

Michigan skiing

rope tows, night skiing, 400-foot vertical drop. Cross country; 3 marked, groomed trails. GLM instruction, equipment rentals, restaurants, entertainment. 1-616-946-4444.

TIMMER RIDGE SKI AREA: 13 miles northwest of Kalamazoo on US-131; RR 2, Gobles 49055. Downhill only; 15 runs, 3 chair lifts, 3 rope tows, night skiing. GLM and American instruction, rental equipment, chalet, cafeteria, weekend entertainment. 1-616-694-9449.

TRAVERSE CITY HOLIDAY: on US-31; P.O. Box 305, Traverse City 49684.

Downhill; 12 slopes, 2 T-bars, 6 rope tows. Cross country; 10 kilometers marked, groomed trails. GLM and American instruction, rental equipment, restaurant. 1-616-938-1360.

TUR-SKI-REE TRAILS: 1 mile west of Battle Creek; 7801 North 46 Street, Augusta 49012. Cross country only; 15 miles of groomed trails for novice to advanced. Warming barn, snacks, rental equipment. 1-616-731-5266.

WINDMILL FARM: on G-56; Box 239, Route 3, Boyne City Road, Charlevoix 49720. Cross country only; 500 acres with marked, groomed trails, night skiing. Instruction, equipment rentals, warming houses. Lodging nearby. 1-616-547-2746.

EAST MICHIGAN

DAY VALLEY INN: off I-75; 2470 Old Bridge Road, Bay City 48706. Cross country only; three marked trails, 6 miles. Rental equipment, resort, restaurant, entertainment, indoor pool, sauna, indoor tennis 1-517-686-3500.

BINTZ APPLE MOUNTAIN: 5 miles northwest of Saginaw off M-47; 4535 North River Road, Freeland 48623. Downhill; 10 slopes, 10 rope tows, night skiing. Cross country; 2 trails, 5 miles. Instruction, equipment rental, dining room, lodging nearby. 1-517-781-0170.

BEAR PAW CABINS: 3744 West M-72, Luzerne 48636. Cross country only; 2 marked, groomed trails, 3 miles. Instruction, rental equipment, cabins, food service nearby. 1-517-826-3313.

ASTAWYNS RESORT: 1404 Port Austin Road, Port Austin 48467. Cross country only; instruction, equipment rental, sleigh rides, lodging, restaurant, game room. 1-517-738-5101.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKI INC.: off Old-27; 5931 S. Clare Ave., Clare 48617. Cross country only; beginner and advanced trails. Instruction, equipment rental, package accommodations. 1-517-386-9697.

GREENWOOD CAMPGROUND: off I-75; 636 W. Greenwood Road, Alger 48610. Cross country only; 6 miles of marked, groomed trails. Equipment rental, trailer sites, campfires with electricity. Pets allowed. 1-517-345-2778.

HANSON HILLS: Grayling 49735. Downhill; 9 slopes, 4 rope tows, T-bar, night skiing. Cross country; 5 trails. Rental equipment, gift shop, ice skating, sledding. 1-517-348-3336.

HINCHMAN ACRES RESORT: 702 North Meronci, Mio 48647. Cross country only; six trail loops, 16 kilometers for beginner to advanced. Rental equipment, instruction, warming hut, cottages with kitchens, chalets with fireplaces. 1-517-826-3267.

HOLIDAY INN: off I-75; P.O. Box 473, Grayling 49738. Cross country only. Rental equipment, lodging, sauna, food. 1-800-292-9055.

KEN-MAR ON THE HILL TRAILS: off US-27; 4815 Old 27 South, Gaylord 49735. Cross country only; 25 kilometers of marked, groomed trails, night skiing. Instruction, rental equipment, warming hut, lodging. 1-517-732-4950.

MICHAYWE SLOPES: off US-27; 1535 Opel Lake Road, Gaylord 49735. Downhill; 9 slopes, 2 chair lift, 2 poma lifts, 2 rope tows, 215 foot vertical drop. Cross country; 10 miles. GLM instruction, rental equipment, snowmobiling, lounge, lodging nearby. 1-517-939-8800.

MIO MOUNTAIN: off M-72; 860 Marshfield, Ferndale 48220. Downhill only; 13 slopes, 8 trails, 4 rope tows, night skiing. GLM instruction, rental equipment, lodging nearby. 1-517-826-5569.

