sun., Snowmaking, pro, snack bar.

**NORTH YORK SKI CENTRE:** 4169 Bathurst St., Tel: (416) 638-5315, Vertical drop 130', Maximum length 800', Lifts: 2T-1P, Open: Days - Tues. to Sun., Nights - Tues. to Fri., Pro, rentals, snowmaking, snack bar.

**HAPPY VALLEY:** on Yonge St. Hwy. access: No. 4, Tel: (519) 881-1590, Vertical drop 185', Maximum length 1,500', Lifts: 1T-2R, Open: Days - Weekends, Nights - Wed. to Sun., Snowmaking, pro, rentals, snack bar.

**BOYD CONSERVATION AREA:** 3 Mi. (5 km) N. on Islington Ave., Hwy. access: No. 7, Tel: (416) 651-6000, Vertical drop 70', Maximum length 1,000', Lifts: 1R, Open: Days - Daily, Snack bar.

**WOODSTOCK**  
**Woodstock Ski Club:** 8 Mi. (13 km) NW Hwy. access: No. 59, Tel: (519) 462-2625, Vertical drop 150', Maximum length 975', Lifts: 1T-2R, Open: Days - Wed., Weekends, Nights - Wed., Fri. to Mon., Snowmaking, pro, rentals, X-ctry trails, snack bar.

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**CALEDON**  
**Caledon Ski Club:** 4 Mi. (6 km) W. on Cty. Rd. 11, Hwy. access: No. 10, Tel: (416) 927-5221, Vertical drop 260', Maximum length 1,400', Lifts: 4 T-3R, Open: Days - Wed., Weekends, Snowmaking, pro, rentals, snack bar.

**CLAREMONT**  
**Dagmar Resort:** 6 Mi. (10 km) NE on Durham Rd. 23, Hwy. access: No. 12, Tel: (416) 646-3651, Vertical drop 200', Maximum length 3,000', Lifts: 4T-4R, Open: Days - Tues. to Sun., Nights - Wed. to Fri., Snowmaking, pro, rentals, snack bar, package plans.

**COBourg**  
**Northumberland Forest Ski Club:** 9 Mi. (14 km) N., Hwy. access: No. 45, Tel: (416) 349-2178, Vertical drop 200', Maximum length 1,600', Lifts: 3R, Open: Days - Wed., Weekends, Nightly - Wed., Pro, X-ctry, trails, snack bar.

**COLLINGWOOD**  
**Blue Mountains:** 6 Mi. (10 km) W. Hwy. access: No. 26, Tel: (705) 485-0221, Vertical drop 700', Maximum length 5,500', Lifts: 2TC-2DC-ST-3P-4R, Open: Days - Daily, Snowmaking, pro, rentals, X-ctry trails, ski jump, indoor pool, dining room, liquor, entertainment, package plans.

**Georgian Peaks Resort:** 4 Mi. E. on Hwy. 28, Hwy. access: No. 26, Tel: (705) 599-3727, Vertical drop 830', Maximum length 7,500', Lifts: ITC-2DC-1T-3-1R, Open: Days - Daily, Snowmaking, pro, rentals, X-ctry trails, dining room, liquor, entertainment, package plans.

**FONVILLE**  
**Fonthill Ski Centre:** 1 Mi. (2 km) N. on Lookout Point Rd., Hwy. access: No. 20, (426) 534-2652, Vertical drop 125', Maximum length 800', Lifts: 1P-3R, Open: Days - Weekends, Nights - Wed., Thurs., Pro, rentals, snack bar.

**Muskoka Sands Inn:** 3 Mi. (5 km) N. on Muskoka Beach Rd. Hwy. access: No. 11B, Tel: (705) 687-2223, Vertical drop 100', Maximum length 1,000', Lifts: 1T, Open: Days - Daily, Snowmaking, pro, rentals, X-ctry trails, indoor pool, accommodation, dining room, liquor, entertainment, package plans.

**HALLIBURTON**  
**Sir Sam's Inn:** 10 Mi. (16 km) N.

Hwy. access: No. 519, Tel: (705) 754-2128, Vertical drop 325', Maximum length 4,000', Lifts: 1DC-1T-1R, Open: Days - Daily, Pro, rentals, X-ctry trails, accommodation, dining room, liquor, entertainment, package plans.

**HAMILTON**  
**Chedoke Winter Sports Pk:** on Aberdeen Avenue Hwy. access: No. 463, Tel: (416) 528-1613, Vertical drop 340', Maximum length 1,800', Lifts: 1DC-ST, Open: Days - Daily, Nights - Mon. to Fri., Snowmaking, pro, rentals, snack bar.

