

86 Ski Areas Now Open in Michigan

LANSING —(AP)— Michigan is adding new winter sports centers every day, reports the state tourist council.

"Keeping track of the Michigan winter sports centers is like counting rabbits," commented council director Robert Furlong. "It depends on when you last looked."

To illustrate, Furlong said, when the council issued its winter sports guide in late October there were 83 centers ready to operate. Since then, he said, five more have been opened for the first time or have been reactivated.

Meanwhile, he said, two centers included in the original listing — Houghton Lake Snow Bowl and Gay El Rancho ski resort — have gone out of business.

The net result is that Michigan now has 86 winter sports centers in operation, more than any other state, Furlong said.