

'Sleds' Inspiration For Whiskey Creek

HART—Whiskey Creek Recreations, snowmobile-inspired, year-round 1,500-acre fun park in the middle of the Manistee National Forest, will host at least four sanctioned races this winter on its B-shaped Le Mans track.

Charlotte Todd says the events include:

—**WHISKEY CREEK "Bloody Mary,"** an MISA Class "A" race, followed by dancing to live music Dec. 30 and 31.

—Whiskey Creek "Super Sprint," a USSA race Jan. 6-7, followed by dancing on Saturday night.

—Whiskey Creek Sprint Enduro Race "200," an MISA event with top three stock and top three modified classes Feb. 17-18. Qualifying and starting positions will be determined on Saturday with the top 20 drivers in each class competing in a 35 lap race on Sunday. Dancing with a live band will be featured Saturday night.

Tape Depth

When jigging in deep water, it is important to find the level at which the fish are hitting. Once you hook a fish, it's a good idea to quickly mark your line so that you can lower it again to the same depth. A short length of plastic tape makes a good marker.

—**WHISKEY CREEK "Snow-Blitz,"** an MISA Class "A" race Feb. 24-25, with dancing on Saturday night.

All races will include "Powder Puff" classes for women, Mrs. Todd points out.

"The track offers a mile of unusually fast but safe surface," she explains. "Straight-away areas are 80 feet wide and curves flare out to 100 to 120 feet."

"**SAFETY BANKS** up to 20 feet in height back the entire track while an underground water system sprinkles the track surface providing an 'ice-dirt' base of unusual depth. Ruts and pot-holes, common to snow tracks, do not develop and racers don't have to play 'follow the leader'—the complete track is open for maneuvers."

The private park includes 30 miles of marked, graded trails—specific trails for snowmobiles and cross-country skiing—which tie up with thousands of acres of the Manistee National Forest, which surround the area, Mrs. Todd notes.

The Great Lakes Sled Dog Association is also scheduling races at the park and Cycle Conservation Club of Michigan members have established their first big 105-mile "0" trail from the Whiskey Creek Lodge, which includes part of the 750-mile Peré Marquette Cycle Trail.

THOUGH BUILT for snowmobiling, the park includes a 350-foot lighted, iced toboggan

slide with 450-foot run out area and tow return, a modest ski slope and ice skating rink. The lodge has a heated indoor pool, saunas and hydrotherapy.

Camping has been expanded to year-round with rental 24-foot travel trailers available. Those who don't want to haul campers can leave them on sites, Mrs. Todd points out. Trail bikes, golf carts, snowmobiles and toboggans may be rented.

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