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Where to Ski in Region

About the Tables:

LIFTS: "Poma" and "Sitz" are straddle-lifts which skiers ride singly with both skis on the ground. "T-bars" may be ridden singly or two abreast, also with skis on the ground. "Ropes" are grasped and clung to as they move uphill. "Chairs" lift the skiers off the ground.

WHEN OPEN: Key—"AW" all week, "WE" weekends, "H" holidays and school vacations, "N" night, "m" Monday, "t" Tuesday, "w" Wednesday, "th" Thursday, "f" Friday, "sa" Saturday, "su" Sunday. "" means "except Monday."*

TOP RATE: This is the top adult rate. The areas feature a variety of lesser fees for minors, certain days, night skiing and in some cases discounts for tickets covering several days or longer.

*"**" means last season's rate. New rate not set.*

VERTICAL RISE: All figures supplied by area operators.

MINNESOTA

Name Nearest Town Phone Number	Lifts	When Open	Top Rate	Snow Making	Miles From Mpls.	Vertical Rise (Feet)	Longest Run (Feet)	No. of Runs
AFTON ALPS Afton 436-2218	4 Chairs, 3 T-Bars 1 Poma, 6 Ropes	AW N-t, w, th, f, sa	$5**	Yes	25	270	2,600	17
ARCTIC PARK Shoreview 484-9004	2 Ropes	AW, WE, H	$2.50	Yes	5	140	700	3
BUCK HILL Mpls. 435-7187	2 Chairs, 1 T-Bar, 1 J-Bar, 5 Ropes	AW N-AW	$5.50	Yes	12	310	2,000	10
BUFFALO VALLEY Buffalo 332-1534	6 Ropes 1 Sitzlift	WE, H, W, th, sa, su, N-exc. f	$4.25	Yes	35	240	1,000	6
BUENA VISTA Bemidji 751-5530	3 Ropes	WE, H	$2.50**	No	225	225	1,500	8
CEDAR HILLS Eden Prairie 445-9908	7 Ropes 1 Cablebar	AW, WE, H, N-AW	$3	Yes	10	200	1,250	12
DETROIT MOUNTAIN Detroit Lakes 847-7048	1 T-Bar 6 Ropes	WE, H, w	$3.75**	Yes	200	235	2500	7
EKO BACKEN Forest Lake 433-2601	2 Ropes	WE, H	$2	No	35	150	600	Open
FRENCH RAPIDS Brainerd 829-6040	Ropes	sa, su	$1.50	No	130	110	600	2
FRONTENAC Red Wing 388-5826	2 T-Bars 5 Ropes	AW* N-AW*	$5**	Yes	50	420	5,200	10
GIANT'S RIDGE Biwabik 865-6315	1 T-Bar 4 Ropes	WE, w	$4.50**	No	215	440	3,300	9
HALLAWAY HILL Pelican Rapids 736-2082	4 Tows	WE, H	$2.75**	No	190		650	4
HIDDEN VALLEY Ely 365-3097	1 J-Bar 2 Ropes	WE, H, w	$2.50	No	250	240	1,800	5
HOLE-IN-THE-MOUNTAIN COUNTY PARK Lake Benton 2211 or 2201	2 Ropes	WE, H	$1**	No	200	175	1,000	4
HYLAND HILLS Bloomington 944-1300	6 Ropes 1 T-Bar	H, AW, N-m, t, w, th, f, sa	$3**	Yes	5	200	2,000	13
INVER HILLS St. Paul 454-9928	4 Ropes 1 Poma	w-su	$4	Yes	14	218	2,862	8
LOOKOUT MT. Virginia 749-1510	1 Chair 5 Ropes	WE, H, N-t, f	$4.75**		200	300	3,400	12
LUTSEN Lutsen 633-7212	1 Chair, 2 Pomas 2 Ropes, 1 Sitz	AW	$5.75**	Yes	250	630	7,800	16
MONT DU LAC Duluth 636-9991	1 T-Bar 4 Ropes	WE, H, N-w	$4.50	Yes	140	310	2,400	6
PINE BEND So. St. Paul 437-4636	2 Pomas 6 Ropes	AW* N*	$5.25	Yes	12	258	2,200	9
POWDER RIDGE Kimball 398-5295	1 T-Bar 6 Ropes	w-su, N-w-su	$4.75	Yes	55	252	2,500	7
QUADNA MOUNTAIN Hill City 697-2324	2 T-Bars 3 Ropes	AW	$4.50	Yes	160	325	2,800	15
MT. ROCKWOOD Silver Bay 226-3868	3 Ropes	WE, H, N-t, th	$2.75	No	270	450	2,500	3
SKI-GULL Brainerd 829-2391	1 T-Bar 3 Ropes	WE, H, N-w, th	$3.50	No	140	210	2,000	9
SKI HAVEN Mankato 387-3363	7 Ropes	WE, H, t, w, th, N-w, f	$3.50	Yes	70	200	1,800	18
SKI-TONKA Orono 472-2827	10 Ropes 1 Sitzlift	AW, H N-AW	$3.50	Yes	12	225	1,000	8
SUGAR HILLS Grand Rapids 326-3473	1 Chair, 3 T-Bars 8 Ropes	H, AW, WE N-t, f	$6.00	Yes	175	400	7,500	23
THEODORE WIRTH Minneapolis 522-4584	3 Ropes	WE, H, N-m, t, w, th, f	$2.50**	No	0	50	350	3
VAL CHATEL Park Rapids 266-3306	6 Ropes	AW, N-w, sa	$4	No	200			11
VAL CROIX Taylors Falls 465-4115	1 T-Bar 6 Ropes	WE, H	$4.50	Yes	55	262	5,000	6
WELCH VILLAGE Welch 388-2735	1 Chair, 2 T-Bars, 4 Ropes	WE, H, W N-m-f	$5	Yes	40	330	3,800	15

