

Midwestern States Offer Winter Sport

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When branches are draped with cottony ridges of snow, when hillsides are blanketed in white, and lakes and rivers congeal into a glare of ice, thousands of midwesterners take to the outdoors. Glistening ski slopes, toboggan slides, and skating areas in state parks are thronged all over the United States. Interest in winter sports has spread and midwestern states have programs of winter fun that are as exciting as those at the more famous slopes at Sun Valley or Lake Arrowhead.

Those who are too timid to risk their legs at skiing enjoy watching the expert, intermediate or novice take off from the steep hillsides, clearing ledges and knolls in thrilling, hazardous leaps. Visitors share in the less dangerous fun of tobogganing, skating, snowshoeing, and sleigh rides. At the end of the day they take part in the entertainment in the warming huts or inns nearby. Crackling logs in open fireplaces provide a perfect setting for relaxation and reminiscences of the day's thrills.

In Michigan, there are 37 areas organized for winter sports. Near Three Lakes, besides skiing, there are professional hockey games, sail skating, ice boating, and an outdoor skating rink.

Escorted all-expense trips to Iron Mountain, Mich., in the upper peninsula snow country, tempt week-enders in January, February, and March. At Boyne Falls there are "Learn to Ski Weeks" arranged for beginners with a special slope for the novice. All over Michigan, wherever there are steep hills and ski tows, the "snow birds" gather for Saturday and Sunday fun, if not priv-

New Midwest Ski Spot



The season's first snowfall brought hundreds of skiers to the Sheltered Valley Ski area near Three Lakes, Wis., which has nine slopes and three tows. Pictured here is the shelter house where snacks or full dinners may be eaten before a huge, roaring fireplace.

ileged to visit during week days.

Pine Mountain, near Iron Mountain, celebrates New Year with a four day all-expense ski tour from Chicago which includes use of ski tows, lodging, meals, transportation, and gala New Year's Eve parties at the lodges, dinner, dancing, and entertainment.

Wisconsin has about 30 organized winter playgrounds. Mount Telemark near Spooner, is one of the most popular. Escorted all-expense trips are available in January, February, and March with a full two days of snow fun and ski thrills. Music, dancing, and entertainment are provided after a day on the vertical descents. Besides the downhill runs there is unlimited cross-country skiing.

At Wilmot Hills, 7 miles

east of Genoa, Wis., is the first snow making machine in the midwest, assuring the skier of from 6 to 12 inches of snow on the main center slopes all season. Rib mountain, near Wausau, is the highest point in the state, with a ski slope 3,200 feet long.

The popular ski slopes in Illinois are Fox Valley Ski hills near Cary, with three rope tows and hills 200 feet high; and Fox River grove where the Norge ski tournament is held in January.

Located in the extreme northern part of Indiana, Pokagon park has the longest winter season of any of the Indiana State parks. Visitors who do not care to share in the more strenuous outdoor phases of the park's recreational activities find plenty of excitement inside the state park hotel, Potawatomi inn.

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