

Ski roundup

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enumerate. So, you'll find at the end of each area's paragraph what is invariably the top tee—that for one adult on a weekend.

Minnesota

Alton Alps: New double chairlift near the new Alpine chalet. That makes 13 chairlifts. Thirty-one runs. Four chalets. Vertical drop 330 feet. South of Afton on Washington County Rd. 21. \$9.

Bamber Hills: One Poma-lift. Three runs. Vertical drop, 140 feet. Accommodations in Rochester. \$3.

Battle Creek: Three ropes, four runs. Vertical drop, 90 feet. In St. Paul off Wabash St. One block south of Upper Afton Rd. \$2.

Blaine Ski Area: No lifts. Three runs. Vertical drop, 75 feet. Owned by the city of Blaine. East side of Lexington Av. a half mile north of Interstate Hwy. 35W. Free.

Buck Hill: One quad-chair, three double-chairs, one J-bar and three ropes. Vertical drop, 304 feet. Home of Buck Hill Ski Racing Club. Base complex with chalet, shops and restaurant. West of Hwy. 35W in Burnsville. 15 miles south of downtown Minneapolis. \$10.

Buena Vista: Two double and three triple-chairs, six ropes. Twelve runs. Vertical drop, 200 feet. Snowmaking. Equipment rental. Chalet and food. Twelve miles north of Bemidji. Rate not yet available.

Coffee Mill: Two chairs, one Poma-lift. New expert terrain. New lighting on two slopes (five or six slopes for night skiing). Vertical drop, 500 feet. Spacious chalet. Additional snowmaking. West edge of Wabasha city limits. \$7.

Camo Park: Two double-ropes. Snowmaking. Ski school. Equipment rentals. Small hill. \$2.50.

Detroit Mountain: One chairlift, two T-bars, six ropes. Vertical drop, 235 feet. Nine runs. Ski patrol. Snowmaking. Equipment rentals and shop. Chalet, lounge and food. Accommodations in Detroit Lakes. Snowmaking and cross-country skiing available. Rate unavailable.

Eagle Mountain: One Poma-lift, six ropes, 11 runs. Vertical drop, 300 feet. Equipment rentals. Chalet, food, dormitory and campground with electricity and showers. Improved grooming and widened cross-country trails. East of Grey Eagle. \$6.50.

Giant's Ridge: One T-bar, one Poma-lift and three ropes. Vertical drop, 440 feet. Snowmaking. Equipment rental. Ski school and patrol. Cross-country skiing and snowmobiling trails available. Package plans. North of Biwabik, which is east of Virginia on Hwy. 123. \$10.

Glenhaven: Two ropes, seven runs. Vertical drop, 150 feet. Chalet and limited food. Accommodations in Glenwood. Snowmobiling available. Rate not available at time of publication.

Golden Gate to Fun: Two ropes, vertical drop, 190 feet. Ski patrol. Also, inner-tube sliding with 1/8-ropes. New tubing run. Tubing is a big thing here. Cross-country skiing without prepared trails. "Just go where you want." Six miles north of Sleepy Eye on Hwy. 4, then three miles of Golden Gate Rd. \$3.50.

Solunar tables

These tables indicate starting times of feeding activity periods of fish and game. Major periods last from 1 1/2 to 2 hours; minor ones from 30 minutes to an hour. Central Standard Time.

	A.M.		P.M.	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Nov 18	3:05	9:40	3:30	10:00
19	3:50	10:20	4:15	10:45
20	4:30	11:15	5:00	11:45
21	5:25	—	6:00	12:10
22	6:20	12:45	6:55	1:15
23	7:30	1:45	7:55	2:15
24	8:30	2:45	8:55	3:15
25	9:30	3:45	9:55	4:15

***Hidden Valley:** One J-bar, two ropes. Vertical drop, 165 feet. One mile east of Ely on Hwy. 169. \$3.

Hole-in-the-Mountain: Lincoln County Park. Three ropes for skiing, one for inner-tube sledding. Vertical drop, 175 feet. Snowmaking. Group transportation encouraged. Lake Benton, a half mile west of Hwy. 75 & 14 intersection. \$4.

