

Ski Tows, Toboggans

But don't think of Upper Peninsula winter sports in terms of "suicide hills" where hardy Finlanders and Scandinavians risk their necks for the thrill of 200-foot acrobatic leaps in mid-air. There are seven ski jumps in this region.

Tenderfoot ski amateurs will find ski tows in operation at these points north of the Straits of Mackinac: Iron River, Ishpeming, Houghton, Hancock and two at King's Gateway south of Watersmeet.

Here is a twentieth century way of taking your winter sports capsule without getting the bitter taste.

A ski tow is a long cable from the top of the ski run to the bottom of the hill. At the top (the hill at Hancock is over 600 feet high) is an engine that revolves a big drum. After skiers have descended the hill, they grab on to the cable and are slowly pulled to the top, unfatigued and unwinded for another breath-taking slide.

Ski tows have been provided in the Lower Peninsula at Petoskey, Cadillac and Alpena, according to our information.

It is a new wrinkle for Michigan in winter sports enjoyment.