**King's Forest Winter Park:** on Cochrane Rd., Hwy. access: No. 8, Tel: (416) 547-4942, Vertical drop 240', Maximum length 2,800', Lifts: 2DC, Open: Days - Wed. - Fri. to Mon., Nights - Mon., Wed., Fri., Snowmaking, pro, rentals, dining room, liquor.

**HUNTSVILLE**  
**Britannia Hotel:** 16 Mi. (26 km) E. on Muskoka Rd. 9, Hwy. access: No. 60, Tel: (705) 635-2221, Vertical drop 175', Maximum length 1,000', Lifts: 1P-1R, Open: Days - Daily, Pro, rentals, X-ctry trails, accommodation, dining room, liquor, entertainment.

**Carleton Place Centre:** 3 Mi. (5 km) S. Hwy. access: No. 11, Tel: (705) 788-9988, Vertical drop 200', Maximum length 3,500', Lifts: 1T-1R, Open: Days - Wed. to Mon., Pro, rentals, X-ctry trails, snack bar.

**Hidden Valley Highlands Ski Club:** 5 Mi. (8 km) E. on Hidden Valley Rd., Hwy. access: No. 60, Tel: (705) 788-5942, Vertical drop 330', Maximum length 2,400', Lifts: 2DC-1T-1R, Open: Days - Daily, Snowmaking, pro, rentals, X-ctry trails, heated outdoor pool, accommodation, dining room, liquor, entertainment, package plans.

**Tail-Ho Winter Park:** 7 Mi. (11 km) E. Hwy. access: No. 60, Tel: (705) 635-2281, Vertical drop 110', Maximum length 1,800', Lifts: 2P-1R, Open: Days - Daily, Pro, rentals, X-ctry trails, accommodation, dining room, package plans.

**KIMBERLEY**  
**Beaver Valley Ski Club:** 2 Mi. (3 km) S. Hwy. access: No. 10, Tel: (416) 233-5718, Vertical drop 500', Maximum length 4,250', Lifts: 2DC-2T-1-1R, Open: Days - Wed., Weekends, Nights - Sat., Snowmaking, pro, rentals, snack bar.

**Old Smokey Ski Resort:** 2 Mi. (3 km) N. Hwy. access: No. 10, Tel: (519) 589-5453, Vertical drop 600', Maximum length 4,000', Lifts: 2T-1P-2R, Open: Days - Weekends, Pro, rentals, snack bar.

**Talisman Resort:** 1 Mi. (2 km) N. Hwy. access: No. 10, Tel: (519) 599-2520, Vertical drop 600', Maximum length 4,000', Lifts: 2DC-1T-1R, Open: Days - Daily, Nights - Sat., Snowmaking, pro, rentals, X-ctry trails, heated outdoor pool, accommodation, dining room, liquor, entertainment, package plans.

**KING CITY**  
**Ski King:** S. on Jane St., Hwy. access: No. 400, Tel: (426) 889-4852, Vertical drop 130', Maximum length 700', Lifts: 2T-2P-2R, Open: Days - Daily, Nights - Nightly, Snowmaking, pro, rentals, X-ctry trails, snack bar, liquor, entertainment, package plans, daily transportation from Toronto.

**KIRBY**  
**Oshawa Kirby Ski Club:** 2 Mi. (3 km) E. on Cty. Rd. 9, Hwy. access: No. 35, Tel: (416) 983-5772, Vertical drop 200', Maximum length 2,500', Lifts: 3T-6R, Open: Days - Wed., Thurs., Weekends, Nights - Wed., Thurs., Snowmaking, pro, rentals, X-ctry trails, snack bar.

**KITCHENER**  
**Chelsope Ski Club:** on Morrison Rd., Hwy. access: No. 401, Tel: (519) 744-9462, Vertical drop 185', Maximum length 2,000', Lifts: ITC-1DC-4T-1CA, Open: Days - Daily, Nights - Nightly, Snowmaking, pro, rentals, snack bar, liquor.

**LONDON**  
**London Ski Club:** on Griffith St., Hwy. access: No. 401, Tel: (519) 472-1746, Vertical drop 110', Maximum length 800', Lifts: 2T-1R, Open: Days - Wed., Thurs., Weekends, Nights - Mon. to Fri., Snowmaking, pro, rental, snack bar.

**LORETTO**  
**Loretto Ski Resort:** 5 Mi. (8 km) NW on Cty. Rd. 12, Hwy. access: No. 9, Tel: (416) 729-2295, Vertical drop 185', Maximum length 1,600', Lifts: 2T-1R, Open: Days - Weekends, Tues., Wed., Snowmaking, pro, rentals, X-ctry trails, snack bar.

**MANFIELD**  
**Manfield Skiways:** 2 Mi. (3 km) N. Hwy. access: No. 89, Tel: (705) 435-