

Ludington Ski Area Open Michigan Now Has 70

LUDINGTON, Jan. 8 (UPI) — Michigan's 70th winter sports area was in operation here today.

The Ludington ski area, located seven miles south of here and two miles east of highway US-31, opened yesterday. The new area has seven ski runs and three rope tows. The ski runs range up to 1,500 feet and the area is lighted for night skiing on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.

The new area, the 25th in western Michigan, has a vertical drop of between 175 and 200 feet.

State Tourist council officials hailed the opening of the new area as another step in keeping Michigan out ahead of all other states in the eastern half of the country in development of winter areas.

Michigan has more winter sports areas than any state east of the Rocky mountains, council officials said.