

# TRAVEL

Cedar Rapids - Sunday, Nov. 20, 1983

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## From bunny, to beginner, to expert, Midwest ski areas have hill for you

Whether you're a veteran skier itching to get out on the slopes again or a beginner who wants to see what all the excitement is about, skiing season is right around the corner. The following is a list of downhill ski areas in Eastern Iowa, western Illinois, and southern Minnesota and Wisconsin with slopes for every level of skier.

### SUNDOWN

**Location:** Dubuque  
**Vertical drop:** 475 feet.  
**Runs:** 17 runs for every level of skier.  
**Lifts/tows:** Double, triple and quad chairlift and three rope tows.  
**Prices:** Weekends and holidays, \$15; youth and senior citizens, \$12. Weekdays, adult, \$12; youth and senior citizens, \$9.50. (Youth rate is up to high school seniors with school I.D. or proof of high school attendance. Senior citizens are age 65 and older.)  
**Hours:** 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.  
**Opening date:** Dec. 1, weather permitting.  
**Phone:** (800) 435-2914.  
**Other:** Snow making equipment, ski equipment rental, ski school, group or private lessons, special events, restaurants and resort lodging.

### SNOWSTAR

**Location:** Quad Cities area (Ankara, Ill.)  
**Vertical drop:** 280 feet.  
**Runs:** Six runs for every skiing level.  
**Lifts/tows:** Two quad chair lifts, two rope tows.  
**Prices:** Weekdays, adult, \$11; youth under 18 and senior citizens 65 or older, \$9.50. Weekends and holidays, adult, \$14; youth and senior citizens, \$12.  
**Hours:** 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.  
**Phone:** (309) 750-1000.  
**Opening date:** Dec. 1, weather permitting.  
**Other:** Ski equipment rental, group rates, snow making, lodge, bar and restaurant, private and group lessons, special programs, season passes, "I Forget It" shop, accommodations nearby.

### NOB-SKI

**Location:** Decatur, Ill.  
**Vertical drop:** 250 feet.  
**Runs:** Five slopes for every level of skier.  
**Lifts/tows:** Four ropes and one cable.  
**Prices:** Days, adult, \$5; child (through high school), \$4. Night, adult, \$4; child, \$2.  
**Hours:** Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.; closed Monday, Wednesday and Friday.  
**Opening date:** Whenever there is sufficient snowfall.  
**Phone:** 362-4158 (ski office) or 362-9862 (ski lift).  
**Other:** Ski equipment rental, lessons, after-school, no snow-making equipment.

### WELCH VILLAGE

**Location:** Welch, Minn.  
**Vertical drop:** 250 feet.  
**Runs:** Thirty runs for every level of skier.  
**Lifts/tows:** Five chairlifts, two T-bars, one rope tow.  
**Prices:** Weekdays, adult, \$10; student (16-17), \$12. Weekdays, adult, \$11; student, \$11. Night, (4-10): adult, \$8; student, \$7.  
**Hours:** 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.  
**Opening date:** Nov. 25.  
**Phone:** (612) 258-4967.  
**Other:** Snow making, ski equipment rental, cafeteria, adult chair lounge, ski school, private and group lessons, season passes, accommodations nearby in Hastings or Red Wing.

### OAK HIGHLANDS

**Location:** Waverly, Iowa.  
**Runs:** Nine runs for every skiing level.  
**Lifts/tows:** Three handle tows, one chairlift, one T-bar.  
**Prices:** Weekdays, adult, \$7; student, \$5. Weekends, adult, \$8; student, \$6. Weekdays, adult and student, \$5.  
**Hours:** Tuesday through Friday, 2 to 10 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; closed Mondays.  
**Opening date:** Dec. 16, weather permitting.  
**Phone:** 352-9877.  
**Other:** Snow making, day lodge, restaurant, ski school, ski equipment rental, private or group lessons.

