

Downhill ski areas map

Minnesota: 36 downhill ski areas

Minnesota, sporting 36 downhill ski areas within its boundaries, certainly lives up to its reputation as a land of plenty of cold and an equal amount of snow.

There's a ski hill within easy driving distance of just about every Minnesotan.

The closest to Winona is the Coffee Mill Ski Hill in Wabasha. Coffee Mill opened just last year and is still in the process of adding equipment, but it and every other hill in the state is now in full swing.

Following is a list of the 36 downhill ski areas in Minnesota:

COFFEE MILL, Wabasha: 1 chair, 1 rope, 2 runs, longest run 4,000 feet, vertical drop 300 feet, open Mondays and Fridays through Mondays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., 417-485-4041.

MT. FRONTENAC, Franconia: 1 chair, 2 T-bars, 4 ropes, 6 runs, longest run one mile, vertical drop 425 feet, open Tuesdays through Fridays, 4:30-10 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. - 10 p.m., and Sundays 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., 417-358-3026.

ROCHESTER SKI HILL, Rochester: 1 rope, 3 runs, longest run 800 feet, vertical drop 140 feet, open Tuesdays and Thursdays 6-10 p.m., and weekends and holidays 10 a.m. - 10 p.m., 527-366-6162.

WELCH VILLAGE SKI AREA, Welch: 4 chairs, 7 T-bars, 2 ropes, 1 Maggy, 21 runs, longest run 1,000 feet, vertical drop 300 feet, open Mondays through Thursdays 10 a.m. - 10 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m. - 10:30 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. - 10:30 p.m., and Sundays 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., 417-338-4347.

GIANT'S RIDGE, Brainerd: 1 T-bar, 2 ropes, 7 runs, longest run 1,700 feet, vertical drop 440 feet, open weekends and holidays 7-10 a.m., 417-481-6300.

HIDDEN VALLEY, Ely: 1 T-bar, 4 runs, longest run 1,800 feet, vertical drop 165 feet, open Saturdays and holidays 10 a.m. - 10 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., and Sundays 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., 218-343-3097.

LUTHER, Luther: 1 double chair, 1 rope, 1 T-bar, 2 ropes, 14 runs, longest run 7,000 feet, vertical drop 430 feet, open daily 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 714-643-7312.

MT. ITASCA, Coleraine: 1 rope, 1 run, longest run 1,800 feet, vertical drop 275 feet, open weekends from noon - 4:30 p.m. and Thursdays 9:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m., 714-243-1443.

QUADRA Mtn., Hill City: 2 ropes, 3 T-bars, 15 runs, longest run 1,300 feet, vertical drop 250 feet, open daily 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 714-647-7224.

SPRINGS MOUNTAIN RECREATION AREA, Duluth: 2 double, 2 triple chairs, 14 runs, longest run 3,400 feet, vertical drop 410 feet, open daily 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., 714-633-2801.

SUGAR HILLS, Grand Rapids: 2 double chairs, 3 T-bars, 2 ropes, 21 runs, longest run 4,000 feet, vertical drop 490 feet, open Mondays, Saturdays 9:30 a.m. - 10 p.m., and Sundays 9:30 a.m. - 10 p.m., 714-324-3273.

WILD MOUNTAIN, Taylor Falls: Two 4-pack chairs, 7 T-bar, 4 ropes, 11 runs, longest run 1,800 feet, vertical drop 300 feet, open Mondays through Fridays 10 a.m. - 10 p.m., Saturdays 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m., and Sundays 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m., 417-481-6300.

BUENA VISTA SKI AREA, Brainerd: 3 double chairs, 5 ropes, 12 runs, longest run 1,600 feet, vertical drop 300 feet, open Tuesdays through Fridays noon - 8 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., and Sundays 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., 714-243-2221.

EAGLE MOUNTAIN, Gray Eagle: 1 rope, 4 ropes, 11 runs, longest run 2,000 feet, vertical drop 300 feet, open Mondays through Fridays 10 a.m. - 10 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. - 10 p.m., and Sundays 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., 417-338-4347.

POWDER RIDGE SKI AREA, Grand: 2 chairs, 1 T-bar, 12 bars, 1 rope, 4 runs, longest run 1,150 feet, vertical drop 90 feet, open Sundays and holidays noon - 8 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., and Sundays 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., 417-773-7341.

