

## Rib Mountain Beckons Skiers

### 'Longest' Ski-Tow Among Top Features

The longest continuous ski-tow in the country is smack in the middle of Wisconsin, waiting for novices and experts alike to get a taste of winter fun.

The ski tow is at Rib Mountain State Park near Wausau in the exact center of Wisconsin. Highways from all over the state can take you to the "mountain," tallest rock in the state with an altitude of 1,940 feet above sea level.

The mountain is described along with other winter playgrounds in an article, "Winter Wonderland Is At Your Door," in the current Wisconsin State Employee magazine.

**Skiers at Rib Mountain can be pulled continuously for 3,100 feet—over half a mile. The tow can handle 700 skiers an hour. Another tow there is 1,400 feet long.**

That just gets you to the top. Then you pull down your goggles, take a deep breath and push off downhill on a slope that drops 2,500 feet in no time at all.

For the beginner or amateur with little experience, there are five ski trails in all to give just the right number of tumbles his or her constitution can withstand.

**Everything from ice boating to ice fishing to dog sledding is available at one or more of the recreation spots in the "winter wonderland."**

Polawatomi State park, near Green Bay and Sturgeon Bay, has both skiing and tobogganing with tows to make it easy for those who like their thrills without the work of climbing.

The Kettle Moraine State Forest of about 55,000 acres between Milwaukee and Lake Winnebago has just acquired ski runs and tows. In the Greenbush area of Kettle Moraine are two ski runs while in the "southern purchase" area near Milwaukee and Waukesha, there is a single ski run and tow.

These do not exhaust the list of winter fun spots. Numerous private resorts offer every kind of winter sport and relaxation.

The Conservation Department has prepared a 28-page booklet listing all recreational areas in Wisconsin. Another special six-page folder describing travel and accommodations for the winter season is available on request from the department.