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Ontario's ski spots bonanza for skiers

Hills and trails to suit everyone

Continued from Thursday's Star

Kimberley

Beaver Valley

About 85 miles northwest of Metro. Go north on Hwy 10 past Flesherton. Resort is located about two miles north on Kimberley. Toronto toll free number 233-5710 and ski conditions at 231-2921. Resort regular number is 519-986-2520.

Hours of Operation — Fri-Sun, from 9 a.m. until 4.30 p.m. The resort will also be open daily during the Christmas and March Break holidays.

Rates — Adults ski full day for $16 and half day for $13. J-Bar rate is $11 for full day and $9 for half day. No junior rate available.

Hill — vertical drop of 500 feet with longest run being about a 4,800 feet in length. Two chair lifts, two T-bars, one J-bar.

Facilities — snack bars, nursery, pro shop, ski school.

Special Packages — Friday family rate (maximum of five people) ski all day for $40.

Rentals — complete set of boots, poles and skis go for $13 for full day and $9 for half day. Children rates are $9 and $7 respectively.

Lessons — Private lessons costs $20 per hour. Group lessons cost $6 per hour. Rent instructor for day for $60.

Bud's Place

Take Hwy 10 north to Flesherton, then east on Hwy 4 for two miles, then north on County Rd 13 for five miles and resort is in the centre of town. Phone number is 1-519-599-5096.

Hours of Operation — Seven days a week from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Rates — Adults ski for full day for $4 and half day for $3. Juniors 12 and under ski for $2. Complete rental package of skis, boots and poles costs $8 for full day and $6 for half day. Family rate is $10 per day. Group rate for 25 or more skiers is $3 per day.

Trails — 15 miles of trails.

Facilities — restaurant with a wine and beer licence.

Lessons — Group lessons cost $6 per hour and $15 for private lesson per hour.

Bethany

Devil's Elbow.

Resort is located about 57 miles from the Rouge River bridge at Hwy 401 and Kingston Rd. in Scarborough. Take Hwy 401 east. Then Hwy 35 north. Then east along Hwy 7A and the resort is located about three miles north of the Village of Bethany. Telephone 705-277-2012.

Hours of Operation — During Christmas holidays the resort will be open seven days a week from 9 a.m. until 4.30 p.m. Other times the resort opens from 10 a.m. until 4.30 p.m.

Rates — On holidays and weekends, adults ski for $12 a day and children 12 and under ski for $9. On weekdays, adults ski for $9 and children $6. Cross country skiing charges are $3 for adults per day and $2 for children.

Hill — Vertical drop of 350 feet and longest run is 3,000 feet in length. Three double chairs and three T-bars. Nine slopes, two beginners, four intermediate, three advanced.

Trails — Two trails, 13 kilometres.

Special Packages — School and other bus groups ski for 50¢ off weekday price and on the weekends, their tickets are reduced by $1.

Facilities — Cafeteria.

Rentals — Adults can rent complete ski package of boots, poles and skis for $10 per day. There's also a children rate. A cross country ski package can be rented for $8.50 per day.

Lessons — Group lessons cost $7.50 per hour and private lessons cost $25 per hour or $15 for half an hour.

Kawartha Peaks (formerly Bethany Ski Club)

Take Hwy 401 east to Hwy 35, then north to Hwy 7A. Turn east on Hwy 7A to Village of Bethany, then left at TD bank and resort is three kilometres along road. Phone number is 1-705-277-2555.

Hours of Operation — Open Tuesday through Friday 9.30 a.m. until 4.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Weekends and holidays 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Rates — No charge for trails, but complete rental package is available for $9 for full day and $6 after 1 p.m. plus insurance. Lift rates — Weekends and holidays full day $12, half day $8. Juniors ski for $10 full day on weekends and holidays and $6 half day. Week days, adults ski for $10 full day and $7 half day. Week day junior is $8 full day and $5 half day. Half day is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 1 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. or 6.30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Trails — 21 kilometres of trails.

Lessons — one-hour group lesson for adults costs $5. Private lessons run $15 per hour. As well there are various programs available.

Facilities — restaurant with licence.