MOTT MOUNTAIN: off US-10; Box 204, Farwell 48622. Downhill only; 5 slopes, chair lift, 4 rope tows, night skiing, 200-foot vertical drop. Instruction, rental equipment, lounge, snowmobiling, lodging nearby. 1-517-588-2945.

MOUNT MARIA: 30 miles south of Alpena; Spruce 48762. Downhill only; 7 slopes, chair lift, 3 rope tows, night skiing, 285-foot vertical drop. ATM instruction, racing program, rental equipment, cafeteria, lodging nearby. 1-517-736-6377.

PINE HAVEN: northwest of Sanford; 1270 James Savage Road, Midland 48640. Cross country only; 6 miles groomed, marked trails. Food and lodging nearby. 1-517-631-6502.

REDWOOD MOTOR INN: off M-33; Box 517, County Roads 489 and 812, Lewiston 49756. Cross country only; 7 miles marked, groomed trails. Equipment rentals. 1-517-766-2226.

SHERIDAN VALLEY: 7 miles southwest of Atlanta; P.O. Box 434, Lewiston 49756. Downhill; 5 slopes, 2 poma lifts, rope tow,

290 foot vertical drop. Cross country trails. Rental equipment, lodge. 1-517-785-4822. **SKYLINE:** off I-75; Route 1, Box 1798, Grayling 49738. Downhill only; 11 slopes, chair lift, T-bar, 8 rope tows, 215-foot vertical drop. Instruction, rental equipment, cafeteria, lodging nearby. 1-517-275-5445.

SNOWSHAKE MOUNTAIN: 9 miles north of Clare on US-27; 3233 Manssiding Road, Harrison 48625. Downhill; 15 slopes, chair lift, 5 rope tows, night skiing, 215-foot vertical drop. Cross country; 5 miles of trails. Instruction, rental equipment, restaurant, lodging nearby. 1-517-539-6583.

SYLVAN KNOB: off F-44; 636 Marquardt Road, Gaylord 49735. Downhill only; 17 slopes, chair lift, 4 poma lifts, 3 rope tows, 225-foot vertical drop. Instruction, rental equipment, restaurant, lodging, snowmobiling. 1-517-732-4733.

TYROLEAN SKI RESORT: Route 1, Box 208, Gaylord 49735. Downhill; 12 runs, chair lift, poma lift, 2 rope tows, night skiing, 270-foot vertical drop. Cross country; trails on 1,600 acres. Instruction, equipment rental, restaurant, entertainment, indoor swimming pool, lodging. 1-517-732-2743.

WILDERNESS VALLEY: off Old 27; 7519 Marcelona Road, Gaylord 49735. Cross country only; groomed, marked trails on 2,600 acres. Equipment rental, warming hut. 1-616-585-7141.

UPPER PENINSULA

AL QUAAAL SKI AREA: City Building, Ishpeming 49849. Downhill; 3 slopes, 3 rope tows, 100-foot vertical drop, night skiing. Two cross country trails. Snowmobiling, instruction, rentals, lodging nearby. 1-906-486-6181.

BIG POWDERHORN: 4 miles northeast of Ironwood on US-2; Box 136, Bessemer 49911. Downhill; 22 runs, 7 chair lifts, 600-foot vertical drop. Cross country; 16 kilometers of trails. Instruction, rentals, lodging and restaurants. Courtesy transportation to and from airport. 1-906-932-3100.

BIG VALLEY: 1 mile south of Newberry; c/o County Government Building, Newberry 49868. Downhill; open slopes, 3 rope tows, 100-foot vertical drop. Cross country trails. Chalet with concessions, lodging nearby. 1-906-293-8785.

BLACKJACK: mile north of Ramsay; Box 66, Bessemer 49911. Downhill; 15 runs, 4 chair lifts, 2 rope tows, 465-foot vertical drop. Cross country; 17.3 miles of trails. Alpine and Nordic equipment rental, instruction, blind skier program, restaurant, lodging nearby. 1-906-229-5115.

BRIAR MOUNTAIN: 10 miles east of Iron Mountain off US-2; Box 503, Vulcan 49892. Downhill; 14 runs, 2 chair lifts, rope tow, 500-foot vertical drop. Two short cross country trails. Certified ski school, rentals, motel and chalet accommodations, restaurants. 1-906-653-9293.