Hyland Hills: One triple-chair, one T-bar, five ropes. Twelve runs. Vertical drop, 175 feet. Snowmaking, equipment rentals, ski school, chalet and food. Cross-country skiing available. Hennepin County Park Reserve facility at 8800 Chalet Rd., Bloomington. \$6.50.

Lutsen: Three double-chairs, one T-bar, one Poma-lift, two ropes. Vertical drop, 630 feet. Overlooks Lake Superior. Fourteen runs, longest 7,000 feet. Chalet and food. Varied accommodations on site. Cross-country skiing and snowmobiling available. Snowmaking. Equipment rentals. Ski school and patrol. Weekend and midweek packages. Special carload rates on all Wednesdays except during holidays. Weekend bus trips except during holidays (Twin Cities phone 546-2207). Two miles north of Hwy. 61 at Lutsen on the North Shore. \$13.

Mont du Lac: One chairlift, one T-bar, two ropes. Vertical drop, 300 feet. Chalet and food. East of Carlton, Minn., through Jay Cooke State Park, then right, then almost immediately left (14 miles from downtown Duluth). \$9.

Mount Kate: Three quad chairlifts, three double chairs and two ropes. Three new slopes and a new quad chair, 14 runs in all. Vertical drop, 240 feet. Ski school and patrol, snowmaking, equipment rentals, chalet and food. Accommodations in Mankato. Area 1 1/2 miles south of Mankato on Hwy. 66. \$10.

Mount Wirth: Three ropes. Vertical drop, 200 feet. Five runs. Ski school, snowmaking, equipment rentals, chalet and food. Cross-country skiing and sledding available. One mile north of Hwy. 55 on Pirk Hwy. \$3.25.

Old Smokey: Two ropes, four runs. Vertical drop, 115 feet. Snow grooming, ski school and patrol, warming house. Cross-country skiing available. Accommodations in Fergus Falls. Free usage.

Powder Ridge: Two chairlifts, one T-bar, one J-bar, three ropes. Vertical drop, 310 feet. Ski school and patrol, equipment rentals, nursery by appointment, chalet and food. Increased snowmaking. Busing programs. Two miles north of Kimball and 15 miles south of St. Cloud on Hwy. 15. \$9.50.

Quadna Mountain: Three T-bars, two ropes. Vertical drop, 325 feet. Fifteen runs. Ski school and patrol, equipment rentals, chalet and food. Lodge, motel, campground and condominiums on site. Sledding, skating, pool, sauna, indoor tennis, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling available. Five miles of new cross-country skiing trails—all trails widened to 12 feet for grooming and tracking. One mile south of Hill City on Hwy. 169. \$11.

Ski Gull: One T-bar, three ropes. Vertical drop, 285 feet. Twelve runs. Ski school and patrol. Equipment rentals. Chalet and food. West side of Gull Lake northwest of Brainerd. \$5.

Spirit Mountain: Three double and two triple chairlifts. Vertical drop, 410 feet. Longest run 3,800 feet. Some slopes regraded and widened. Snowmaking, ski school and patrol, equipment rentals, nursery, chalet and food services, new cocktail lounge, locker space, campground and mountain villas on site. Shuttle bus from Duluth hotels, motels, other points in Duluth. Package plans. South of Duluth just off I-95. \$13. (Lift tickets now also sold in 8- and 4-hour time-blocks without arbitrary time-change.)

Sugar Hills: Two double chairs, three T-bars, three ropes. Vertical drop, 400 feet. Twenty-three runs on circuit of connected hills. Ski school and patrol. Snowmaking. Equipment rentals and shop. Nursery, chalet and food services. Motel, dormitory and family lodge on site. Cross-country skiing and rentals available. Package plans. South of Grand Rapids on Hwy. 169. \$12.50.

Val Chalet: One triple chairlift, three ropes. Vertical drop, 270 feet. Thirteen runs, three of them new. New snowmaking equipment. Ski school and patrol. Equipment rental. New pro-shop. Chalet and food services. Housekeeping units and lodge on site. Cross-country skiing and snowmobiling available. Sixteen miles north of Park Rapids on the Lake George Rd. (County Rd. 4). \$8.75.

