

# Your 1973 Guide to Michigan's 67 Skiing Areas

NAME, MAILING ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE	ELEVATION (ft)	TYPE AND SIZE OF SKIING AREA	TYPE OF SKIING OFFERED	SPECIAL FEATURES	PHONE
1. Adventure Mt. Box 255, Grand Haven, MI 49424	1,000	1.1	1.2	1.3	(616) 853-3445
2. G. J. P. Mountain, Box 10, Boyne, MI 49715	1,000	1.1	1.2	1.3	(616) 853-3726
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# State Ski Lodges Add Nordic Lure

Most of the 67 Michigan ski lodges operating this winter are offering improvements and new facilities ranging from regroomed or recontoured slopes to construction of indoor tennis courts and \$50,000 condominiums, according to Automobile Club of Michigan.

Alpine Valley, near Pontiac, has a new ranshell, er and an equipment rental shop which allows a patron to walk in the front and ski out the back door.

Mt. Holly, near Holly, has added a sitzlift which resembles a banana-banded bike seat. It is claimed to be the first such lift in Michigan and Services a new intermediate ski area. In addition, a new chairlift and rental area have been added.

While many lodges are expanding and improving, there is one not opening this year while two others have changed names.

Mt. Grampan, near Oxford, is now offering beer and wine for the first time while Mt. Brighton has regroomed its 15 slopes in addition to adding two double rope tows and a chairlift. Irish Hills, near Onsted, has opened a new beginners and advance slope and has plans to open a 70-seat ski lift later this winter. Teepie Hills, near Pontiac, has added a new tow rope.

The lone ski area closing its slopes is Iroquois Mt., near Brimley (Upper Peninsula). Operating under new names are two East Michigan areas, Tyrolean Hills and Michaywe, both near Gaylord, and Grand Lakes ski area on Pinnacles and AuSable Lodge, respectively.

ONE MAJOR development this winter in Michigan is the increasing popularity of cross-country skiing, also known as Nordic or ski touring.

EVERN UPPER Peninsula lodges have made substantial improvements for this winter. Brule Mountain, near Iron River, has remodeled its dining room and cut one slope. Cliff's Ridge, near Marquette, has a new chairlift while Mount Ripley, near Houghton, has added a double chairlift and new runs. Pine Mt., near Iron Mt., has added eight sleeping rooms. Indianhead Mountain, near Wakefield, has regroomed its slopes and built eight new chalets in its adjacent subdivision.

The vast majority of the 440,000 persons expected to take to the slopes in Michigan this winter, however, will devote their time to the downhill or Alpine method where chairs, bars and rope tows take the skier to hill tops. Once off the lift, the Alpine skier goes downhill where he reconnects again with the lift.

Traverse City is one of the areas of the state where development at ski lodges has been most impressive during the past several years.

This winter, more than one-third of the Michigan lodges are offering cross-country skiing, many for the first time.

There are six ski lodges within commuting distance of Traverse City, five with overnight accommodations at lodges. Five of the six areas have land developments designed to make chalet and condominium owners part of the area. Almost every lodge in the Traverse City area has taken steps ranging from housing developments to slope improvements to attract skiers during the past year.

The cross-country skier is more closely allied to a snowshoe hiker than the downhill skier. He uses no lifts. Instead he pushes and walks up and down hill and glides along wooded trails on skies into remote areas where the reward is an opportunity to see nature in an undisturbed state and often observe wildlife.

Sugar Loaf, one of the most deluxe lodges near Traverse City, is now building luxury townhouses planned to sell in the \$55,000 and up bracket. Sugar Loaf also is opening four indoor tennis courts this winter and introducing cross-country skiing for the first time.

Ranch Rudolf, a Traverse City area lodge noted as a snowmobile area, is now offering cross-country skiing as a major attraction. The ranch operators state that the major reasons the Nordic system is becoming popular are that it is inexpensive (full equipment can be rented for \$5 daily), easy to learn and allows persons eager to escape crowds a chance to do so.

Many lodges across the state - while not offering spectacular developments like condominiums and indoor tennis - are taking steps to improve their areas so they become more appealing to the skier.

RANCH RUDOLF, in the Boardman River Valley 15 miles southeast of Traverse City, also offers a new winter sport connected with Nordic skiing called "iski journeying." Two Siberian huskies are harnessed. They pull the skier along the trails. The ranch has four "iski journeying" dog teams which lodge guests can use under supervision.

IN WEST MICHIGAN, Boyne Highlands, near Harbor Springs, has added an 80-room wing plus two chairs. At Boyne Mountain, near Boyne Falls, new condominium apartments and two-bedroom villas are available and work is already underway for a new ski center there next season. Thunder Mountain, near Boyne Falls, has added a four-place chairlift.

The Nordic skier is expected to have very little economic impact on the amount of money spent by all skiers this winter, although his influence will be felt more in coming years.

Mount Manelona, near Manelona, has added two poma lifts while Hub's Knob, near Harbor Springs, is adding a chairlift. Scuss Mountain, near Traverse City, has tripled its snowmaking capacity to the point where it can operate with no natural snow if weather is cold enough.

Downhill skiers alone this winter are expected to spend \$160 million at an average of \$136 per person.

Timber Lee Hills, also near Traverse City, is adding new housing such as apartments and condominiums. Crystal Mountain, near Thompsonville, has added a double chair lift and opened five new slopes.

Not all of the money will be spent on the slopes. Motels, lodges, cocktail lounges and restaurants will collect 70 percent of each ski-related dollar while the remainder goes for lift tickets equipment and clothing.

Improvements are notable in East Michigan also. Bear Mountain, near Grayling, has added cross-country skiing and ice skating. Sheridan Valley, near Atlanta, has opened a new slope with chairlift. PonRon, near Comins, added a run and rope tow while Sylvan Knob, near Gaylord, has opened a new hill and rental shop.

