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Snow-going trio charges down the slope at full speed.

Ski slopes offer snow action

Wisconsin has 59 downhill ski areas offering a variety natural and made-made snow conditions and runs ranging in length from 150 feet to just over a mile.

Many of the downhill areas also include cross country ski trails, rentals, food and lodging. All types of lifts are represented from chairs to pomas.

The expert skier who has mastered the mountains of the west or northeast will have no difficulty with anything that Wisconsin has to offer but the gentle beauty of the southern Wisconsin slopes and the massive amounts of natural snow in the north are hard to beat anywhere.

Wisconsin slopes are especially ideal for the beginner and intermediate skier or the expert who doesn't have the time or the money to travel long distances. Not all the state's ski areas are open daily once the season begins and enough are open only on weekends or at odd times during the week to merit a call in advance.

The Michigan Upper Penisula has nine downhill areas, many of them with slopes exceeding a mile in length and almost all with natural powder conditions.

The Wisconsin Division of Tourism has free flyers listing not only the downhill but also cross country ski areas in the state. Phone numbers of each area are supplied with the flyers which are available after Oct. 15 by writing the Box 7606, Madison, 53707. An alphabetical listing of downhill areas by region follows.

SOUTH:

Alpine Valley, East Troy, 3,300— foot slope, 11 lifts, rentals; Bull Run Ltd., Boscobel, 3,500, 2 rope tows, rentals; Cascade Mtn., Portage, 5,300, 2 ropes, 2 lifts; rentals; Christmas Mtn., Wisconsin Dells, 2,800, 3 ropes, 2 lifts, rentals; Devil's Head, Merrimac, 4,500, 3 ropes, 7 lifts, rentals; Greenbush, Campbellsport, 700, 1 rope tow; Hogsback Hill, Reedsburg, 600, 1 rope tow; Interlaken, Lake Geneva, 950, 2 rope tows, rentals; Little Switzerland, Slinger, 1,800, 4 lifts, rentals; Majestic, Lake Geneva, 1,400, 5 ropes, 3 lifts, rentals.

Milwaukee County Parks, 1,100, 6 ropes, rentals; Mt. Fuji, 2,700, 2 ropes, 5 lifts, rentals; Olympia, Oconomowoc, 2,800, 2 ropes, 2 lifts, rentals; Playboy, Lake Geneva, 1,320, 2 ropes, 3 lifts, rentals; Snowbowl, Gays Mills, 1,500, 1 rope tow, rentals; Sunburst, Kewaskum, 1,500, 4 ropes, 2 lifts, rentals; Timberline, Arena,2,200, 1 rope tow, 2 lifts, rentals; Tyrol Basin, Mt. Horeb, 3,600, 3 ropes, 2 lifts, rentals; Wilmot Mtn., Wilmot, 2,500, 8 ropes, 5 lifts; Wintergreen, 4,100, 2 lifts, rentals.

CENTRAL:

Bruce Mound, Neillsville, 2,500, 2 ropes, 2 lifts, rentals; Calumet County Park, Hilbert, 5,000, 5 ropes, rentals; Deepwood, Wheeler, 3,200 8 ropes, 2 lifts; Hidden Valley, Manitowoc, 3,600, 4 ropes, rentals; Hilly Haven, DePere, 5 ropes, rentals; Mt. LaCrosse, LaCrosse, 5,300, 3 ropes, 2 lifts, rentals; Navarino Hills, Shiocton, 1,200, 4 tows, 1 lift, rentals; Nordic Mtn.,Hancock, 2,500,1 rope, 2 lifts, rentals; Pink Panther, DePere, 1,000, 3 ropes, 1 lift, rentals; Powers Bluff, Wisconsin Rapids, 1,750, 1 rope, rentals; Rib Mtn., Wausau, 3,800, 3 ropes, 4 lifts, rentals.

Skyline, Friendship, 2,880, 2 ropes, 2 lifts, rentals; Snowcrest, Somerset, 3,500, 7 ropes, 3 lifts, rentals; Spring Valley, Spring Valley, 1,200, 1 rope; Standing Rocks, Stevens Point, 1,000, 2 ropes, rentals; Sylvan Hill Park, Wausau, 1,800, 4 ropes, rentals; Viewridge, New London, 2,400, 3 ropes; Viking Skyline, Strum, 1,100, 3 ropes, rentals; Woodside Duge Ranch, Mauston, 800, 1 rope, rentals.

NORTH:

Camp 10, Rhinelander, 2,000, 3 ropes, 2 lifts, rentals; Chanticleer Inn, Eagle River, 150, 2 ropes, rentals; Christie Mtn., Bruce, 4,000, 1 rope, 2 lifts, rentals; Gateway Lodge, Land O' Lakes, 2,000, 3 ropes, rentals; Hardscrabble, Rice Lake, 4,000, 5 ropes, 2 tows, rentals; Harrison Hills, Gleason, 2,000, 3 ropes; Kettlebowl, Antigo, 2,000, 5 ropes; Keyes Park, Florence, 1,760, 3 ropes; Mt. Lebett, Coleman, 3 ropes, 1 tow, rentals; Mt. Telemark, Cable, 2,600, 10 ropes, 6 tows, rentals.

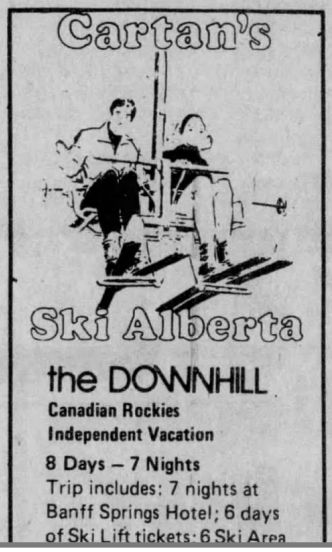
Nest of Eagle, Spooner, 1,500, 1 lift, rentals; Paul Bunyan, Lakewood, 1,050, 1 lift, 4 ropes, rentals; Perkinstown Winter Sports Area, Gilman, 1,500, 5 ropes, rentals; Port Mountain, Bayfield, 5,000, 4 ropes, 1 lift, rentals; Potawatomi State Park, Sturgeon Bay, 500, 2 ropes; Sheltered Valley, Three Lakes, 2,000, 3 ropes, 1 lift, rentals; Snowcrest, Somerset, 3,500, 7 ropes, 3 lifts, rentals; Trollhaugen, Dresser, 2,500, 7 ropes, 2 lifts, rentals; Whitecap, Montreal, 5,000, 4 ropes, 4 lifts, rentals; Winterset, Crivitz, 1,800, 3 ropes, rentals.

UPPER PENISULA:

Mont Ripley, Houghton, 2,500, 1 rope, 4 lifts, rentals; Porcupine Mtn., Ontonagon, 6,000, 2 ropes, 2 lifts, rentals; Big Powder Horn, Bessemer, 5,280, 2 ropes, 5 lifts, rentals; Indian Head Mtn., Wakefield, 5,300, 9 lifts, rentals; Brule, Iron River, 5,000, 4 ropes, 2 lifts, rentals; Pine Mtn., Iron Mountain, 8 ropes, 3 lifts, rentals; Cliff Ridge, Marquette, 7,800, 3 lifts, rentals; Vulcan USA, Vulcan, 1 rope, 2 lifts, rentals and Blackjack, Bessemer, 5,280, 2 ropes, 3 lifts, rentals.

EASTERN MINNESOTA:

Birch Park, Stillwater, 2,000, 7 ropes, 4 lifts, rentals and Mont Du Lac, Duluth, 2,400, 3 ropes, 2 lifts, rentals.



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