Haliburton

Sir Sam's Inn

10 miles north of Haliburton via Hwy 519. Phone — 705-754-2298.

Hours of Operation — Closed Mondays. Open weekends from 9.30 a.m. until 4.30 p.m. and weekdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Rates — Adults ski on weekends for $12 and half a day for $10 with juniors under 16 skiing on weekends for $10. Weekday full day rate for adults is $10 and $8 for half a day. Junior weekday rate is $8.

Hill — Vertical drop of 300 feet with longest run being 4,000 feet in length. One double chair lift, one T-bar and one rope tow, two slopes.

Facilities — The resort has a licensed restaurant.

Rentals — Complete ski package including boots, poles and skis cost $8 per day.

Lessons — Private lessons cost $12 per hour. Semi-private lessons cost $6 per hour. Group lessons cost $4 per hour.

Huntsville

Hidden Valley

Take Hwy 11 to Hwy 60. The resort is located about five miles east. The resort has a direct snow condition line toll free from Toronto at 364-2011. The resort's own phone number is 705-789-5942. Ski chalet number is 705-789-2301.

Hours of Operation — Weekends and holidays, including Christmas holidays the resort is open from 9 a.m. until 4.30 p.m. Weekdays from 9.30 a.m. until 4.30 p.m.

Rates — Adults ski weekends and holidays for $14 per day. Children 11 and under ski for $8.50. Adults ski weekdays for $11 and children for $6. Cross country skiing charges for adults is $2.75 and $2.25 for children.

Hill — Vertical drop of 330 feet with the longest run being 3,600 feet in length, seven slopes, two double chair, one T-bar and one rope tow.

Special Packages — Skiers can ski Monday to Friday for $49. Groups of 20 people or more can ski on weekends for $10.50 per day and weekdays for $8.50 per day. These rates must be booked at least one week in advance. People staying at the Hidden Valley Inn receive a 25 per cent discount at the resort. People staying at Hidden Valley Inn receive a 10 per cent discount off trail ticket. Various Hidden Valley Inn packages are available. A alpine weekend package which includes five nights accommodation, two breakfasts, one dinner costs $139 per person based on double occupancy. The same package for cross country is $119. A mini week package (Sunday to Thurs.) which includes two nights accommodation, two breakfasts, two dinners, three days of skiing costs $158 for alpine and $119 for cross country. A five-day package (Sun. to Thurs.) which includes five nights accommodation, six days of skiing, five breakfasts and five dinners, and five lessons costs $360 for alpine and $285 for cross country. Inn facilities include squash and racquet ball, gymnasium, indoor and outdoor pool, sauna, whirlpool, dinning room, entertainment in lounge.

Facilities — Cafeteria, licensed lounge, nursery.

Transportation Packages — The Hidden Valley Inn will pick up people from the VIA Rail station in Huntsville.

Rentals — Complete package for alpine skiing goes for $10.50 per day and for cross country skiing the cost is $8.50 per day.

Lessons — Group lessons are $7 per hour. Three, one-hour group lessons cost $16.50. Five, one-hour group lessons cost $27. Five, two-hour group lessons cost $42. Private lessons run $17 per hour.

Tally Ho.

Take Hwy 11 to Hwy 60 and resort is located about seven miles east of Huntsville on Hwy 60. Telephone at Inn is 705-635-2281 and at chalet is 705-635-2720.

Hours of Operation — Weekdays from Christmas on the resort is open from 10 a.m. until 4.30 p.m. Weekends the hours are from 9 a.m. until 4.30 p.m.

Rates — Adults ski for $8.50 on weekends and children under 12 ski for $7.50. Adult and children weekday rate is $7. Cross country charge is $3 per day.

Hill — The resort has two pomas and one rope tow.

Special Packages — A two-day lift ticket is available for $14 for adults after Jan. 5 and $13 for children. A five-day lift ticket package is available for $35. Various ski week packages at the Inn are available. A Monday to Friday package which includes accommodation, breakfast and dinner daily, and one lesson each day ranges from $170 to $235 per person based on double occupancy. A similar three day package ranges from $136 to $230 and a weekend package ranges from $90 to $106.

Facilities — There is a cafeteria at the hill and a restaurant at the Inn. Not licensed.

