

Midwest Set for a Banner Year in Snow

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deepest snow in the midwest. The giant slope is a mile wide and from 350 feet to 500 feet high. The Michigan School of Mines schedules a long season program of tournaments, and features the annual winter carnival. In the western upper peninsula, near Ironwood, is the Mt. Zion area. A 1,200 foot tow is easily accessible and rises to the top of a variety of slope and trail runs.

The state of Wisconsin possesses the greatest number of winter sports areas. Near Chicago are the areas near Wilmet, New Munster, Lake Geneva and Delavan. At New Munster, on the New Munster hills, two rope tows are available on the 55 acres of tree scattered slopes. The hills average 200 feet high and provide excellent recreational and novice skiing.

Holiday hill, near Lake Geneva, should be a popular area this season. Near the resort town of Lake Geneva it offers fine accommodations and a variety of amusements. The ski area is served by a 800 foot long rope tow rising to 200 feet. Iceboating and skating are features of the development.

Wilmet Hills has long been a popular week end retreat for Chicago skiers. Four rope tows will be in operation this season on the 200 foot high hills. Delavan has a new development at Lake Lawn. A 700 foot long tow provides uphill locomotion, and fine accommodations are offered in the town.

Near Milwaukee are the popular ski areas developed by the skiers of that city. At Fox Hill, Singer, Tower hill near Lannon, and Holy hill, rope tows are available, and a good variety of ski runs from a 200 foot height. In the bluffs at Blawie, northwest of Madison, the Devils lake area has been improved for this season. Developed by the Windy City ski club of Chicago, it provides skiing from a 350 foot high hill. All winter sports are available, and an 800 foot rope tow.

The Snow bowl at LaCrosse, one of Wisconsin's finest ski areas, provides a great variety of steep runs as well as open slopes for the novice. Two tows are in operation and are conveniently located to care for both the expert and beginner. Sturgeon bay is rushing to completion the area at Titowasami state park. Indications are that only slope skiing, served by a rope tow, will be available. The toboggan run is completed, but to be constructed are ski jumps and trails.

The Green Bay Moon valley area has two tows on the open hills east of the city. The giant Rib mountain state park winter sports area near Waunau is ready to play host to thousands of ski fans again this year. Improvements on the long J-bar cable tow will increase the capacity. Altho there has been no improvements on the trails, nor provision for a steep slalom slope, the usual variety of trail runs and giant open slope skiing will be available. All concessions in the huge ski shelter will be in operation. The Central U.S. four events championships are scheduled for Rib mountain Feb. 1 and 2, as part of the winter frolic featuring hockey games, speed skating and a parade.

A small area near Rhineland, the heart of the lake region, has been the scene of some slope skiing the past few years. A rope tow of 600 foot length serves the skier to the top of the 200 foot high hill. Near Land o' Lakes, in northern Wisconsin, two resort areas again cater to the ski sport vacationer. King's Gateway hill has fine skiing facilities, including ski tow and shelter. All winter sports facilities are provided for, including speedy cutter riding. The Mock-eac-ridge, not far distant from Land o' Lakes, has installed a tow on the shores of Moccasin lake. For groups desiring a quiet, cozy winter sports outing, this spot is recommended.

In Minnesota the greatest development has centered at the Moon Valley area, southwest of the Twin Cities, near Shakopee. Numerous slopes of various gradient are served by two tows rising to 300 feet. Night skiing is featured four nights a week, and a beautiful skiers' chalet is located at the foot of the hills.

Barker's Alps at Blaypoint, northeast of St. Paul, possesses a variety of slope and trail skiing. A 500 foot long tow and cabin shelter are available. Little Snowen, but offering fine skiing, is the Shingobee area, at Walker. Both trail and slope skiing from a height of 300 feet is there, and ski tow and shelter facilities.

Near the city of Duluth a small hill has been equipped with tow and other winter sports opportunities.