Viking Valley: Six ropes. Nine runs. Vertical drop, 180 feet. Longest run 1,400 feet. Snowmaking. Equipment rental and shop. Chalet and snack bar. Groups by arrangement on week-

days. Tubing and snowmobiling available. Local patrol. Ten miles north of Ashby. \$6.

Welch Village: One triple-chair, four double-chairs, two T-bars, a rope and a Miley-Mite. Vertical drop, 325 feet. Equipment rentals. Chalet and food services. Overnight lodging for up to 175 people—sauna, whirlpool, package plans. New "Sunrise Mountain" with triple-chair and seven runs. Also, improvements in the chalet and expanded snowmaking. \$10.50.

Wild Mountain: Three four-place chairlifts, two ropes. Vertical drop, 300 feet. Fourteen runs, longest run 5,000 feet. Snowmaking. Equipment rentals. Chalet and food services. Adding to snowmaking and grooming capacity. Expanding the chalet. Ski school and patrol. Wild Mountain office will serve as hot-line center for car pooling. Will run bus program from several locations on Saturdays and Wednesdays. Seven miles north of Taylors Falls on County Rd. 16. \$10.

Wisconsin

Birch Park: Three chairs, one T-bar, seven ropes. Vertical drop, 200 feet. Bowl skiing. Open day and night, seven days a week. Food and drink. Reduced rates for four or more in a car. Daily and season tickets can be used interchangeably at Birch Park and Snowcrest, three miles away, with shuttles running between the two on-the-hour from noon to 11 p.m. Three miles east of Stillwater on County Rd. E. \$9.50.

Deepwood: Two T-bars, rope tows. Vertical drop, 300 feet. Chalet and food. Enlarged ski shop with 100 additional rentals. Chalet improved with insulation and metal siding. Area is five miles east of Wheeler, Wis., and 15 miles north of Menomonie. \$7.

Christie Mountain: One chairlift, one T-bar, one rope. Good vertical rise (unmeasured). Snowmaking. Roomy chalet and fireplace. Food. Seven miles northwest of Bruce, Wis., on Hwy. 8. \$8.

Gateway: Three rope tows. Vertical drop, 115 feet. Cross-country skiing program, with 30-kilometer trails. Seventeen miles north of Eagle River, but mailing address is Gateway Ski Area, Land O'Lakes, Wis. 54946. \$5.

Hardscrabble: Two T-bars, five ropes. Vertical drop, 400 feet. Snowmaking. Chalet, food, remodeled ski shop. Downhill racing program. Complete cross-country program, instructors, equipment. Expanded cross-country trails. Group rates. Five miles east of Rice Lake on County Rd. C and follow signs. \$8.

Mount La Crosse: Two chairlifts, three ropes. Vertical drop, 516 feet. Chalet, food, ski shop, rentals. Night racing program. Two miles south of La Crosse on Hwy. 35. \$11.

Rib Mountain: Two chairs, two T-bars, one rope. Vertical drop, 600 feet. Additional snowmaking, also one new T-bar for grooming. Stone chalet, all services. Three miles southwest of Wausau on Hwy. 51 by-pass. \$12.

Sky Line: One triple-chair, one double-chair, two ropes. Vertical drop, 335 feet. Snowmaking. Cross-country program. New ski shop. One-half mile northwest of Friendship (Mailing address Rte. 3, Friendship, Wis. 53934). \$10.

Telemark Ski Area: Three chairlifts, two T-bars, one ropetow. Vertical drop, 370 feet. A \$3.3-million Sports and Convention Center (indoor tennis, ski shop, restaurant, etc.) under construction. Valhalla and Mergal runs improved. Video-tape cross-country lessons, new cross-country rental equipment, American Birkebeiner trail widened.

Trollhaugen: Two quad chairs, one double chair, one T-bar, seven ropes. Vertical drop, 250 feet. Chalet, ski shop, rentals, ski school and patrol, slopeside picnic fireplaces. Improved snowmaking with cooling pond. New snow groomer. Just east of Dresser, north of Osceola. \$10.