Rentals — Complete package for both alpine and cross country skiing is available at $7.50 per day. A two-day package costs $13 and a five-day package costs $26.

Lessons — Group lessons cost $5 per hour. Private lessons cost $12 per hour. A five-day two-hour lesson package costs $50.

Curlew

Five kilometres south of Huntsville on Hwy 11. Telephone 705-789-9998 or 705-645-5441.

Hours of Operation — Weekends from 9:30 a.m. until 4.30 p.m. and weekdays from noon until 4 p.m. Closed Mondays.

Hill — A vertical drop of 300 feet with longest run being 1,300 feet in length, one T-bar and one rope tow.

Trails — Five miles of trail.

Special Packages — A two-day weekend rate for adults costs $18 and for students-junior 21 is $15. Groups of 12 or more receive a 20 per cent discount.

Rates — Adults and students 14 years-days for $7.50. Weekend adult rate is $10. Students 20 and under ski for $9 and half day rate after 2 p.m. is $7.50. Cross country rate is $2.50 per day.

Facilities — snack bar, pro shop.

Rentals — Complete package is available at $7 per day.

Lessons — Group lessons cost $4.50 or three one hour lessons for $12. Private lessons cost $12 per hour.

Deerhurst Inn

Take Hwy 400 north to Hwy 11, then north to Hwy 60, then east to Muskoka Rd 23. Toll free Toronto phone number is 964-3925. Resort number is 1-705-789-5543.

Hours of Operation — Open seven days a week from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. A one kilometre trail is also open at night and skiers can turn on the lights themselves.

Rates — Trail fee is $2.50 per day. There is no charge for night skiing. A complete rental package of skis, boots and poles costs $8 for full day and $6 after 1 p.m. No rentals are available after 5 p.m.

Trails — 25 kilometres of trails.

Facilities — complete hotel facilities available.

Oshawa

Dagmar

10 miles north on Brock Road off Hwy 401. Toll free Toronto line at 294-6385 or 416-649-2002.

Hours of Operation — Closed Mondays. Open Tues. to Fri. from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. Open Sat from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m. and Sun from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Rates — $12 for adults and $8 for juniors 12 and under on weekends and holidays. $8 for adults and $6 for juniors on week-days. Resort is also the only ski area in Ontario to offer skiing by the hour. The charge on weekdays is $2 per hour with a minimum of two hours. On weekends it's $2.50 per hour with a minimum of two hours. Cross country rates are $3 for adults on weekends and $2 for juniors. Week-day rates are $2.

Hill — Vertical drop of 200 feet with the long est run being 2,000 feet in length, one triple chair, four T-bars and two rope tow. 15 slopes, four expert, five intermediate, six beginner.

Trails — Six trails, 15 kilometres.

Facilities — cafeteria and licensed lounge and dinning area, ski rental, pro shop.

Rentals — Weekday and night rate is $7 for complete package of boots, poles and skis. Weekend and holiday rates is $9. This is also the only resort in Ontario, which rents equipment by the hour. Complete package on week-days is $2/hr for minimum of two hours and $2.50/hr for a minimum of two hours on weekends and holidays. There is no hourly cross country rate but complete package rents for $5 on weekdays and $6 on weekends.

Lessons — Group lessons cost $5 per hour. Semi-private lessons (two people) cost $16 per hour. Private lessons cost $15 per hour. Private lessons with ski school instructor cost $20 per hour.

Trillium Valley

Take Hwy 401 east to Oshawa, exit at Simcoe Rd and go north for 14 kilometres past village of Raglan. Phone number is 1-655-3754.

Hours of Operation — Seven days a week — 9 a.m. until 10.00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. all other days.

Rates — Adults $3, children under 12 $1. Complete rental package rents for $7 and $5 for children.

Trails — 30 kilometres of trails. Trail fee is $2.

Lessons — $15 for one hour.

Other facilities — 333.3-metre speedskating oval. Cost $1 for full day.

Oshawa Kirby

Take Hwy 401 to Hwy 115, then north to Kirby then east on Hwy 28.