Of the 67 ski lodges, open, 31 offer night skiing and 36 have snowmaking equipment. While 55 ski areas offer cafeteria service, 37 have dining rooms, 30 have cocktail lounges and 31 offer weekend entertainment. Twenty seven lodges offer baby-sitting service.

## DNR Hearings Set On Vehicle Rules

To test public opinion about new rules proposed to control off-road vehicles in state forests and game areas, as well as public access sites, the Department of Natural Resources has scheduled three public hearings:

Jan. 15, 7 p.m., at DNR regional headquarters in Marquette; Jan. 18, 7:30 p.m., in Holiday Inn, Gaylord; Jan. 19, 7 p.m., in the auditorium, Law Building, Lansing.

After a study of the opinions expressed, a revised set of rules will be considered by the Natural Resources Commission. Before going into effect, the rules, now scheduled for spring 1973, must clear other administrative checkpoints, including the governor's office, the Legislative Service Bureau, and the attorney general's office.

AT PRESENT, the proposed regulations would limit the use on state land of any wheeled, motorized vehicle - trail bikes, motorcycles, ATVs, specially equipped automobiles - in designated parking lots, trails or areas posted as being open to them.

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN areas are most popular on weekends, but many of the nine lodges near Detroit are making more improvements to increase week-day use.

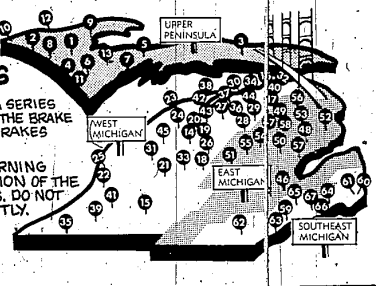
Pine Knob's new features include two triple chairlifts plus two double lifts. The area also has added 1,000 pairs of rental boots, poles and skis plus new underground snowmaking equipment.

This winter the Michigan skier will have 686 downhill runs at the 67 lodges operating. There are 94 chairs, 42 bars lifts and 273 rope tows to take Alpine skiers to the top of these hills.

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## "Bring em back ALIVE! WINTER DRIVING TIPS

- STOP ON SNOW OR ICE THROUGH A SERIES OF SHARP JABS OR LIGHT TAPS ON THE BRAKE PEDAL. LOCKING OR SLAMMING BRAKES WILL RESULT IN A SPIN OR SKID.
- CONTROL A SKID BY SLOWLY TURNING FRONT WHEELS INTO THE DIRECTION OF THE SKID. NEVER APPLY THE BRAKES. DO NOT RELEASE THE GAS PEDAL ABRUPTLY.



# Ecology: More New Problems Than Gains

Michigan's environmental movement in 1972 was something like the football team which played a good game between the 20-yard lines. It made quite a few first downs, but didn't get many points on the 1972 big board.

Some possibilities breakthroughs were log jammed by lengthy court deliberations; others were broadsided by a complexity of events; all proved that patience and hard work were behind the scenes for the conservation-minded.

As a top Department of Natural Resources official put it: "We gained more problems this year than we solved."

CONSERVATION or environmentalism - remained a positive force in the year new behind us.

Looming large on the New Year's horizon was an expanded version of Inland Lakes and Streams Act which would place proposed man-made developments on virtually all interior waters under tight state control of the DNR.

developments which seem bent upon subdividing and conquering the wild land features of Michigan, particularly in the northern part of the state where the "rush" is on.

SMALL WONDER, then, that the DNR in 1972 was quick to swing its support behind the Omnibus Land Use and Development Bill spearheaded by a special commission of Gov. Milliken.

Their efforts netted a tremendous victory when both houses passed House Bill 4948, a measure which would provide a comprehensive system of permit controls over man-made developments on all inland waters, except small ponds.

The bill, hailed as the most important piece of environmental legislation in the past year, was expected to take effect in March. As an improved, expanded version of the Inland Lakes and Streams Act, it would extend

regulation over damming, navigable waters.

IT SEEMED in 1972 that where land use problems left off in Michigan, water management problems took over. And so it was that the DNR and environmentalists placed top priority in attacking both problems as being virtually one and the same.

Another story which made big headlines in 72 centered on the DNR's struggle to implement river- and lake problem stretches of the AuSable, Pere Marquette, Manistee and Pine Rivers. The hotly-contested measures designed to halt over-expanding use conflicts, and environmental wear and tear on parts of those four streams, were taken to court on their constitutionality and challenged there on the DNR's authority to put them into effect.

withholding of funds for municipal sewage treatment nationwide.

This state's share of the federal cost-sharing funds was cut from \$880 million authorized by Congress for the next two years down to \$400 million.

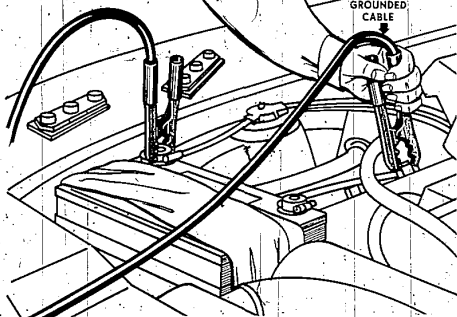
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With federal grants covering 75 percent of project costs, it meant that the program of waste water treatment improvements in Michigan would reach only \$498 million over the next two years, in the full \$1.2 billion projected under the level approved by Congress.

Against this turn of events, the Michigan Water Resources Commission faced a backlog of grant applications from communities in the state for next treatment plant construction totaling \$1.8 billion.

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Michigan's leisure-time needs, led with no more funds to draw from in the state's recreation bond program, were seen by the DNR as "fastly" approaching \$400 million over the next five years.



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