WISCONSIN

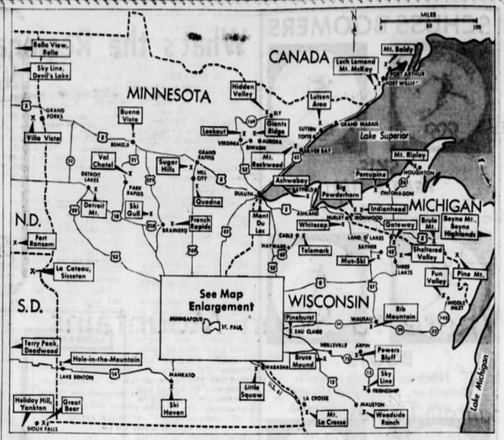
Name Nearest Town Phone Number	Lifts	When Open	Top Rate	Snow Making	Miles From Mpls.	Vertical Rise (Feet)	Longest Run (Feet)	No. of Runs
ASHWABAY Bayfield 779-3250	1 T-Bar 5 Ropes	WE, H, w N-t, th	$4	No	206	317	3,500	10
BRUCE MOUND Neillsville 743-2490	6 Ropes	WE, H	$1.50**	Yes	150	325	2,500	6
DEEPWOOD Sand Creek 658-1394	2 T-Bars 8 Ropes	WE, H, N-sa	$5	Yes	83	293	3,600	16
GATEWAY Land O'Lakes 547-3321	4 Ropes	AW N	$4	No	225	110	1,200	11
HARDSCRABBLE Rice Lake 234-3412	2 T-Bars 7 Ropes	WE, H	$5.50	Yes	100	320	2,600	6
LA CROSSE MT. La Crosse 788-0044	1 Chair 4 Ropes	AW, N-t, w, th	$5.50	Yes	130	516	5,300	12
MANITOU VALLEY Superior 392-4414	4 Ropes	WE, H, N-f	$2.10	No	150	125	1,200	6
POWERS BLUFF, ARPIN Wis. Rapids 423-3000	2 Ropes	WE, H, w, sa su, N-w, th, sa	none	No	180	250	1,750	4
RIB MOUNTAIN Wausau 845-2846	1 Chair, 2 T-Bars, 4 Ropes	AW	$5.75	Yes	180	680	3,880	8
SHELTER VALLEY Three Lakes 546-3535	1 Poma 4 Ropes	AW	$3.50	No	245	200	2,100	9
SKY LINE Friendship 339-3985	1 Chair 5 Ropes	AW, H, N-w, f	$5.50	Yes	200	335	2,600	6
SNOWCREST Somerset 247-3852	1 Chair, 1 Sitzlift, 7 Ropes	AW, H*, N-AWH*	$5.25	Yes	30	250	2,700	14
TELEMARK Cable 798-3311	1 Chair, 3 T-Bars, 10 Ropes	AW	$6	Yes	160	370	2,600	10
TROLLHAUGEN Dresser 755-2955	1 Chair, 3 T-Bars, 10 Ropes	H, AW, WE, N-f, sa	$5.25	Yes	50	256	2,500	13
WHITE CAP Montreal 561-2227	1 Chair, 1 T-Bar, 4 Ropes	AW	$6	No	200	350	5,000	15
WOODSIDE RANCH Mauston 847-4275	1 Rope	AW, N, H	Free to guests	No	200	125	500	3