Hours of Operation — Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday night from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m. Resort is closed on Monday and Friday. Snow conditions 1-723-5148, general information 1-725-8890.

Rates — Non member adults ski for $10 on weekends and holidays and youths 13 and under ski for $5.50. Wednesday night rate is $7 for adults and $4.50 for youths. Weekday rate on Wednesday and Thursday is $7 for adults and $4.50 for youths. Those wishing to ski at night on those days pay an extra $2. Member adults ski weekends and holidays $5, juniors and students $4.50. Pewees (13-and-under) $2.75. Wednesday and Thursday for members, are $1 less.

Hill — Vertical drop of 300 feet with longest run being 2,500 feet in length, Five T-bars and three rope tows.

Special Packages — Members can pre-pay their season lift tickets.

Lessons and Rentals — Both packages are available at reasonable rates from fully stocked pro shop.

Kitchener

Chicopee

Take Hwy 401 to Hwy 8 cut off to Kitchener. Then follow the signs. Resort is five minutes from Hwy 401. Telephone 519-742-5844.

Hours of Operation — Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. Saturday from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m. Sunday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Rates — Full day rate for Monday to Friday is $10. Saturday from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m. costs $14, after 5 p.m the charge is $9. All day Sunday costs $14. No charge for cross country skiing.

Hill — Vertical drop of 200 feet with longest run being 1,300 feet in length, one triple chair, one double chair, four T-bars and 12 runs, two beginners, two intermediate, three advanced.

Special Packages — Beginning Jan. 3 a special college and university student package is available for $10 per person from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. or $5 from after 1 p.m. until 10 p.m. or from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Rentals for this package cost $8 for full day and $6 from either 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. or 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. with a group less costing $4. A mid-week Monday to Friday package, which includes a meal afterwards costs $10 per person with rentals running $8 and a group lesson costing $4. A minimum of 15 people is needed for this package. A school group package from Monday to Friday costs $8 per person with a charge of $5 for rentals. Same package for night skiing is $6 plus $5 for rentals. A Saturday evening program costs $8 per person with rentals costing $7 and a group lesson $4.

A special adult learn to ski package beginning Jan. 4 Monday to Thursday at 8 p.m. costs $48 for eight 1 1/2 hour lessons plus $6 per evening for rentals plus $30 for lift tickets.

A Sunday morning learn to ski family package beginning Jan. 10 for eight weeks costs $48 for adults and $40 for children. Rentals per day run $6 and lift ticket package cost $25.

A special Friday teen night package starting Jan. 8 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. for youths 13 to 16 costs $48 for eight weeks plus $6 per night for rentals and $30 for lifts.

Facilities — Cafeteria and licensed dining room.

Rentals — Complete package of boots, skis and poles costs $14. Rentals from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. costs $9.75 and half day rate is $8. Complete cross country rentals run $3 per day.

Lessons — Five days of lessons cost $35.

Private lessons run $20/hr for one person, $28 for two and $35 for three people.

London

London Ski Club

Take Hwy 401 east to London, exit at Lambeth and follow Griffith St to site. Telephone 519-472-1747.

Hours of Operation — Closed Monday and Tuesday during the day. Open Monday to Sat in the evenings from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. Open Wed and Thurs. afternoons from 1 p.m. until 4.30 p.m. and weekends from 9.30 a.m. until 9.30 p.m.

Rates — Adults ski full day for $7.50, seven days a week and students for full day for $6. Afternoon or evenings only adults ski for $6 and students for $5. There is a $1 charge for poma lift and cross country skiing runs $1.50 per day.

Hill — Vertical drop of 110 feet with longest run being 850 feet, three T-bars and one poma lift.

Facilities — snack bar, rentals, pro shop, ski school.

Rentals — Complete package of boots, poles and skis rents for $9 for full day and $6 for half day and evenings. There are no cross country rentals available.

Lessons — A four lesson adult package costs $35 with junior rate $30. Private lessons run $15 per hour and $12 for juniors.

Skee-High

Take Hwy 401 east to London. Exit at Ingersoll and take Hwy 2 and follow the signs. Telephone 519-461-1720.

Hours of Operation - Weekends from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. Weekdays from 1 p.m. until 4.30 p.m. and from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. During Christmas holidays, resort opens at 10 a.m.

