

Winter Sports Area Being Developed at Perkinstown, About 60 Miles from Here

A large winter sports area, similar to the one at Mount Vahalla, near Washburn, is being developed now at Perkinstown, not more than 60 miles northeast of Eau Claire, according to plans made known recently in a letter to Al Sands, ski enthusiast of this city.

The area is being developed on national forest land by the U. S. Forest service. The winter sports spot will be for the FREE use of the general public. This, incidentally, will become the nearest winter sports site of the Forestry service accessible to lovers of winter outdoor sport in Eau Claire.

Included in the development will be ski and toboggan slides, down-hill runs for slalom skiing, and various other layouts for winter sports.

In speaking of the area in his letter to Mr. Sands, C. L. Van Giesen, Forest supervisor, said in part:

"The area at Perkinstown is a little different from that at Mount Vahalla in that it is more heavily timbered and offers more protection from winds and has a little wider variety of interesting cross-country trails and down-hill runs.

"It does not, however, as yet have a large jumping hill as at Vahalla. However, the area is being adapted for such use and may eventually be equipped with this type of facilities.

In speaking of its proximity to Eau Claire, Mr. Van Giesen says further:

"It is our thought that since this area is relatively close to Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls and since it normally has more snow than the Eau Claire area that the ski enthusiasts from these centers would be glad to know of the area. I would appreciate your advising the ski clubs at Eau Claire of this area, if convenient for you."