NORTH DAKOTA

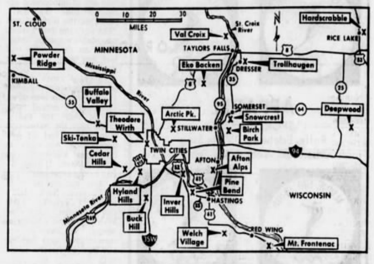
Name Nearest Town Phone Number	Lifts	When Open	Top Rate	Snow Making	Miles From Mpls.	Vertical Rise (Feet)	Longest Run (Feet)	No. of Runs
FORT RANSOM Fort Ransom 973-2355	2 Ropes	WE, H	$1.25**	No	275	300	2,640	10
ROLLA VIEW Rolla 477-5389	3 Ropes	WE, H, N-t, f	$1	No	500	140	1,200	2
SKY-LINE Devils Lake 662-3295	1 Rope	AW, H, N-f	$2.50	No	470	190	1,500	4
VILLA VISTA Grand Forks 772-2108	4 Ropes	WE	$2**	No	317	110	900	6

SOUTH DAKOTA

Name Nearest Town Phone Number	Lifts	When Open	Top Rate	Snow Making	Miles From Mpls.	Vertical Rise (Feet)	Longest Run (Feet)	No. of Runs
GREAT BEAR Sioux Falls 332-0848	4 Ropes	WE, H, N-th, f	$3	Yes	240	280	2,000	9
HOLIDAY HILLS Yankton 665-9278	3 Ropes	WE, H, N th, f,	$3**	Yes	350	270	2,200	3
LA CATEAU Sisseton 698-3245	1 Rope	WE, H	Free**	No	200	250	1,800	2
TERRY PEAK Deadwood 584-1440	1 Chair, 3 Pomas	H, th, f, sa, su	$4**	No	630	1,200	8,000	10



Ski Areas Tout Their Attractions



The Minneapolis Tribune mailed questionnaires to 65 Upper Midwest ski areas.

Under "Additional Information" they added the following about their own developments:

Minnesota

AFTON ALPS, Afton — New triple chair lift, new T-Bar. Additional lights.

BUCK HILL, Burnsville—New: 1,000 square feet on chalet for lounging area, regrading of two main slopes, enlarged parking area, upgrading snowmaking facilities. Erich Sailer Racing Program and Ski School.

BUFFALO VALLEY, Buffalo—New sitzlift. Lighting and snowmaking expanded to cover all slopes. New lighted free skating rink.

EKO BACKEN, Forest Lake—Six miles east of Forest Lake on Hwy. 97. Special run for rental bobsleds. Specialize in group parties, any day or night, by appointment (433-2601). Long-distance "snurfing" trophies (men's and women's) awarded to party group winners (a snurf board is a wide, single-board ski with rope handle from nose to rider).