Rates — Lifts from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. cost $6.50. Afternoon rates from 1 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. or night rate from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m is $5.50. Junior lift rate for elementary school age children is $4 on junior hill.

Hill — Vertical drop of 150 feet with longest run being 1,500 feet in length, two T-bars, four rope tows.

Special packages — Season family tickets cost $110 per adult, $95 for students and $65 for children with a maximum price per family of $300.

Facilities — snack bar.

Rentals — Complete package of skis, boots, poles, costs $6.50 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Night and afternoon packages rent for $5.50.

Lessons — Private lessons cost $10 per hour. Semi-private lessons for two costs $16 per hour and for three costs $21 per hour. Ski school lessons for children eight years and over on Saturday and Sunday consisting of four, 1½ hour lessons costs $35. A special toddler lesson package for children four to eight costs $6. Group lessons of 10 or more people cost $11.50 and includes lifts, a one hour lesson and rental package. Without rentals the cost is $8. A video lesson package by appointment only costs $14.

Caledon

Caledon Ski Club

Take Hwy 10 north to forks of credit road. Then go west and follow the signs. Telephone Toll free Toronto number is 457-0193 and 453-7404.

Hours of Operation — This is a private club but general public can ski Wednesday to Friday from 9.30 a.m. until 4.30 p.m.

Rates — All day rate is $11.

Hill — Vertical drop of 260 feet and longest run being 1,400 feet, one triple chair, four T-bars, rope tow and poma lift, 16 slopes.

Facilities — two snack bars, ski school, rentals.

Lessons — A special Wednesday or Friday morning or afternoon package which includes eight on-hour lessons costs $108 per person.

Hamilton

Chedoke

Location — Take Hwy 403 into Hamilton and exit at Aberdeen. Phone 1-528-1613.

Hours of Operation — Closed Mondays. Open Tuesday from 6.30 p.m. until 10 p.m. Open Wednesday to Friday from 1.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and fro. 6.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Open weekends from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Rates — Adults ski weekdays for $4 and junior 18 ski for $3. A $2 charge is made for the pony lift. Weekend adult rate is $6 and juniors pay $5. Pony goes for $2.50.

Hill — Length of longest run is 1,300 feet, one double chair and three T-bars, six slopes, one novice, three intermediates, two experts.

Facilities — two snack bars and licensed lounges.

Rentals — Adults can rent complete ski package of boots, poles and skis for $9 and children (limited) for $7.

Lessons — Children's program for ages 6-8 get five lessons for $21. Similar programs at the same price are available for ages 9-10 and 11-12. Adult ski program of five lessons for $31 ($53 if equipment is needed). A teen ski lesson program of five lessons costs $23. A ladies Wednesday afternoon program of five lessons costs $41 ($26 if equipment isn't needed). Freestyle skiing lessons are also available at five lessons for $40. Private lessons costs $13 per hour. Semi private for two people costs $15 per hour, for three people it's $19 and for four people it's $23.

Walkerton

Happy Valley

Take Hwy 401 to Hwy 10 north to Flesherton, then west along Hwy 4 to Walkerton and follow the signs. Telephone 519-881-1590.

Hours of Operation — Closed Mondays and Tuesdays. Open Wednesday to Sunday from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. and on weekends from 10 a.m. until 4.30 p.m.

Rates — Adults ski for $10, students for $7.50 and children for $6.23. Half day rates from 1.30 p.m. until 4.30 p.m. are $8.50 for adults, $7 fro students and $5.75 for children. Night skiing costs $5.50 for everybody.

Hill — Vertical drop of 120 feet with longest run being 1,000 feet, one T-bar and one poma tow.

Facilities — snack bar, ski pro shop and rentals available.

Rentals — Complete set of boots, poles and skis for $14 from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m.

Harriston

Minto Glen

Take either Hwy 6 or 9 to Harriston. Phone at site is 519-338-5250 or 338-2722.

Hours of Operation — 5 Open weekends only from 10 a.m until 5 p.m.

Rates — Juniors under 12 ski for $4 and everyone else for $5. Cross country skiing costs $2 per day.