Whitecap: Five chairlifts, one T-bar, five ropes. Vertical drop, 400 feet. Chalet and food. Near Michigan border west of Iron Belt, Wis., on Hwy. 77, two miles to County Rd. E and follow signs. \$10.

Woodside Ranch: One ropetow. Vertical drop, 100 feet. Horseback riding in the snow, sleigh rides, fireplace log cabins, sauna, game room, ice skating, downhill and cross-country ski instruction and use of ropetow free to guests. Five miles east of Mauston on Hwy. 82.

Upper Michigan

Big Powderhorn: Five double chairlifts, two ropes. Vertical drop, over 600 feet. Runs of all degrees. Kinderschool program. Bing Bang ski school. Chalet with meals, bar, overnight accommodations, vacation homes. Three miles northwest of Bessemer and four miles northeast of Ironwood. \$11.

Blackjack: Three double chairs, two ropetows. Vertical drop, 465 feet. Cross-country program. New area. Lodge houses and lounge expanded. Recreational racing program, kinderschool nursery, ski schools, more lodging on slopes with kitchens, saunas, fireplaces. Two miles east of Bessemer. \$10.

Indianhead: Two double chairs, one triple chair, one quad chair, two T-bars, one Poma-lift. Vertical drop, 638 feet. Snowmaking. Improvements: 10,000-square-foot addition to Ski Center. Several new trailside snackstands. One mile west of Wakefield on Hwy. 2. \$13.

Ski Brule: One chair, one T-bar, two ropes. Vertical drop, 420 feet. Snowmaking. Lodging for 300 people. Seven miles southwest of Iron River. \$11.

Mount Ripley: One chair, one T-bar. Owned by Michigan Tech University. Houghton 49931. Vertical drop, 420 feet. Cross-country skiing program. One-half mile east of Hancock on Hwy. 26. \$7.50.

Mount Zion: One chair, two ropes. Owned by Gogebic Community College. Vertical drop, 300 feet. Training ground for ski-area-management students. Improvements: Replacing T-bar with Hail chairlift. One-half mile north of Ironwood. \$3.50.

Porcupine Mountain: One chairlift, three T-bars, two ropes. Vertical drop, 600 feet. Chalet, food. Improvements: Widening on several trails and one new trail. Area overlooks Lake Superior south shore, six miles north and three miles west of White Pine. \$5.

South Dakota

Inka-pa-da: Three ropes. Vertical drop, 140 feet. Improvements: One run widened. Snowfencing to improve snow-cover on two runs. Area is in city limits of Big Stone City, S.D., 170 miles from Minneapolis. Mailing address: John H. Sparrow, 755 Grace St., Ortonville, Minn. 56278.

Terry Peak: Two double-chairs, one quad-chair, three Poma-lifts. Vertical drop, 1,200 feet. One new trail cleared, grooming completed on five trails. Snowmaking completed. West of Lead, on Hwy. 85 to the area turn-off, then two miles to the area. 650 miles from Minneapolis. \$11.

Canada

Lech Lomond: Three double chairlifts. Vertical drop, 800 feet. Improvements: Renovated chalet, improved snowmaking and grooming, cross-country trails. West of Thunder Bay, Ontario, 185 miles north of Duluth, 350 miles from Minneapolis. \$10.

Mount Baldy: One chair, one T-bar, one Poma-lift, one rope. Vertical drop, 650 feet. Improved grooming. Snowmaking. Cross-country program. 10 miles out of Thunder Bay, east on Hwy. 17 and north on Hwy. 527. Mailing address: Box 2124, Thunder Bay, Ontario. \$9.

Mount McKay: Three double-chairs, one T-bar, one Poma-lift, one rope. Vertical drop, 700 feet. Snowmaking. Within city limits on west side of Thunder Bay. \$8.

Sundance: One double chair, one T-bar, two ropes. Vertical drop, 650 feet. Snowmaking. Renovated chalet, new ski school director, improved snow and hill-grooming. New owner (John Beals). Eight miles south of Thunder Bay on Hwy. 61. \$9.

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