FRONTENAC, Red Wing — Two new runs. Chalet being doubled in size.

HIDDEN VALLEY, Ely — We have a toboggan slide, skating rink, two ski jumps and touring trails.

HOLE - IN - THE - MOUNTAIN COUNTY PARK, Lake Benton—Recently acquired by Lincoln County in cooperation with state and federal natural resource and recreation development programs. Operated many years as skiing and sledding facility ("Benton Valley") by Carl Westli, of Pipestone, who will continue to help in the operation.

Rope tows have been lengthened, more ski runs provided, longer and wider than before. Further development planned.

Open and partly wooded areas for snowmobile operation.

HYLAND HILLS, Bloomington — Added $2,000 worth of new grooming equipment.

INVER HILLS, Inver Grove Heights — Added snowmaking and a Poma lift this year.

LUTSEN, North Shore—New lift: "Sitzlift," 900 per hour, servicing beginners and intermediate slopes. Free ski line: Dial 800-23-2-0071 for Lutsen's switchboard about ski conditions and reservations. Sea Villas: Twelve condominium rental apartments now ready (house 100 to 120) in "Elite" Apartments on Lake Superior.

PINE BEND, Pine Bend — Improved road and parking lots.

POWDER RIDGE, Kimball—New: 2,000 square feet split level added to chalet, with Beer Stube on upper level, new food service lower level. Double rope tow, new run and recontouring of others. Snowmaking equipment upgraded.

SKI GULL, Brainerd — The summer was spent improving the runs and lifts.

SKIHAVEN, Mankato — A unique warming shelter constructed. Two beginner runs greatly improved and a new beginner run developed. One intermediate run greatly improved. Three tow lines improved.

SKI TONKA, Orono — New sitzlift. New electric air compressors for increased snowmaking capacity. New spryte (hill-grooming vehicle). Bus to and from school in third year of after-school program.

VAL CHATEL, Park Rapids — Adding three major new buildings which will greatly add to the skiing and comfort of our guests. Adding more new equipment to place natural snow on the hill and vastly improve grooming.

All new buckle boots, more skis, new stepin bindings, new wood skis, new poles in rental shop. Greatly expanded retail stock. New "St. Ullr's Abbey" shelter at top of entire area. Northwest Bay area has all new electric ropes, variety of trails and runs.

VAL CROIX, Taylor Falls — The Chalet has been enlarged. Rest rooms, first aid rooms, and the ski shop have been made more adequate.

WELCH VILLAGE, Hastings —New Hall double chair—2,000 feet length. Added runs with snow-making on all. Sixty acres of skiing under lights.

Wisconsin

ASHWABAY, Bayfield — Sno-Cat and grooming equipment new this year.

DEEPWOOD SKI AND GOLF, Wheeler — Deepwood is an official A. Y. H. hostel. New 9-hole 3,030-yard golf course.

GATEWAY, Land O'Lakes — Gateway Hotel offers heated pool, sauna, cocktail lounge, skating rink, snowmobile rental, snowmobile guided tours and package deal. New construction proposed for 1970-71 season at ski area.

MT. LA CROSSE, La Crosse — Have a new building (1,200 square feet) which has allowed enlargement of the ski shop, kitchen, rental shop and rest rooms.

POWERS BLUFF WINTER SPORTS AREA, Arpin — Have a ½ mile toboggan slide and run; 1,800-foot steel track.

RIB MOUNTAIN, Wausau — Installed a 3,300 foot chairlift this summer that will be the longest and highest in Wisconsin, and a new heated sunporch in front of the chalet.

SKY LINE, Friendship — We began construction of a new chalet in fall of 1968, to open this month. It has a cocktail lounge, recreation room for kids and is much larger than the old chalet.

SNOWCREST (formerly Ski Mac), Somerset — New chairlift, new Sitzlift, new runs. Parking regraded, enlarged.

TROLLHAUGEN, Dresser — Opening a new T-bar area for beginners and intermediates. Length about 1,650 feet. New chairlift abuilding. New sitzlift for beginners.

