

Chicagoland Boasts Many Skiing Areas

By Connie Nuzum

Did you waste the recent snow covered week-ends pipe dreaming of skiing on eastern or western slopes?

If so, snap out of it. Top-notch ski areas are awaiting you in Wisconsin, Michigan, and Minnesota.

If you're a beginning "snow-bunny," you can find skiing fun in your back yard. The Fox Valley ski hills at Cary, Ill., and the Wilmet ski area in Wilmet, Wis., are within easy reach.

Perfect for a day's outing, these two areas are open Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. Both offer three rope tows, rental of equipment, ski instruction, and 200 foot slopes.

Two of southern Wisconsin's best ski resorts are Holiday hill and the Slinger area.

Holiday hill is two miles north of Lake Geneva. The Slinger area, comprising Fox hill, the Elba lodge slopes, and Little Switzerland, is only two hours from Chicago by train.

In central Wisconsin, Rib mountain and the Snow bowl are two great winter drawing cards.

Rib mountain, highest point in the state, is four miles from Wausau. It has eight runs served by two tandem rope tows.

The famous Snow bowl, often called the "Mississippi Alps," offers long runs in rugged hills five miles east of La Crosse on Highway 33.

About 440 miles from Chicago reigns Mount Telemark, king of the Wisconsin ski areas. Located near Cable, in the northern snow belt, Telemark probably is the most complete ski package in the upper midwest. Its five downhill runs and new one mile "Corkscrew" run are open daily.

There also are two day trips to Iron Mountain for skiing at Pine mountain, on Michigan's upper peninsula. All-expense rates start at \$33.51.

Michigan's Boyne mountain has

a ski week plan costing \$49. It includes lodging, meals, tickets to Boyne's chair lift, daily ski instruction, and evening fun in the luxurious clubhouse.

For hardy Chicagoans who want more rugged slopes, Minnesota's north shore area along Lake Superior is ideal. At Mount du Lac, Hidden valley, and Sawtooth, you'll find steep slopes and deep powder snow.

Mount du Lac, 10 miles from Duluth, is the only ski area in the midwest with a ski school teaching the French [Allais] technique. Jack Murphy, former Sun Valley skier, pupil of Emile

Allais, and instructor in the famous 10th mountain division, directs the school.

Ninety-five miles up the shore and 250 miles from the Twin Cities on U. S. 61, is the Lutsen ski area.

Lutsen's slopes, called Hidden valley, have runs 2,000 feet long and an expert's wooded trail. Rates at the resort start at \$6.50.

Not far from Lutsen is the fabulous Sawtooth mountain ski area at Grand Marais, Minn. You can reach Lutsen and Grand Marais by train to Duluth and connecting bus service via the scenic Lake Superior north shore drive.




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