

Horseshoe Bend Recreation Area Open To The Public

Outdoor recreation in Dickinson County was further enhanced this week when it was announced that Horseshoe Bend Recreation Area is far enough along in completion to be opened to the public for winter recreation.

Robert (Bib) Walters of Milford, executive secretary of the Dickinson County Conservation Board stated that four ski slopes, toboggan slide, and various snowmobile trails are now completed and ready for use.

A warming house and restroom facilities have also been finished for the convenience of the public.

The new county park, under a five year development program was made possible by a federal grant disbursed by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

The County Conservation Board, composed of Chairman Ed Wollner of Terril, Dale Huffaker of Spirit Lake, vice-chairman; board members Betty Baish of Lake Park, Dwight Antisdell of Milford, and Robert Walters of Milford received the funds last spring for the acquisition of the land and to develop the area for both summer and winter recreation.

Horseshoe Bend Recreation Area is located 3½ miles southwest of Milford in a hilly, scenic

area on the Little Sioux River. Over 100 acres of land are involved.

In addition to the ski slopes, toboggan slide and snowmobile trails, there will be picnic areas and trails for hiking and horseback riding and nature studies in the summer months.

The 740 foot "Silly Girl Run" ski slope sports a power tow for skiers to return to the top of the hill. Other ski slopes are "Badger Trap Run," "Buttermilk Run," and "Pemmican Run."

Also completed is a loading and unloading ramp for snowmobiles.

Secretary Walters stated that tentative hours of operation will be from 4 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 1 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Hours during the Christmas holidays will also be from 1 to 9:30 p.m.

An ample supply of wood is on hand for use in the fireplace in the warming house.

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