WOODSIDE RANCH, Mauston —New ski tow and new lodging since last season. Skiing only for overnight guests. Horseback riding very popular in winter. Also snowmobiling. Ice skating on our pond, also.

Michigan

BIG POWDERHORN MOUNTAIN, Bessemer — Relocated 1,500 feet of roadway. Two new trails: a mile-long novice trail and an intermediate. New double chair lift. March 15: Spring Carnival Day.

PINE MOUNTAIN, Iron Mountain — Present dining area to be enlarged. New heated swimming pool.

MOUNT RIPLEY, Houghton—The Cyclone racing slope has been reworked.

South Dakota

GREAT BEAR SKI VALLEY, Sioux Falls — New ownership. Electric tows. Chalet. Snowmaking equipment.

Ski Instructor Group Expands

The Central Ski Instructors Association (CSIA) has approved a new membership classification, "Registered Instructors." To qualify, a skier must either attend a sanctioned pre-course or be recommended by a recognized ski school director.

Pre-course and examination dates and areas are:

Dec. 6-7—Pre-course, Mt. Telemark, Cable, Wis.

Dec. 13-14 — Examination, Mt. Telemark.

Jan. 10-11—Pre-course, Wintergreen, Spring Green, Wis.

Jan. 17-18—Pre-course, Big Powderhorn, Bessemer, Mich.

Jan. 24-25 — Examination, Rib Mountain, Wausau, Wis.

Feb. 14-15 — Pre-course, Trollhaugen, Dresser, Wis.

Feb. 28-Mar. 1 — Examination, Trollhaugen.

Candidates applying for examination must be at least 18 years of age, a registered member of CSIA and hold a current standard First Aid Card. Application forms may be obtained by writing CSIA, Box 312, Downers Grove, Ill. 60515.

Companion Handy

"Never ski alone" is a basic rule for skiers. A companion could come in handy in the event of an accident.

MICHIGAN

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BIG POWDERHORN MT. Bessemer 932-4838	3 Chairs, 1 T-Bar, 2 Ropes	AW, H, N-w, sa	$6	No	240		5,280	13
BOYNE HIGHLANDS Harbor Springs 526-2171	4 Chairs, 1 Poma, 1 T-Bar, 1 Rope	AW, H, WE	$7.50 **	Yes	525	500	6,126	16
BOYNE MOUNTAIN Boyne Falls 549-2441	6 Chairs	AW	$7.50 **	Yes	550	400	5,000	17
BRULE MT. Iron River 265-9671	1 Chair, 1 T-Bar, 4 Ropes	AW	$5.50	Yes	250	400	4,000	7
INDIANHEAD MT. Bessemer 224-1311	3 Chairs, 2 T-Bars, 1 Poma	AW, H	$6.75	Yes	275	638	4,800	15
PINE MT. Iron Mountain 774-2747	2 Chairs, 6 Ropes	AW	$6.50	Yes	300	375	3,500	12
PORCUPINE MT. Ontonagon 884-4296	1 Chair, 2 T-Bars, 3 Ropes	AW, H WE	$3.50	No	320	600	3,200	7
MT. RIPLEY Houghton 487-2340	1 T-Bar, 2 Ropes	AW, H	$4	No	350	420	2,500	5

ONTARIO

Name Nearest Town Phone Number	Lifts	When Open	Top Rate	Snow Making	Miles From Mpls.	Vertical Rise (Feet)	Longest Run (Feet)	No. of Runs
MT. BALDY Port Arthur	1 Chair, 2 Ropes	AW	$4 **	No	300	650	6,500	8
LITTLE NORWAY Thunder Bay 622-9161	1 T-Bar, 1 Rope	WE, H, w, f, sa, su	$3.50	No	340	800	....	10
LOCH LOMOND Ft. William 623-3700	4 T-Bars, 1 Rope	AW, N	$4.50	Yes	335	800	7,000	8
MT. McKAY Ft. William 623-6822	1 Chair, 1 T-Bar, 1 Rope	AW N-t, w, th, f	$4	Yes	330	600	4,000	12

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