Slide up to nature on skis

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Outdoors writer
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in the woods and trains where I take my weekend constitutionals. IS CROSSCOUNTRY skiing for you? It's cheap enough to find out. Rent some equipment and take

erough to find out. Rent some equipment and take a lesson.

Either Kensington Metropark near Milford or Sony Creek Metropark near Rochester is the place to start. Both have concessions operated by Raupp Campfitters, a regulate company. You can rent a complete set of equipment (ekts, poles, boots and brindings) for 5a half-day, which is as long as you will want to try it first time out. There's an additional 2c charge for insurance, and you get \$1 hack if you bring the stuff back undamaged. Or you can put down a \$16 deposit and get at laback if nothing is demand. Lessons are available for \$3 an hour. At Kensington, lesson time is 1 pans Saturday and Sunday. At Sony Creek, and Saturday and Sunday. At Sony Creek, and Saturday and Sunday. At \$34.004. Kensington's ski touring center is in the golf

Campfilters in Royal Oak at \$17-0000 or in Redford at \$34-404.

Kensington's ski touring center is in the golf-starter building on the west side of Kent Lake use Kensington Road exit from 1-90. Stony Creek's ski center is at the Eastwood Beach site.

The ski centers are open daily (except Christmas) at normal daylight hours, weather and swo conditions permitting. The metropark entrance fees still apply in winer.

So when you add it up, you can learn whether you want to get into cross-country sking for \$3 or \$9 plus a park sticker that's good all year. The old question about whether to get wax or non-wax skis is one I'll sidestep at this point, Ask your dealer that question once you've learned the basics.

"SNOWLINE" is a service of the Southeast Michigan Travel and Tourist Association to tell you snow conditions at major regional ski resorts. Call 337-2600 any time of day or night to get a taped message that's changed twice a day. Snowline will report inches of snow base, grooming, hours of operation at resorts and weather conditions.

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You can also get a free guidebook called "Win-terfun." It describes 100 ski runs in nine counties near home as well as descriptions of crosscountry sking trails and other winter activities. Southeast Michigan Proved an Tonder American Secondary of the Company of

Practice slated for job interview

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Personnel from the
Ford Motor Co., Awrey
Bakeries and Cadillac
division of General
Motors Corp. will be at
Madonna College, 9 am.
to 3 p.m. Satunday, Dec.
2, to conduct practice
interviews for those
interested in learning
good skills when
applying for actual jobs.
The practice interview, sponsored by the
college's career resource
conter, will help individuals explore the ways to
the job they want, hear
what the employer
thinks, be video-taped (if
they wish) in a simulated interview and learn

how to write resumes.
There is a \$6 fee for the seminar, and those attending should bring a lunch.

Those interested should contact Chris Zegler, center director, giving name, address, phone number, name of school if attending, and whether they wish to be video-taped during the practice interview. The telephone number is 591-6331.



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