

Many areas open for cross-country skiers

Cross-country skiing is the most rapidly growing winter sport in the area, according to the Southeast Michigan Travel and Tourist Association.

There are several reasons for the sport's popularity. Complete ski outfits cost less than \$100. Persons can learn the basics in a few hours. And once you have the equipment, ski locations can literally be found in your own backyard.

What follows is a list of areas here and in neighboring communities where cross-country skiers can glide into Michigan's winter wonderland. Locations are listed in alphabetical order.

Birmingham-Bloomfield:

• Lincoln Hills Golf Course, 14 Mile and Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., except Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays when hours are extended to 9 p.m. The course is city-owned. Rentals available, \$4 for residents and \$4.50 for non-residents.

• Beverly Park, off Beverly Road between Evergreen and Southfield Road.

It is open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and is owned by the village.

• Cranbrook Educational Community, 380 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Season passes are \$25 per person, \$50 per family.

Bloomfield Hills School District permits cross-country skiing on the grounds of any school. Skiing is not permitted at the Eugene L. Johnson Nature Center.

Farmington Hills:

• Glen Oaks Golf Course, 13 Mile between Orchard Lake Road and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. Skiing is co-sponsored by the city recreation department and Oakland County Parks and Recreation. Ski equipment rentals are \$4 for children under 12, \$5 for adults. Hours 1-5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursdays, 1-5 p.m. on weekends.

Rochester:

• Stony Creek Metro-Park, northeast of the city of Rochester. Use of trails is

free, but a vehicle entry permit required.

• Rochester Golf Club, 655 Michelson, five miles east of I-75 off M-59. Rental equipment available.

Southfield:

• Beech Woods Golf Course, on Beech south of Nine Mile. City owned. Opened 1-9 p.m. weekdays and 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekends. Ski rentals are \$4 for residents and \$4.50 for non-residents.

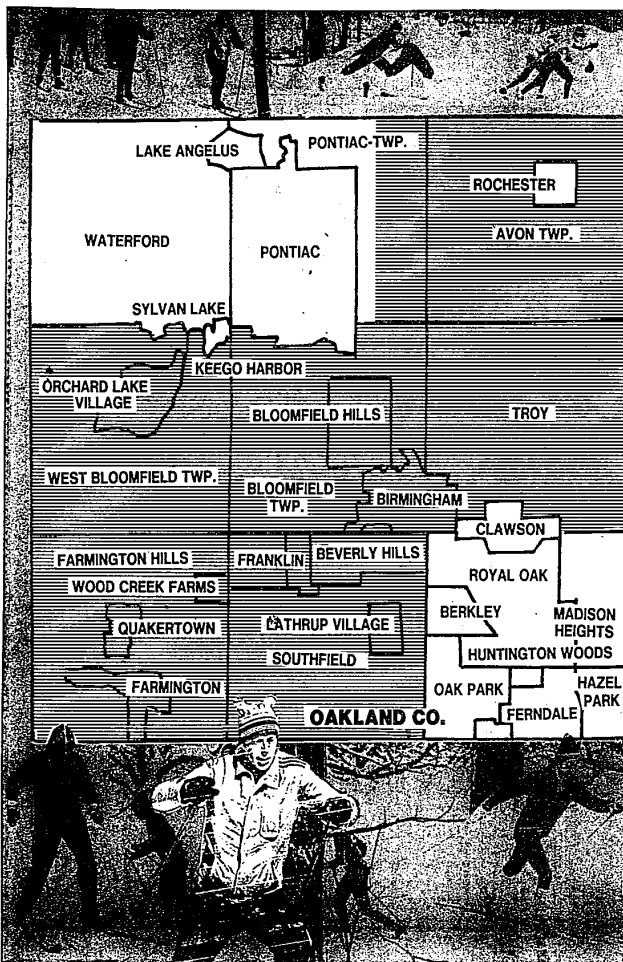
Troy:

• Sylvan Glen Golf Course, 5725 Rochester Road in Troy. Rentals available for residents and non-residents. Lights for night skiing.

West Bloomfield:

• Marshbank Metro Park, Hiller north of Commerce Lake Road. Open daily.

• Snow Gulch at West Bloomfield Civic Center Site, Walnut Lake Road west of Orchard Lake Road. Open daily.



A student (left) practices her technique while her instructor looks on. Beginners can learn the basics of cross country skiing in a matter of hours. (Staff photo)



A skier finds a moment of solitude on the snow scape of a local park. (Staff photo)

20% off selected ski apparel for men and women

As the snow piles up, watch our prices come down. Save on famous maker ski apparel. Select from the best in active outerwear for downhill skiing. Great for all your outdoor sports. You'll find polyester or down-filled jackets, parkas, vests, bibs, and pants. In a large collection of both men's and women's

styles and colors. Here is just a sample of great buys you'll get at 20% off in Hudson's Ski Shop: Ski parkas and jackets, 2000 units. Reg. \$55 to \$170, sale 39.99 to 135.99. Vests, 1000 units. Reg. \$40 to \$48, sale 29.99 to 39.99. Bibs, 400 units. Reg. \$68 to \$79, sale 49.99 to 59.99. Selection will vary by store.

*Total units available at Metropolitan Detroit Hudson's stores while quantities last.



hudson's