### DEVIL'S HEAD

**Location:** Merrimack, Wis.  
**Vertical drop:** 485 feet.  
**Runs:** Seven runs for all skiing levels.  
**Lifts/tows:** Eight chairlifts and three rope tows.  
**Prices:** Weekdays, \$14 (all areas); \$7 (rope tow). Weekdays \$9 (all areas), \$7 (rope tow). Night, \$7 (all areas), \$5 (rope tow).  
**Hours:** Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 to 10 p.m. weekends and holidays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 to 10 p.m.  
**Phone:** (608) 493-2251.  
**Opening date:** Dec. 16 or earlier if weather permits.

### MOUNT LA CROSSE

**Location:** LaCrosse, Wis.  
**Vertical drop:** 516 feet.  
**Runs:** 12 slopes for every level of skier.  
**Lifts/tows:** Two chairlifts and three rope tows.  
**Prices:** Adults, one day, \$15; two consecutive days, \$27. Minors (17 and under) one day, \$14; two consecutive days, \$25. Child (5 and under) free with purchase of adult lift ticket. Rope tow one day only for any age, \$5; night, Tuesday through Saturday, for any age, \$10.  
**Hours:** Tuesday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday and Monday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Opening date:** First weekend in December, weather permitting.  
**Phone:** (608) 788-0044.  
**Other:** Snow making, ski shop, ski equipment rental, ski school, touring and cross country skiing, group lessons and rates, private lessons, special events, racing programs including NASTAR, accommodations nearby.

### FUN VALLEY

**Location:** Monticello, Iowa.  
**Vertical drop:** 240 feet.  
**Lifts/tows:** Five rope tows and three cable lifts.  
**Runs:** 10 runs for every level of skier.  
**Prices:** Weekdays, adult, \$5; child (under 12), \$4. Weekends and holidays, adult, \$6; child, \$4.  
**Every night special:** (ski boots, poles and lift ticket), \$6. Lift only (night) — adult, \$4; child, \$3.  
**Hours:** Sunday through Friday, noon to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
**Opening date:** Thanksgiving, weather permitting.  
**Phone:** (515) 622-3456.  
**Other:** Snow making equipment, restaurant, ski equipment and rental shop, snowmobiling trails, parties, group rates, accommodations nearby, season tickets, ski school.

### WINTERGREEN

**Location:** Spring Green, Wis.  
**Vertical drop:** 400 feet.  
**Runs:** Nine slopes for every level of skier.

### CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN

**Location:** Galena, Ill.  
**Vertical drop:** 465 feet.  
**Runs:** 14 runs for all levels of skiers.  
**Lifts/tows:** Six rope tows, 2 triple chairlifts.  
**Prices:** Chairlift and rope tow — Adult: weekends and holidays,

### CHERRY CREEK

**Location:** Cherry Creek, Minn.  
**Vertical drop:** 250 feet.  
**Runs:** 18 slopes for every level of skier.  
**Lifts/tows:** Eight chairlifts, five of which carry four people each.  
**Prices:** Weekdays, Christmas vacation and holidays — Adults 18 and over, \$12; juniors 13-17, \$11; children 12 and under, \$9. Weekdays — Adults, \$2; juniors, \$2; children, \$2. Night, \$7; junior, \$7; child, \$6.  
**Hours:** 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.  
**Opening date:** Thanksgiving, weather permitting.  
**Other:** Snow making, ski equipment rental, ski shop, four chairs, breakfast served daily, bar and weekend entertainment, RV reserved parking with electric outlets, season tickets, NASTAR program, group and private lessons, free adult beginners' lesson, children's program, racing, accommodations nearby.

### LAKE SUPERIOR

**Location:** Lake Superior, Minn.  
**Vertical drop:** 250 feet.  
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A "Ski Iowa" directory for 1983-84, is available free from the Iowa Development Commission Tourism & Travel Division, 250 Jewett Building, 914 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50312.

To obtain a Minnesota Winter Guide with a listing of snowmobile trails as well as downhill and cross-country skiing trails write the Minnesota Office of Tourism, 240 Brewer Building, 419 N. Robert St., St. Paul, Minn. 55101. For weekly snow depth reports, call toll-free 1-800-328-1461.

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