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TRAVEL and RESORTS

Michigan Resorts Break Out Ski Wax

GRAND RAPIDS—Improved facilities for skiers are promised by a half dozen of the principal winter sports areas of West Michigan and one new area has been built for this season.

Boyer Mountain Lodge at Boyer Falls on US-131 in the northern sector of the lower peninsula is expected to attract more patronage this winter, having installed an all-year swimming pool near the luxurious clubhouse at the base of two of the principal ski runs.

Last winter Boyer Mountain put in service a double chair lift, replacing a similar single-seat device which carries skiers 1,800 feet to the peak of the mountain. This is the only lift of its type in the middle west and eastern ski resorts.

The bathing pool adjoins the chalet-type clubhouse, a new locker room, and also the deluxe lodge with accommodations for 70 guests. The clubhouse has two huge fireplaces, one in the spacious lounge and another in the refreshments room.

The club is open to the public and an attractive rate for mid-week guests is offered in a package deal that includes six days of skiing, room, meals and ski instruction for \$50.

CABERFAE

Caberfae, 15 miles west of Cadillac along M-55, most extensive and diversified ski area in the middle west, also has made improvements in its ski facilities in a \$20,000 program recently completed after having experienced its highest season last winter in the 18 years of its operation.

In the 645-acre Caberfae area now are 22 expert and intermediate ski runs, two beginner's areas, two ski jumps, all served by 12 large-capacity rope tows.

Part of the improvement program included clearing of trees from seven acres of the famous 25-acre slalom bowl, widening of the principal ski slope, enlargement of the powered ski tows equipped with latest safety devices.

Caberfae also is making a determined bid for winter vacation patronage, offering a package deal of six days of skiing, ski instruction, tow fees, room and meals for \$52.50. Guests are housed in the numerous resorts of the region, with transportation provided between the ski area and the resorts.

Newest of Michigan's ski parks is Missaukee maintained by the completion at Lake City at the intersection of M-55 and M-66, 15 miles east of Cadillac.

NEW CLUBHOUSE

A large clubhouse complete with lounge, snack bar, warming room and other facilities has been built. Two ski runs have been opened and the place will be opened with the first heavy fall of snow.

The Grand Traverse Bay region, with Traverse City as its headquarters, is looking ahead to good vacation patronage this winter with two fine ski resorts at its city.



IT WON'T BE LONG—Scenes like the one shown above in the Michigan Tourist Council photo soon will be the order of the day, Boyer Mountain, where this picture was taken, is among the many

limits and several others within easy driving distance.

Most popular with winter sports devotees at Traverse City are Hickory Hills, at the west boundary of town, and Holiday Hills in the east Grand Traverse Bay section three miles east of the city limits.

Hickory Hills, which attracted great throngs in its first full season last winter, has undergone some

improvements, which include widening of and sodding of ski slopes and enlargement of its clubhouse.

NIGHT SKIING

A half dozen of the ski slopes and the beginner's area at Hickory Hills are lighted for night use.

Holiday Hills, an all-year recreation area, last winter became one of the popular West Michigan ski resorts and anticipates even greater patronage this season on its ski slopes, cross-country ski trails and huge ice skating rink, all of which are lighted for night use.

A six-day package deal for vacationers also is offered at Holiday Hills, which has fixed a rate of \$82.00 for six days of skiing, ski instruction, room and meals, with guests housed in numerous fine resorts along East Bay within walking distance of the ski area.

Other ski resorts in the Traverse City sector include Sugarloaf mountain on the Leelanau peninsula near Leland, 17 miles out of town to the northeast, Elberta mountain at Elberta on the shore of Lake Michigan, 39 miles west, and Bear hill at Muskegon, 28 miles south of Traverse City via M-37.

Sugarloaf mountain, which will be the scene of the first Michigan scholastic ski meet this winter, is opened only on week-ends.

Two of the longest ski jumps of Michigan's lower peninsula are a part of the Elberta mountain development high in the sand dunes that hide the Lake Michigan beach from the village of Elberta.

Bear hill at Muskegon, developed by the community four years ago, has attracted great interest, par-

ticularly for spectators who enjoy ski jumping.

Opened with limited facilities last winter, Mount Manacelona this winter will be ready to take its place among the major ski resorts of West Michigan.

Located on US-131, midway between Cadillac and Petoskey, the

No Mystery to Ordering Proper Wines in Europe

The question of what type of table wine to order with meals is no which puzzles a great many first trippers' abroad, reports the European Travel Commission. Although there is no hard and fast rule, a simple guide to remember is that red wine is usually the proper accompaniment for red meats while dry (unsweet) white wines go well with all seafood, chicken and veal. A happy compromise is found in the pink "rosé" wines which are delicious with all dishes.

When faced with the problem of selecting a special variety or vintage, it is wise to let the waiter, restaurant owner or wine steward be your guide. To be on the safe side, however, be sure to check the price as certain special vintages are quite costly.

Non-Stop to Caracas

Pan American World Airways will introduce nonstop service between New York and Caracas on Dec. 1, making the trip in eight hours, a reduction of almost an hour from the present flying time. Super-6 Clippers will be used for the four round-trip weekly flights.

Manacelona development includes ski slopes of 2,500 and 2,100 feet, in addition to several lesser runs, all of which merge at the base of the hill near the new clubhouse.

Mount Manacelona is within easy driving distance of Boyer mountain, the new Missaukee mountains and those in the Grand Traverse Bay region.

Avanlanche, a ski area developed by the community at Boyer City on M-75, six miles west of US-131 and Boyer Mountain, will be operated this winter by the recreation department of Boyer City. A new clubhouse at the base of the 1,100-foot main ski slope is under construction and will be ready for use when the skiing season arrives.

In the metropolitan centers of Grand Rapids and Muskegon, Kalamazoo and Battle Creek interest in winter sports is centered on the areas of Newaygo on M-37, 38 miles north of Grand Rapids and Muskegon, Echo valley, eight miles east of Kalamazoo; Brook park at Ionia, on M-21, 30 miles east of Grand Rapids, and at Schussaway, a ski area at Lowell on M-21, midway between Grand Rapids and Ionia.

Newaygo County Winter Sports park has two parallel toboggan slides more than a half mile long, skating on an adjoining lake and limited ski facilities. Brook park at Ionia also has a 2,100-foot toboggan slide and limited skiing, while Schussaway is exclusively a skiing park, with several slopes served by rope tows.

Four toboggan slides of 1,600 feet, a 20,000-square-foot ice skating rink, a ski jump and skiing slopes are the principal attraction at Echo valley. Rope tows serve the ski area and a rope tow is employed to return toboggans to the starting point.

Echo valley is lighted and is opened every night and Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Toboggans are furnished.

Winter sports at Petoskey, pioneers in the promotion of winter recreation in Michigan, is centered around ice skating at two municipally operated rinks, among the largest in the Midwest. Adjoining one of the rinks is a ski area that is served with rope tows.

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