

Logansport, Indiana

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Ski Resorts Welcome December Snow Cover

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The heavy snow which fell on the state during the past week was a welcome sight to Indiana's downhill ski areas.

Except for Michigan, Indiana has more downhill ski area than any other state in the Midwest, according to the Indiana Department of Commerce.

In the northern part of the state, skiers may chose from Mt. Wawasee, New Paris; Ski Valley, LaPorte; The Pines, Valparaiso; and Bendix Woods, New Carlisle.

Pleasant Run, Greencastle is located in central Indiana. In the southern part of the state are Perfect North Slopes, Lawrenceburg; Ski World, Nashville; and Ski Paoli Peaks, Paoli.

There are two ski clubs near Logansport that will be offering skiing downhill skiing trips to the Indiana ski areas, as well as some in Michigan and in other states. Valparaiso, Fort Wayne and Indianapolis have similar ski organizations.

If you are not traveling with a group, it is a good idea to call the ski resort to check on snow conditions, rates and availability of ski equipment.

Kokomo Ski Club

The Kokomo Ski Club holds meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at the Pizza Hut on U.S. 31, Kokomo.

The meetings last from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. and are preceded by a half-hour social time. Dues are \$15 per year for individuals, \$20 for families.

Persons interested in joining the Kokomo club should contact Karen Buyer (317-455-0316).

Lafayette Ski Club

The Lafayette Ski Club hold meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Family Inn on Northwestern Avenue, West Lafayette.

Both downhill and cross-country events are planned.

Membership dues are \$20 per year for individuals, \$30 for families.

Prospective members may write the club at P.O. Box 275, West Lafayette, 47906.

Outlines of the downhill ski areas in Indiana and southwestern Michigan are listed below.

THE PINES

•1 mile south of U.S. 6 on Meridian Road, south of Valparaiso

•8 slopes— 4 intermediate-advanced, 3 beginner; Longest: 1,200 feet

•2 rope tows, 2 handlebar lifts, 1 quad chair lift

•Lift tickets: \$9 to \$11

•Equipment rental: \$9.50

•Hours: noon to 10 p.m. weekdays; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekends and holidays

•More information: Call 462-4179

SKI VALLEY

•5 miles west of LaPorte on Ind. 2, then one mile north on Forrester Road

•5 slopes— 1 advanced, three intermediate, one beginner

•3 rope tows, 1 T-bar

•Lift tickets: \$5 to \$8

•Hours: 6 to 10 p.m. weekdays; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays; noon to 10 p.m. Dec. 19-30 (except Christmas day)

•More information: Call 326-0123

MOUNT WAWASEE

•Off U.S. 15 near New Paris in Elkhart County

•10 slopes— 5 advanced, 2 intermediate, 3 beginner

•1 T-bar lift, 1 poma lift, 6 rope tows

•Lift tickets: \$5.50 to \$10

•Equipment rental: \$5.50 to \$9

•Hours: noon to 10 p.m. weekdays; 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays; 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Dec. 26-31; noon to 8 p.m. Jan. 1

•More information: Call 831-4112



BENDIX WOODS

•12 miles west of South Bend on Ind. 2 near New Carlisle

•4 slopes— expert, advanced, intermediate, beginner

•4 rope tows

•Lift tickets: \$5 to \$7

•Equipment rental: \$5.50 to \$7.50

•Hours: 4 to 10 p.m. Fridays; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays and holidays; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays

•More information: Call 654-3155

SKI PAOLI PEAKS

•1 mile west of Ind. 37 in Paoli

•6 slopes— 1 expert, 4 intermediate, 1 beginner; length: 1,500 to 3,300 feet

•3 chair lifts, 4 surface tows

•Lift tickets: \$8 to \$16

•Equipment rental: \$7 to \$12

•Hours: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekends and holidays; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 to 10 p.m. and midnight to 6 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 8 a.m. to noon Sundays

•More information: Call (812) 723-4698 or (812) 723-4696

PERFECT NORTH SLOPES

•12 miles north-west of Lawrenceburg on Ind. 1

•12 areas of open-area slopes

•7 surface tows

•Lift tickets: \$7 to \$10

•Equipment rental: \$7 to \$9

•Hours: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Fridays; 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Saturdays; 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sundays

•More information: Call (313) 581-7517 or (513) 537-3754

SKI WORLD

•4 miles west of Nashville on Ind. 46

•7 slopes— 3 expert, 2 intermediate, 2 beginner

•2 chair lifts, 2 rope tows

•Lift tickets: \$9 to \$15

•Equipment rental: \$7.50 to \$9.50

•Hours: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to midnight Fridays; 8 a.m. to midnight Saturdays; 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sundays

•More information: Call (812) 988-6638

PLEASANT RUN

•2 miles north of Greencastle off U.S. 231

•4 slopes— 1 advanced, 2 intermediate, 1 beginner

•4 rope tows

•Lift tickets: \$8 to \$9

•Equipment rental: \$5.50 to \$9.50

•Hours: 3:30 to 10:30 p.m. weekdays; noon to 10:30 p.m. weekends

•More information: (317) 653-5694

CANNONSBURG

•10 miles northeast of Grand Rapids, Mich., 4 miles east of U.S. 131 on Cannonsburg Road

•32 slopes; longest run— 1,500 feet; highest vertical drop— 275 feet

•Quad, triple and double chair lifts, 2 T-bars, 12 rope tows

•More information: Call (616) 874-6711

ROYAL VALLEY

•2 miles north of Buchanan, Mich., 7 miles west of Niles, Mich., between U.S. 31/53, I-94 and Mich. 12

•15 slopes; longest run— 1,800 feet; highest vertical drop— 210 feet

•2 quad chair lifts, double chair lift, T-bar, 7 rope tows

•More information: Call (616) 695-3885

SWISS VALLEY

•10 miles west of Three Rivers off Mich. 60

•11 slopes; longest run— 1,800 feet; highest vertical drop— 210 feet

•2 quad chair lifts, triple chair lift, T-bar, poma lift

•More information: Call (616) 244-9635 or (616) 244-8016

TIMBER RIDGE

•13 miles northwest of Kalamazoo, six miles west of Alamo near Gobles

•15 slopes; longest run— 2640 feet; highest vertical drop— 250 feet

•Quad, triple and double chair lifts, poma lift, 3 rope tows

•More information: Call (616) 694-9449