BLAINE SKI AREA, Blaine: No lifts, 3 runs, longest run 500 feet, vertical drop 75 feet, open daily 10 a.m. - 4:15 p.m., 417-744-4705.

BUCK HILL, Burnsville: 2 chairs, 1 T-bar, 1 T-bar, 5 ropes, 12 runs, longest run 2,000 feet, vertical drop 350 feet, open daily 9 a.m. - 10 p.m., 417-432-7127.

CEADAR HILLS SKI AREA, Eden Prairie: 6 ropes, 14 runs, longest run 2,200 feet, vertical drop 300 feet, open daily 10 a.m. - 9 p.m., 417-461-4664.

COMO PARK, St. Paul: 2 double ropes, open Wednesdays 10:30 - 8:30 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays 9 a.m. - 11 a.m., 7 p.m. - 10 p.m., 417-481-6111.

HYLAND HILLS SKI AREA, Bloomington: 1 triple chair, 1 T-bar, 2 ropes, 27 runs, longest run 2,000 feet, vertical drop 175 feet, open Mondays through Fridays 10 a.m. - 10 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. - 10 p.m., and Sundays 9 a.m. - 10 p.m., 417-633-4543.

MARTHALER, West St. Paul: 1 rope, 2 runs, longest run 1,200 feet, vertical drop 300 feet, open weekends and nights, 417-451-9077.

MT. KATO, Minneapolis: 2 ropes, 5 runs, longest run 300 feet, vertical drop 140 feet, open Mondays through Thursdays 6-10 p.m., and weekends and holidays 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., 417-821-6844.

VAL CHATEL, Park Rapids: 4 runs, 10 runs, longest run 1,275 feet, vertical drop 270 feet, open daily 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and weekends and Saturdays 7-10 p.m., 714-364-3004.

APTON ALPS, Afton: 12 snow chairs, 3 triple chairs, 21 runs, longest run 3,700 feet, vertical drop 330 feet, open daily 9 a.m. - 10 a.m., 417-424-2141.

BATTLE CREEK, St. Paul: 3 ropes, 4 runs, longest run 1,150 feet, vertical drop 90 feet, open Sundays and holidays noon - 8 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., and Sundays 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., 417-773-7341.

GOLDEN GATE CAMPGROUND, Sleepy Eye: 3 ropes, 3 runs, longest run 1,000 feet, vertical drop 150 feet, open weekends and holidays 1:30-5 p.m., open Thursdays 6:30-10 p.m., 507-744-7419.

ROLE-IN-THE-MOUNTAIN COUNTY PARK, Lake Benton: 3 ropes, 3 runs, longest run 1,000 feet, vertical drop 175 feet, open Saturdays 10 a.m. - 10 p.m., Sundays open 1 p.m. and Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., 507-364-8320.

MT. KATO, Granite Falls: One 4-pack chair, 1 double chair, 2 ropes, 9 runs, longest run 2,000 feet, vertical drop 240 feet, open daily 9 a.m. - 10 p.m., 507-453-2343.

DETROIT MOUNTAIN, Detroit Lakes: 4 ropes, 2 T-bars, 1 chair, 9 runs, longest run 1,400 feet, vertical drop 225 feet, open weekends through Sundays and holidays 7-10 p.m., 417-471-4711.

GLENSHAVEN, Glenwood: 2 ropes, 7 runs, longest run 950 feet, vertical drop 150 feet, open Saturdays 10 a.m. - 10 p.m., and 7 p.m. - 10 p.m., 514-244-8181.

OLD SMOKY, Fergus Falls: 2 ropes, 4 runs, longest run 1,000 feet, vertical drop 115 feet, open weekends 1:30-5 p.m., 714-736-2252.

TIMBERLANE, Red Lake Falls: 4 ropes, 7 runs, longest run 1,300 feet, vertical drop 110 feet, open weekends and holidays noon - 11 p.m., and Thursdays 5 - 9 p.m., 714-723-2437.

VERKING VALLEY RECREATION AREA, Afton: 3 ropes, 3 runs, longest run 1,400 feet, vertical drop 100 feet, open Saturdays 10 a.m. - 10 p.m., and Sundays and holidays 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., 714-742-2442.

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