Hill — Vertical drop of 185 feet with longest run being 1,500 feet in length. There are 300 acres of cross country skiing with 10 kilometres of groomed trails.

Facilities — snack bar pro shop, rentals, warm-up hut

Rentals — Cross country package goes for $7 per day and alpine package ranges from $7 to $10 per day.

Lessons — Prices not available

Algonquin Ski Centre

Take Hwy 60 north from Huntsville and centre is located 3½ miles from Egetts of Park. Phone number is 1-705-637-2699. Toronto number is 248-6325.

Hours of Operation — Open 24 hours a day.

Rates — Rates vary depending on tour selected.

Rentals — Complete package of skis, boots, poles, sleeping bag and pack rents for $12 per day.

Trails — The park offers 460 kilometres of groomed and marked trails.

Special Packages — Hut to Hut skiing Wilderness Tours complete with professional guide. Tours range from one to seven days. The huts are located 15 kilometres apart. Each hut comes with a wood stove. Telemark Tour, 5 to 7 days, two guides who prepare all meals. Find and last night spent in lodge with all other nights in the hut system, $45 per day per person. The Weekender, 2 to 3 days offered every weekend, nights can be spent in lodge or hut system, six meals and guides included, $96. The Bush Rat Special, 5 to 7 days, all skiers share meal preparation but cooking utensils and facilities are provided, $35 per day per person. Widerness Tour, provides intensive instruction in all aspects of cross country widerness skiing, winter survival.

Midland

Mountain View Ski Hills

Take Hwy 400 to Hwy 77 then follow it west to Midland and hills are about one mile west of city.

Hours of Operation — Open weekends from 9 a.m. until 4.30 p.m.

Rates — Adults ski for $5.50, high school youngsters ski for $5 and children ski for $3. Adults ski half day for $5, highschoolers for $4. Cross country rate is $2.50 for adults and $1 for juniors.

Rentals — Complete package costs adults $7.49, children rent for $4.28 and half day rate is $5.89 for adults. Rental includes trail fee for cross country skiers.

Hill — Vertical drop of 150 feet with length of longest run being 1,300 feet, seven slopes, two poma lifts.

Trails — Two trails, 5½ kilometres and 2½ kilometres in length.

Facilities — Coffee shop, ski school, rentals.

LaFontaine

Take Hwy 27 north to Country Rd 6, then follow it to concession 16 and look for signs. Phone number is 1-705-533-2961.

Hours of Operation — Open seven days a week from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Rates — Trail fee is $2.50 per day and trail fee plus complete rental package sells for $7 per day. Groups of 30 or more can ski for $5. (Trail plus rentals) and trail fee alone is $2.

Facilities — warm-up chalet and snack bar.

Trails — 15 kilometres of trails.

Alliston

Loretto

About 33 miles north of Metro between Hwy 50 and Airport Rd north of Hwy 9. Telephone 1-729-2389.

Hours of Operation — Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. until 4.30 p.m.

Rates — Adults ski on weekends for $9 and juniors 12 and under ski for $7. Weekend rate for adults from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. is $6 and for juniors $5. Weekend rates for adults from 1 p.m. until closing is $7 and for juniors $5. Adults ski weekdays for $6 and juniors for $4. Half-day adult rate on weekdays is $4 and juniors ski for $3. Rope tow charge is $2 per day. Cross country trail ticket costs $2. These are among the lowest rates in Ontario.

Hill — Vertical drop of 185 feet with longest run being 1,500 feet in length, two T-bars and rope tow.

Special Package — Christmas Learn to Ski beginning Dec. 26 for five consecutive days. Cost for adults (which includes lifts and two lessons a day) is $62 and for juniors it's $53 (lift rentals — $90 adults, $80 juniors.

Facilities — Cafeteria.

Rentals — Complete package of boots, skis and poles costs $8 per day and $6.50 for afternoon. Cross country rental and trail ticket is $7.

Lessons — Group lessons cost $5. Private lessons $15 per hour. Half-hour lessons cost $8.

Red Pine Motel

North on Hwy 400, then about a mile west on Hwy 89. Phone number is 705-435-4381.

