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Skiing Is Set For Big Year In Northwest

EAU CLAIRE, Wis.—With four newly developed areas due to see action this season, skiing in northwest Wisconsin appears to be set for a distinct upturn.

This and other Indian Hed Country cities have long been hot-beds for the scaffold-jump brand of skiing. Only since World War II, have there begun any serious attempts to capitalize on the region's abundant snowfall and plentiful slopes by developing downhill areas.

Oldest of all the areas is Pinehurst at Eau Claire, underway for more than a decade, which was primarily intended as a local projevt. Nevetherless it has attracted considerable numbers of Midwest skiers to its broad 3000 foot runs and two tows.

Already well-established as favorite Midwestern ski centers are three areas further north. Best known, perhaps, is Telemark, at Sable — right in the heart of a famous summer playground. Near the shores of Lake Superior and Mt. Ashwabay at Bayfield, both offering full facilities.

Two of the new areas are located in western Polk county, especially convenient to the Twin Cities. Trollhaugen at Dresser and Silver Brook at St. Croix Falls will both be in full readiness for the 1951-52 season. So will Deepwood, a few miles from Colfax in Dunn county. All areas, both new and old, are equipped with tows, chalet-cafes, ski schools and shops. Accommodations are nearby.

Operators of the projected Mt. Atlanta area near Rice Lake have been working against time to install tows and other facilities. They expect to have at least the former ready by early in the season.

Vertical descents at the various areas are upward of 350 feet, with longest runs averaging 2,500 feet.

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