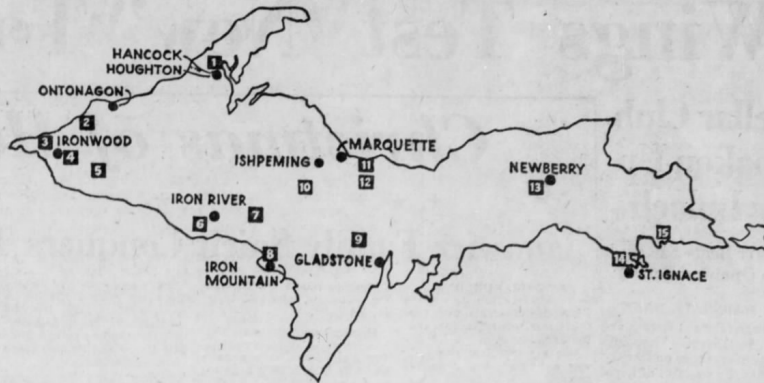


KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING

UP Like Heaven to Skiers



Snow doesn't go to waste in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

The natives—and tourists, too—put it to good use by skiing on it from November to April. The annual snowfall there averages 140 to 190 inches.

Most of the UP's ski areas can be reached by train, air or bus. And with the Mackinac Bridge spanning the

Strait, an auto trip is not as difficult as before.

Just where are the areas? The accompanying map, the last in a three-part Free Press series on the state's ski areas, shows you.

UPPER PENINSULA

1—Ripley Hills—Houghton-Hancock—7 runs. 1,700-2,300 ft. 5 rope tows. N. Sch. Rent. D. Lodging near by.

2—Porcupine Mts.—Ontonagon—2 slopes. 6 trails. 2,000-3,500 ft. 4 rope tows. 2 T-bars. W. Lodging near by.

3—Mt. Zion—Ironwood—4 runs. 1200 ft. Rope tow. N. Sch. Rent. Tob. Lodging near by.

4—Mt. Joy—Wakefield—3 runs. 1,000 ft. Rope tow. N. Lodging near by.

5—Mt. Kimberly—Marenisco—Open slopes. Rope tows. Skating. Tob. Lodging near by.

6—Brule Mt.—Iron River—5 runs. 4 rope tows. T-bar. Rent. Sch. Lodging near by.

7—Crystallia Ski Hill—Crystall Falls—3 runs. 2 rope tows. Jump. Skating. Tob. Lodging near by.

8—Pine Mt.—Iron Mountain—3 runs. 60-3,500 ft. 6 rope tows. Chair. 4 jumps. N. Sch. Rent. D. Lodging near by.

9—Gladstone Ski Park—Open slopes. 2 rope tows. N. Lodging near by.

10—Ishpeming Winter Sports Area—3 runs. 450-1,200 ft. 3 rope tows. 2 junior jumps. Sch. Rent. N. Tob. Suicide Hill ski jump. Lodging near by.

11—Mt. Mesnard—Marquette—4 slopes. 600-1,300 ft. 2 tows. Junior jump. Tob. Skating. Lodging near by.

12—Cliffs Ridge Ski Resort—Marquette—5 runs. 500-5,300 ft. 3 rope tows. T-bar. Sch. Rent. D. Lodging near by.

13—Big Valley—Newberry—Open slopes. 2 rope tows. Warming house. Lodging near by.

14—Brice's Hill—St. Ignace—3 runs. 2 rope tows. Tob. Lodging near by.

15—Peek-A-Boo Hill—Les Cheneaux Island area—Open slopes. 2 rope tows. Tob. Skating. Lodging near by.

KEY—Tob.—Tobogganing; N.—Night skiing; D—open daily; Sch.—Ski School; Rent—Equipment rental; Chair—Chair lift.

YOU CAN'T GO WRONG

White Christmas For State Skiers

Winter sports enthusiasts will have a happy weekend in Michigan. Snow conditions around the state were reported generally good for skiing.

Here are the reports of Michigan tourists associations for conditions in specific areas:

Grandan Mt. Oxford—Skiing good. Mt. Holly, 20 miles north of Pontiac, 15-inch base with two-to-four-inch machine-made snow; good.

Mt. Christie, Oxford—Four-to-18-foot base; fair. All tows including pomalift now in operation.

Dryden, 18 miles north of Rochester—Two-to-four-inch base; good.

Otsego Ski Club—(Private)—24-inch base with three-to-four-inch powder; excellent.

Grayling Winter Sports Park—Eight-inch base with two-inch powder; excellent.

Houghton Lake Snow Bowl—Eight-to-12-inch base with three-to-four-inch machine-made snow; excellent.

Mo. Mt.—Six-to-eight-inch base with two-to-three-inch powder; excellent.

German Hills, West Branch—Six-inch base with four-inch powder; excellent.

Silver Valley Winter Sports Park, Tawas—Two-inch base; fair. Toboggans will not operate.

Sheridan Valley and Woodbridge Parks, Lewistown—Six-to-eight-inch base with six-inch powder; excellent.

Autable Ranch and Ski Resort, Gaylord—20-inch base with six-inch powder; excellent.

Snow Valley, Gaylord—24-inch base with two-inch powder; excellent.

Mott, Mt. Farwell—Four-inch base; good.

Summit Ski Club, Fenton—Six-inch; fair to good.

Ski Village, Gaylord—24-inch base

with six-inch powder; excellent.

Snowsack Mt. Clare County—Four-inch base; good.

Black Mt. Cheboygan—12-inch base with two-inch powder; excellent.

The West Michigan Tourist and Resort Association reported:

1—Avalanche—15-inch packed base with 15-inch powder; excellent.

Bozette Mt. Lodge—55-inch snow pack with 15-inch new snow; excellent.

Riary Hill—15-to-20-inch base with two-to-three-inch powder; excellent.

Back Hills—14-to-16-inch base with 10-to-12-inch fluff; excellent.

Cabrifan—10-inch packed base with four-to-six-inch powder; excellent.

Echo Valley—Skating and tobogganing; excellent.

Glacier Hills—10-to-20-inch base with two-to-four-inch powder; excellent.

Harbor Highlands—Six-foot snow on top of mountain with three and a half feet overall; excellent.

Holiday Hills—23-inch base with four-inch powder; excellent.

Hickory Hills—14-to-20-inch base with three-to-four-inch powder; excellent; city rinks in operation.

Lake Valley—20-inch packed base with 10-inch powder; excellent. Good skating.

Manistee—12-inch packed base; good.

Muskegon Mt.—Eight-inch base with six-inch powder; excellent.

Mt. McChasney—24-inch base with two-inch powder; excellent.

Newberry—Tobogganing and skating very good. Skiing good.

Walton Hills—30-to-36-inch packed base with six-inch powder; excellent.

Ward Hills—10-inch base with four-inch powder; excellent.

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