FANNY HOOE RESORT: west end of Lake Fanny Hooe; P.O. Box 116, Copper Harbor 49918. Cross country only; 5.2 miles of trails. Rental equipment, instruction, lodging with saunas and kitchens. 1-906-289-4445.

GLADSTONE SKI PARK: Gladstone 49837. Downhill; T-bar, 4 rope tows, 110-foot vertical drop. Cross country; 3 miles of trails. Lodging nearby. 1-906-428-9130.

INDIANHEAD MOUNTAIN RESORT: 10 miles east of Ironwood, north of US-2; Indianhead Road, Wakefield 49968. Downhill; 15 runs, 4 chair lifts, 2 T-bars, poma lift, 638-foot vertical drop. Cross country; 2 trail loops. Austrian and American ski school, children's program, PSIA certified instructors, rentals (including high-performance equipment), NASTAR recreational racing program, handicapped program for blind and amputees, lodge, chalets, restaurants. Free transportation to and from airport. 1-906-229-5133.

LIMBERLOST: 4 miles east of Paulding; Route 1, Box 143, Trout Creek 49967. Cross country only; 10 kilometer Bond Falls Wood Trail. Rentals, light lunches, lodging. 1-906-827-3708.

MAPLE LAKE TOURING FARM: 15 miles south of Marquette; 124 Kreiger Drive, Skandia 49885. Cross country only; beginner and intermediate trails. Equipment, snacks, fireplace. 1-906-942-7662.

MARQUETTE MOUNTAIN: Box 487, County Road 553, Marquette 49855. Downhill only; 16 runs, 2 chair lifts, 2 T-bars, rope tow, 600-foot vertical drop. Rental equipment, NASTAR recreational racing program, picnic shelters, babysitting. 1-906-225-1155.

MOUNT RIPLEY: on M-26 between Houghton and Hancock; c/o Michigan Technological University, Houghton 49931. Downhill; 5 slopes, chair lift, T-bar, 420-foot vertical drop, night skiing. Cross country; 7.5-kilometer trail. Rentals, PSIA instruction, NSA ski patrol, lodging nearby. 1-906-487-2340.

MT. ZION: on campus of Gogebic College; Ironwood 49938. Downhill; 5 slopes, chair lift, two rope tows, 300-foot vertical drop, night skiing. Cross country; 3 kilometers of trails. Alpine and cross country rentals, instruction, PSIA certified instructors, food service, lodging nearby. 1-906-932-3718.

PINE MOUNTAIN: Pine Mountain Road RR 2, Iron Mountain

49801. Downhill; 15 slopes, 3 chair lifts, rope tow, 20- to 90-meter ski jumping, 400-foot vertical drop. Cross country; 2.5-kilometer trails. Hokey, ice skating, sport and gift shop, ski school, heated indoor swimming pool, hotel and condominiums, restaurants, 24-hour courtesy car service. 1-906-774-2747.

PORCUPINE MOUNTAIN: 17 miles west of Ontonagon; Ontonagon 49953. Downhill; 13 slopes, chair lift, 4 T-bars, 2 rope tows, 600-foot vertical drop. Cross country; 30 miles of trails. Instruction, rentals and repairs, cafeteria, chalet. 1-906-885-5798.

SKI BRULE-SKI HOMESTEAD: between M-189 and M-73; Box 165, Iron River 49935. Downhill; 11 slopes, 3 chair lifts, T-bar, rope tow, 500-foot vertical drop. Cross country; 15 kilometers of beginner and intermediate trails. Instruction, rental equipment, chalet and condominium lodging, restaurants. 1-906-265-4957.

SNOWCREST: off US-2; 609 East Longyear, Bessemer 49911. Cross country only; 32 kilometers of novice to expert trails. Equipment rental, lodging at trailside. 1-906-863-6916.

SYLVANIA OUTFITTERS: on US-2; Watersmeet 49869. Cross country only; 18 miles of trail in Ottawa National Forest. Rentals and instruction. 1-906-358-4766.

TREK & TRAIL: 4 miles east of Ironwood; US-2, Bessemer 49911. Cross country only. Rentals and instruction. 1-906-663-4791.



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Hands can be uncomfortable and even in danger if not properly covered. These Salomons, made of sheepskin leather, do the job of keeping out the cold.