

MICHIGAN OUTDOORS

LANSGING — Southern Michigan turned into a busy ski area last week-end, conservation parks workers report.

At Teeple Hill ski area of Highland recreation area west of Pontiac, about 800 cars were counted one day. The four rope tows ran smoothly, helping outdoor enthusiasts use slopes for skiing and tobogganing.

Pinckney recreation area near Brighton put its new rope tow to work last week-end for the first time, and an estimated 250 persons visited the slopes. Area Manager Ernest Bottke already predicts the single tow will not be sufficient to handle traffic, noting that the area's popularity will mushroom once skiers learn advantages of the park.

The rope tow at Bald Mountain recreation area north of Pontiac also was given a heavy workout, with area manager William Rathburg reporting 20 persons using the main slope in one day.