

Hit The Trail

With the most snowmobiles of any state Michigan will provide more places for them to run this winter than ever before.

"With almost all state parks now opened to snowmobiles, plus improvement of state and national forest trails, the 1971-72 season should be the best yet for Michigan snowmobilers," said Joseph Ratke, Auto Club's touring manager.

Besides the trails and land which were accessible to snow machines last year, the Department of Natural Resources has opened 65 of its 76 state parks to snowmobile use, as compared to 30 open last year.

A four-inch depth of snow has been established as a snowmobiling minimum however, and all parks, especially those in southern Michigan, recommend checking ahead by phone for correct conditions and open areas.

The state parks located near Observerland are: Brighton, Island Lake (near Brighton), Proud Lake (near Milford), Highland (near Milford), Dodge Brothers No. 4 (near Pontiac), Pontiac, Holly, Ortonville, Metamora Hadley (near Metamora), Bald Mountain (near Lake Orion), Rochester-Utica, Lakeport (near Port Huron) and Pinckney.

One of the combination trails, open to the public, begins on M-28, west of Strongsville and covers 45 to 50 miles.

The other, laid out in cooperation with the Brimley Bay Flyers Snowmobile Club of Brimley, begins in that town and encompasses some 40 miles.



Hit The Snow Trail With Your
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Michigan's Winter Wonderland

Head For Slopes

In heavily skied Southeast Michigan, most operators have expanded slopes, lifts and day lodges to cope with larger crowds.

A brand new lodge and cocktail lounge are featured at Mt. Holly along with a new intermediate hill. Alpine Valley, near Milford, offers two new beginner's hills equipped with chairlifts.

The entire lodge at Pine Knob, near Clarkston, has been remodeled to a level even more plush than last year.

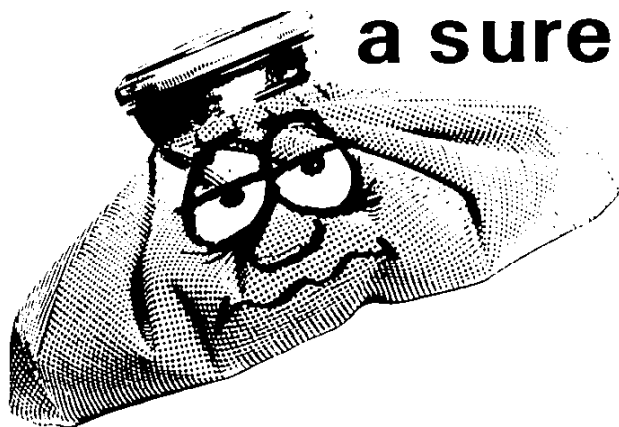
The Southeast Michigan area includes six of the 16 ski areas across Michigan which now offer night skiing. Each of these six also has snowmaking machines to augment natural snowfall.

One of the most rapidly spreading facilities of many ski centers is baby-sitting service. Presently Mt. Brighton offers trained personnel to care for youngsters as parents take to the slopes.

With economical meals at a Southeast Michigan ski-area cafeteria and sleeping at home, an Observerland couple can spend a weekend on the slopes for about \$50. Those persons who want to stay at a lodge in northern Michigan can find a weekend costing up to \$200 per couple.

SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN SKI AREAS

Alpine Valley, 6775 Highland Rd., Milford, 48042	313-887-4183
Circle TNT, Port Huron, 48060	313-327-6540
Irish Hills, Sports Park Dr., Onsted, 49285	313-487-2137
Mt. Brighton, 4141 Bauer Rd., Brighton, 48026	313-227-1461
Mt. Grampain, 3745 Lakeville Rd., Oxford, 48061	313-828-2450
Mt. Holly, 3536 S. Dixie Hwy., Holly, 48442	313-834-8260
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