

Half-Mile Tow For Wisconsin Skiing Is Built

WAUSAU, Wis., Jan. 2.—(U.P.)—The longest ski tow in the United States will soon be ferrying skiers to the top of Rib mountain, near here. According to C. L. Harrington, superintendent of state parks and forests for the Wisconsin conservation department, this is the first ski tow in the Middle West and it will be the longest and most modern in the country. The tow is more than half a mile long.

Construction is part of the extensive development of Rib Mountain State park for winter sports, and is a joint effort of the Wisconsin conservation department, the National Park service, the Wausau Chamber of Commerce, and other local groups. The tow permits a person to be carried without removing his skis, from the lower levels to the top of the mountain.

Of the 280 acres of state park land on Rib mountain, the conservation department is completing development of 160 acres as a winter sports playground. The development includes ski trails, open slopes for skiing, toboggan slides, snowshoe trails, and other facilities for the expert as well as for the novice.

Rib mountain, rising 1,940 feet above sea level, is the top-most geographical elevation in Wisconsin. The mountain itself is a huge lump of granite. It was from the top of Rib mountain, goes the Wisconsin folk-legend, that Paul Bunyan dived into the Wisconsin river below to make the giant splash and create the state's thousands of lakes.