

TAKE NOTE, WINTER ENTHUSIASTS

Upper Midwest Ski Facilities Outlined

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If you are one of the many readers who wish information about the location, driving distance and facilities of Upper Midwest downhill ski areas, cut out today's column for future reference. Mileages listed are from the Minneapolis loop.

LOCAL:

BARKER'S ALPS, Bayport—One, 600 foot and two portable tows. Open slope and wooded trails. Open Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Fee \$1.50. Take state highway 36 east from Stinson Blvd. in Northeast Minneapolis. Distance—25 miles.

BUSH LAKE HILL, Bloomington—One 400 foot tow. Open Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Open slope. Fee \$1. Take state 100 south from St. Louis Park to junction with state 5, continue one-fourth mile and turn right. Distance—12 miles. (Not operating yet.)

MOON VALLEY, Shakopee—One 700 foot and two portable tows. Large open slope bowl. Open Saturdays, Sundays and holidays; lighted Wednesday, Friday and Sunday evenings. Fee \$1. Take U. S. 169 south from St. Louis Park to Minnesota river bottoms two miles

from Shakopee. Distance—17 miles.

NORSKI HILL, South St. Paul—One 700 foot tow. Open slope and wooded trails. Open Saturdays, Sundays and holidays; lighted Wednesday, Friday and Sunday evenings. Fee \$1. Take state 55 south from Mendota bridge to state 218, turn right and continue two miles. Distance—15 miles.

MINNESOTA:

LOST VALLEY, Lutsen—One 1,500-foot, one 500-foot tow. Two open slopes and one trail up to 1,500 feet long; beginners' slope. Vertical drop 500 feet. Operates daily. Fee \$2. Take U. S. 61 all the way. Distance—260 miles.

SAWTOOTH MOUNTAIN, Grand Marais—One 1,750-foot, one novice tow. Trails up to 2,000 feet long, short novice slope. Vertical drop 410 feet. Operates daily. Fee \$2. Take U. S. 61 all the way. Distance—280 miles.

TYROL, St. Cloud—One 800 foot tow. Four trails up to 1,000 feet long and one open slope. Vertical drop 200 feet. Operates Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Fee \$1. Take U. S. 52 from Robbinsdale to 17 miles beyond St. Cloud, watch for signs. Distance—75 miles.

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MONT DU LAC, Superior-Duluth—One 1,200 foot, one 450 foot tow. Three 1,300 foot trails; 750 foot beginners' slope. Vertical drop approximately 300 feet. Operates daily. Fee \$1.50. Take U. S. 8 to Forest Lake, U. S. 61 to three miles beyond Sandstone, then state 23 fifty miles. Distance—150 miles.

MOUNT TELEMAR, Cable—Three tows from 700 to 2,000 feet long. Five trails from 1,000 to 2,600 feet long; beginners' slope. Vertical drop 351 feet. Operates daily. Fee \$1.50. Take U. S. 8 through Taylors Falls to Turtle Lake, Wis., then north on U. S. 63 to Cable. Distance—160 miles.

RIB MOUNTAIN, Wausau—Two-section tow 2,700 feet long. Seven trails up to 3,000 feet long. Vertical drop 500 feet. Open daily. Fee \$1.50. Take U. S. 12 east from St. Paul to Menomonie, Wis., then state 29 to Wausau. Distance—200 miles.

SNOW BOWL, La Crosse—One 800 foot, one 1,000 foot tow. Three trails and an open slope up to 1,500 feet long. Vertical drop 450 feet. Open Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Fee \$1.75. Take state 55 to Hastings, then U. S. 61 to La Crosse. Distance—140 miles. Spots such as Houghton,

Mich. (400 miles); Ironwood, Mich. (228 miles); Ft. William, Ontario (360 miles); Lead, S. D. (600 miles) also have excellent slopes for those who don't mind the longer trip.

IMPORTANT COMPETITIVE events are in the offing during the next two weeks. For the first time the U. S. will be host to the FIS world ski championships in jumping and crosscountry. Scheduled to get underway Monday at Lake Placid, there has been much apprehension recently about the poor snow conditions. Local skiers John Burton and Jack Pauly are on the U. S. squad.

Next Sunday the annual St. Paul Winter Carnival ski jumping meet will be held at Battle Creek slide. Many nationally famous riders will be among the contestants. To get there, follow U. S. 61 southeast from Kellogg blvd. bridge about three miles.

On the same day La Crosse will be the scene of the Central U. S. Downhill-Slalom championships. And don't forget the Jaycee snow train to St. Cloud and Tyrol on the 5th either.

BOB WILEY of Bush Lake Ski club will be among the field of topflight junior racers taking part in the Central Junior Downhill and Slalom championships at Houghton, Mich., today.