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Destination: Badlands Sno-Park

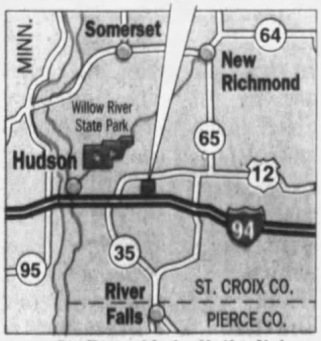
Where: Six miles east of Hudson.

Why go: Snow tubing, snowboarding and beginner skiing.

Features: The Badlands Sno-Park offers four tubing slopes accessed by two tow ropes. The slopes are lighted for night tubing. Four runs for snowboarding and skiing were added in 1997 and include a terrain park, big air jumps and two tow ropes. A new chalet serves concessions, and the park has all-new tubes this year with handles.

History: Bernard and Peggy Kinney opened the Badlands in 1970. Their goal was to provide affordable winter activities that entire families could enjoy. The park is on land that has been owned by the Kinney family for years. Bernard's father was born in the original chalet, which was a farm house in the late 1880s. The recreation area still is family-run and recently added snowboarding, snow making and grooming and changed the name from Badlands Recreation to Badlands Sno-Park.

Badlands Sno-Park



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Tip: Groups are offered special rates but need reservations weekdays between 9 and 4 p.m. The chalet can be rented for private occasions.

If you go: Open 4 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 4 to 9 p.m. Fridays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday. Tubing costs range from $5 for children 5 and under; $10 for 6 and over weeknights; and $6 for 5 and under and $13 for 6 and over on weekends. Snowboarding and skiing costs $10 for lift tickets on weekdays and $15 on weekends.

Information: Call 715-386-1856 or go to www.badlands-snopark.com.

Directions: From Interstate 94, take exit 4 and go north on Highway 12 one mile. Go east (right) on Badlands Road two miles, then south (right) on Kinney Road. The entrance will be at the top of the hill on the left.

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