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Iowa ski areas

It's winter! Time to snap on the skis and head for the hills. Whether you're a ski enthusiast or think you'd like to be one, there is no need to travel far. Iowa has a variety of down hill and cross-country ski areas located throughout the state.

If you haven't got the gear, no need to fear, many of the areas offer equipment rentals. Worried about the weather? Don't be... there are snowmaking machines just in case old man winter won't oblige. You can't even snowplow! No sweat... lessons are available. Hungry? There is usually a snack bar around to ward off those midday munchies.

Iowa ski areas offer a number of amenities... like lodge/ski packages, camping facilities, special ski trips and programs, and snowmobile

trails. But the most attractive aspect of skiing in Iowa is the cost... reasonable.

This season, don't bother to book plane reservations, just climb in the chevy and head for the nearest ski area:

Ski Valley, Boone: 12 ski runs. 4 rope tows, T-bar. Equipment rental, chalet, snack bar, snow making, grooming, lesson, National Ski Patrol (NSP). 3 miles west on U.S. 30. 515-432-2423 or 432-2542.

Sunset Ski Area, Cherokee: 10-acre area. Poma lift, rope tows. Rental, snow making, grooming, accommodation packages, lessons, snowmobiling, cross-country, chalet, snack bar, sales area. ½-mile east on old IA-3. 712-225-5701 or 225-5763.

Crescent Hills Ski Area, Cres-

cent: 15-acre area. Poma, rope tow, T-bar, one-handle lift. Lessons, NSP, snowmaking, rental, lodge, bar, food. 7 miles north of Council Bluffs on IA-183. 712-328-9547.

Mount Duck, Davenport: Small area with rope tow. In Duck Creek Park. 319-326-7814.

Nor-Ski Runs, Decorah: 5 slopes. 4 tows, one cable. Rental, shelter-house, lessons. 1½ miles north of US-52 and IA-9 intersection. 319-382-3506 or 382-9962.

Raccoon River Ski Resort, Dexter: 3 rope tows. Rental, chalet, snack bar, snow making, groomers, lessons, NSP. 2½ miles north on P-48. 515-789-4693.

Sundown, Dubuque: 16 interconnecting trails and runs. Double, triple and quad chair lifts, rope tows. Rental, snow making, groomers, lessons, Amputee and Blinder Skier program, lodging packages, 2 lodges with bar and food, ski shop, NSP. 5½ miles west at 9000 Asbury Rd. 319-556-0100 (snow report) or 556-6676.

Veterans' Memorial Park Ski Area, Dubuque: 2 runs. Tow ropes. Snow making. On 32nd St. off US-52. 319-588-1478.

Holiday Mountain, Estherville: 4 slopes. 2 T-bars, rope tows. Rental, snow making, groomers, chalet, snack bar, lessons, NSP. 1 mile south on IA-4. 712-362-9028 or 362-2264.

Winter World, Humboldt: 4



slopes. 3 rope tows. Rentals. Snow making, chalet, lessons, ski shop. 3½ miles northeast on IA-3. 515-332-3329 or 332-3417.

Horseshoe Bend, Milford: Ski tow, slide areas, warming house, snow making and groomed snowmobile trails. 2 miles south and 3 miles west. 712-338-4007 or 338-4970.

Fun Valley, Montezuma: 11 slopes. 5 tows, 3 cables. 50 acres snowmobile trails. Rental, lessons, camping, lodge, restaurant, ski shop, video game building, snowmobile sales, snow making,

groomer, NSP. 8 miles south of Exit 191, I-80. 515-623-3456.

Sunset, Pella: 5 rope tows, ski shop, snack bar, lessons, snow making. 6 miles southeast. 515-626-3291 or 626-3761.

Oak Highlands Ski Area, Waverly: (Formerly Ski Villa.) Chair lift, T-bar, poma, rope tows. Lessons, chalet, cafeteria, snow making, groomers, rental, cross-country, NSP. North of 1st St., NW, follow signs. 319-352-9877.

Cross-country

Mason House Inn, Bentonsport: Historic inn offers ski packages. Country store with ski shop. Along

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