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State Ski Areas Rank With Best

Although Wisconsin may be viewed as one large, flat farm by eastern or western skiers, we can still brag about a few ski areas that will stack up well in any ski league.

One example is Mt. Telemark, near Hayward. Boasting 10 slopes and trails, three T - bars, 10 rope tows and an airport on the premises, the winter sports area is in its 15th year of operation.

Telemark has what is probably the biggest snow making setup in the world. Everything is carved out of a hill 370 feet high.

A few miles to the east, near Hurley, White Cap mountain is one of the state's newest winter playgrounds. Only four years old, the 350 foot hill's two T-bars and three rope tows serve about five miles of trails and a perfect, natural bowl for beginners.

The state's only chair lift is located at Cascade mountain near Portage. It's a five minute ride to the top of the 460 foot hill and skiers can choose the longest run in the state, 5,000 feet, coming down. Cascade also has four rope tows.

8The highest hill in the state is Rib mountain at Wausau. It has a vertical drop of 600 feet. The longest trail coming down is 3,880 feet.

Mt. Horeb is proud of Norway Basin, located in the mound area near Madison. The vertical drop in the basin is about 380 feet with downhill courses measuring 2,200, 2,100 and 2,500 feet. The wooded trail run is 3,000 feet long.

For skiers preferring to stay closer to home, Waukesha county has Delafield and Maryhill, both open as public, fee areas. Both have hills with vertical drops of about 200 feet and runs of 1,200 feet.

Another large and rather unlikely ski area in the state is Lake Geneva in southeastern Wisconsin. Snow, sometimes man - made, is piled on man - made hills to provide skiing primarily for Chicago - land enthusiasts.

Fourteen ski areas in Wisconsin and three in upper Michigan have snow - making equipment.

Here is a ski directory for Wisconsin and upper Michigan.

Name	Vert. Drop	Longest Run	Tows	T-Bars	Chair Lifts	Snow Equip.	Nearest Town
SOUTHERN WISCONSIN							
Gander Mt.	200	2,500	5	1-Poma		Yes	Wilmot
Wilmot Hills	200	1,500	11	2	1	Yes	Wilmot
Indian Nob	200	1,200	6			Yes	Lake Geneva
Majestic Hills	200	1,000	8			Yes	Lake Geneva
Mt. Fuji	200	1,400	8	1		Yes	Lake Geneva
Holiday Hill	200	1,200	2				Lake Geneva
North Hills	175	1,200	1				Ft. Atkinson
Twin Valley	Private Hill						Middleton
Norway Basin	380	2,300	2	1		Yes	Mt. Horeb
Delafield	200	1,200	5				Delafield
Maryhill	220	1,200	3				Sussex
Little Switzerland	200	1,200	6			Yes	Slinger
Fox Hill	232	1,100	3				West Bend
Wunderberg	200	1,850	3	1		Yes	Kewaskum
Green Bush Hill	150	800	1				Greenbush
Frolic Valley	150	1,200	2				Berlin
Cascade Mt.	460	5,300	4		1	Yes	Portage
Birch Haven	275	1,500	3			Yes	Baraboo
Sky Line	280	1,200	3				Friendship
Hogsback Hill	200	1,000	1				Reedsburg
Mt. La Crosse	516	2,800	2	1-Poma	1-Belt		LaCrosse
CENTRAL WISCONSIN							
Calumet Park	200	900	4				Stockbridge
Hidden Valley	200	1,800	6				Manitowoc
Potawatomi	150	1,100	2				Sturgeon Bay
Nor-Ski Ridge	226	3,100	3	1		Yes	Fish Creek
Mo-Ski-Tow	100	1,200	4				New London
Chain O'Lakes	238	1,400	2				Waupaca
Syracuse Mound	170	800	2				Wis. Rapids
Iverson Park							Stevens Point
Powers Bluff	250	1,750	2				Arpin
Bruce Mound	300	2,000	4				Neillsville
Rib Mountain	600	3,880	5	1		Yes	Wausau
Kettlebowl	225	1,500	2				Antigo
Pinehurst	250	2,500	3				Eau Claire
Deepwood	293	2,600	8	1			Colfax
Ski Mac	242	2,200	5				Somerset
Englewood	340	3,700	7				Osceola
Trollhaugen	240	3,000	7	1		Yes	Dresser
Flats	100	700	1				Oconto
Winterset	200	1,800	3				Crivitz
Fun Valley	290	2,500	3				Middle Inlet
NORTHERN WISCONSIN							
Camp Ten	220	2,000	2	1			Rhinelander
Sheltered Valley	200	2,000	3	1-Poma			Three Lakes
Chanticleer	75	600	2				Eagle River
Kings Gateway	150	1,000	3				Land O'Lakes
Mus-Ski Mt.	200	2,700	6	1			Sayner
Squirrel Hill	215	1,850	4				Minocqua
Ski Trail	200	1,200	4				Westboro
Hardscrabble			6				Rice Lake
Lockhaven	250	1,500	5				Spooner
Mt. Telemark	370	2,600	10	3		Yes	Cable
Mt. Ashwahy	317	3,000	7				Bayfield
White Cap Mt.	350	5,000	2	2			Hurley
UPPER MICHIGAN							
Snow Bowl	65	300	1				Menominee
Pine Mountain	375	3,500	8		1	Yes	Iron Mt.
Thunder Bowl	100	1,000	2				Manistique
Iroquois Mt.	400	3,000	2		1		Brimley
Cliff's Ridge	425	4,800	2	2		Yes	Marquette
Ishpeming	190		3				Ishpeming
Brule Mt.	400	4,000	3	1			Iron River
Mount Zion	300	2,000	2				Ironwood
Indianhead Mt.	638	5,000	3	2	1	Yes	Bessemer
Mount Joy							Wakefield
Porcupine Mt.	600	4,000					Ontonagon
Mt. Ripley	418	2,000	5				Houghton

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