Hours of Operation — Seven days a week from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Trails — Three trails, 20 kilometres, longest trail being 10 kilometres in length, also natural nature trails in surrounding area.

Rates — Free with own equipment, otherwise complete ski package of boots, poles and skis rents for $8.50 per day on the weekends and $6.50 per day on weekdays. Special rental package for two-day weekend rents for $13.50 and two-day weekday package rents for $10.

Accommodation — A weekend package (Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday until 5 p.m.) goes for $33.50 per person based on double occupancy. It includes breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. Rentals are extra. Weekday rooms go for $32.50 per person. Chalet efficiency rooms complete with fridge, stove and bed sitting room go for $35 per couple.

Apsley

Kawartha Trail

Take Hwy 28 north from Peterborough to town of Apsley. Go to Apsley Wool and Ski shop for directions to trail. Phone number is 705-656-4972.

Hours of Operation — Seven days a week from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Open Friday night until 6 p.m.

Rates — Free with own equipment. Complete package of skis, boots, poles rented for $6 per day.

Trails — Six trails, 30-mile round trip from Apsely to Haliburn with several loops.

Silent Lake

Take Hwy 28 north from Peterborough to town of Apsley. Go to Apsley Wool and Ski shop for directions to trails. Course is located about 16 miles north of Apsley.

Hours of Operation — Same as Kawartha Trail.

Rates — Same as Kawartha Trail.

Trails — Four trails of lengths of 2½, 6, 13 and 19 kilometres hilly, rolling terrain.

McKay Lake

Take Hwy 28 north from Peterborough to Apsley. Go to Apsley Wool and Ski shop for directions to trails.

Hours of Operation — Same as Kawartha Trail.

Rates — Same as Kawartha Trail.

Trails — For advanced cross country skier, one trail of 5 kilometres in length with several loops.

Temagami

White Gables Lodge

Take Hwy 11 north from North Bay and exit at Lake Temagami access road, which is about 60 miles north of North Bay. Phone number is 705-569-3315.

Hours of Operation — Anytime seven days a week.

Rates — No charge for use of trails, but complete rental package of boots, skis and poles go for $6 per day.

Trails — Seven trails with longest trail being 30 kilometers in length.

Claremont

Pleasure Valley

Take Hwy 401 east to Brock Rd exit in Pickering, then north for 25 kilometres. Phone number of resort is 294-7432.

Hours of Operation — Seven days a week from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Rates — Adults ski for $4 per day and youths 17 and under ski for $3 per day. Rates for everyone during week is $3. Family rate is $12 on weekend and $10 through the week. Complete rental package of boots, skis and poles go for $7 for adults and $5 for youths and charge after 1 p.m. is $4 for adults and $3 for youths.

Facilities — Pond skating available, snack bar and chalet.

Lessons — Group lessons cost $6 per person and private lessons are $15 per hour. A family package is available for $20.

Trails — Over 20 kilometres of trails, 12-kilometres advanced run, 8-kilometres intermediate, and 3½-kilometres beginner trail.

Woodnewton

Take Hwy 401 east to Brock Rd at Pickering, then north to Coppins Corner, then east for 1¼ kilometres to sixth concession then north for 1 kilometre. Phone number at site is 1-649-3044.

Hours of Operation — Open six days a week from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Closed on Mondays and Fridays.

Rates — Adults ski for $3 and children under 13 for $2 on weekends and holidays. Complete rental package of boots, poles and skis is available for $7 and for $5 after 1 p.m. on weekends. Rentals on weekdays is $5.

Facilities — snack bar.

Lessons — Starting Jan. 7, a six-lesson package costs $30. Rentals with package costs $4 per day.

Trails — 15 kilometres of trails, beginner and intermediate runs.

Dorset

Nordic Inn

Take Hwy 400 north to Hwy 11, then north to Hwy 117, then north for 3½ kilometres, or take Hwy 35 north to Dorset. Phone number is 1-705-766-2343.

Hours of Operation — Open seven days a week from 8 a.m. until 11 p.m.

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Powder skiing: Almost up to his knees in powder snow, this skier swoops down hill at Collingwood.

Ski areas throughout the province offer skiers a wide variety of slopes and trails.

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