

Public Winter Sports Areas In West Michigan



S—Skiing
T—Tobogganing
N—Open some nights
L—Lodging on premises

- 1—BRICE'S HILL, 5 miles west of St. Ignace. S
- 2—BOYNE HIGHLANDS, 3 miles north of Harbor Springs. SL
- 3—NUB'S NOB, 5 miles northeast of Harbor Springs. SL
- 4—PETOSKEY WINTER SPORTS PARK at Petoskey. STN
- 5—MT. McSAUBA, 1 mile north of Charlevoix. ST
- 6—AVALANCHE, at Boyne City. SN
- 7—WALLOON HILLS, 4½ miles east of Walloon Lake. S
- 8—BOYNE MOUNTAIN, at Boyne Falls. SL
- 9—THUNDER MT., 5 miles northeast of Boyne Falls. S
- 10—MAPLEHURST, 18 miles north of Traverse City. S
- 11—GLACIER HILLS, 1 mile west of Bellaire. S
- 12—SHANTY CREEK LODGE, 2 miles south of Bellaire. SL
- 13—SUGAR LOAF MT., 20 miles northwest of Traverse City. S
- 14—TIMBER LEE, 6 miles northwest of Traverse City. S
- 15—HICKORY HILLS, 1 mile west of Traverse City. S
- 16—HOLIDAY, 3 miles east of Traverse City. SN
- 17—MT. MANCERONA, ½ mile northeast of Mancelona. ST
- 18—CHIMNEY CORNERS, 7 miles north of Frankfort. TSLN
- 19—BEAR HILLS, 16 miles north of Manistee. STN
- 20—CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN, 10 miles south of Beulah. SL
- 21—BRIAR HILL, 3 miles east of Mesick. S
- 22—CABERFAE, 16 miles west of Cadillac. SN
- 23—McGUIRE'S, 1 mile south of Cadillac. TNL
- 24—MISSAUKEE MT., 3 miles north of Lake City. S
- 25—BIG M, 16 miles east of Manistee. S
- 26—WARD HILLS, 6½ miles north of Branch. SN
- 27—NEWAYGO PARK, 3 miles north of Newaygo. STN
- 28—MOON RIDGE—2 miles north of Lakeview. SN
- 29—BRADY'S HILLS, 3½ miles west of Lakeview. SN
- 30—PANDO, 12 miles northeast of Grand Rapids. SN
- 31—BROCK PARK, 2 miles west of Ionia. ST
- 32—GRAND HAVEN SKI BOWL, at Grand Haven. SN
- 33—INDIAN HILLS, in Grand Rapids. ST
- 34—HU-LU HEIGHTS, ½ mile west of Hudsonville. STL
- 35—CAROUSEL MT., 4 miles west of Holland. SLN
- 36—ESKAR, at Middleville. SN
- 37—TIMBER RIDGE, 13 miles northwest of Kalamazoo. SN
- 38—ECHO VALLEY AND FRY'S LANDING, 8 miles north east of Kalamazoo. TN
- 39—SWISS VALLEY, 10 miles west of Three Rivers. SN
- 40—SYLVAN KNOB, 5 miles northeast of Gaylord. SL
- 41—PINNACLES, 11 miles east of Gaylord. SL
- 42—NEW AU SABLE, 6 miles south of Gaylord. SLN
- 43—SNOW VALLEY, 6 miles southeast of Gaylord. SLN
- 44—MT. FREDERICK, at Frederic. SN
- 45—GRAYLING, 2½ miles southwest of Grayling. STN
- 46—SKYLINE, 6 miles south of Grayling. SN
- 47—HOUGHTON BOWL, 4 miles south of Houghton Lake. S
- 48—SNOWSNAKE MT., 9 miles north of Clare. SN
- 49—MAJOR MT., 8½ miles north of Clare. S
- 50—MOTT MT., 1 mile southeast of Farwell. SN
- 51—LANSING SKI AREA, in East Lansing. SN

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Cheboygan Seeks Buyer For Closed Ski Resort

WANT TO buy a ski resort?

There is a dandy one just standing idle and waiting for a buyer at Cheboygan. It has six well-developed slopes, a lodge, 120 acres of steep hills, a ski shop, rope tows, lights for night skiing and even snow making equipment.

And it is located right in the heart of the so-called snow belt.

The only thing it doesn't have is an organization with money to get it going again.

As the Black Mountain ski area, it was an immediate hit when it opened in 1937 and had three good years of above average attendance. However, like several other similar West Michigan ventures started by the donations of community citizens and operated as a non-profit corporation, this one was under-financed, explains one of its board of directors.

"Therefore there was little money left to keep modernizing it," he explained.

Black Mountain closed last winter because of declining patronage and did not open this fall.

"It has debts of around \$11,000 and some of its facilities need immediate improving if it is to open again," the spokesman added.

THE SITUATION isn't as bleak as it appears, however, he stressed. "We have had several promising inquiries about the property from two groups in Rogers City and another one in Detroit. If all goes well, Black Mountain could be open again by next winter," he said.

Operated in the past by the Bi-County Winter Sports Association, its board members represent Rogers City, Cheboygan and Onaway.

ON A BRIGHTER note, the Mt. McSaubia winter sports park at Charlevoix is open again after failing to open at the start of the season because of financial difficulties. Enough money was received from community citizens to get it going again. The area is now giving free beginning lessons for Charlevoix youngsters.

MAPLEHURST ski area, another of the new resorts to debut this year, is now open and has ten runs, rope tows, a poma-lift and a warming hut, reports Manager Mary Frazier. It is located 25 miles north of Traverse City on Torch Lake.

WITH ALL OF the winter festivals scheduled for the north country in early February, the ski crowd shouldn't be lacking for something to do when it is not on the slopes.

Petoskey's annual celebration ends a highly-successful three-weekend run today with another busy day of activities.

Blessed with plenty of snow, the community's 38th annual affair is expected to be remembered as the biggest of all from an attendance standpoint. All lodging facilities for miles around are filled to capacity. Winter sports resorts in the area also reported doing a rush business with many hundreds of additional skiers being attracted to that part of West Michigan for festival fun as well as a chance to take part in their favorite winter sport.

Festivals are also scheduled this weekend at Bellaire where the "Old Man of the Hills" slalom race will be run and at Cheboygan.

The next big event on the winter festival schedule is the Grayling fete which will be held

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Feb. 13-14. Ski races, skating exhibitions, tobogganing and snow plane rides will be part of the fare at the Grayling Winter Sports Park. The queen's banquet and ball will be held Saturday night, Feb. 13. Coronation of the 1965 queen will be held at 2 p.m. Feb. 14 at the Winter Sports Park.

AFTER THAT the festival scene will shift to Cheboygan's Sturgeon Shivarree Feb. 20-28. This is a real sportsman's affair with ice fishing, sky diving, skin diving in Black Lake, snowmobile races and a softball game played on snowshoes all playing a big part in the festival.

The big day will be Sunday, Feb. 28 at Black Lake when a Shivarree queen and king will be crowned. Fish taken from Cheboygan County waters during the week-long affair are eligible for prizes. The person catching the largest sturgeon will be crowned Shivarree king.

WESTERN MICHIGAN University's annual snow frolic, scheduled for Feb. 8-13, should be bigger than ever this year with a host of interesting attractions added to the usual fare.

Besides building huge snow sculptures, a tradition for early February at the school, touch football games in the snow have been

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