

# Things To Do in Big Snow Country

2022-23 Edition

.....

## Ski Hills

**Big Powderhorn Mountain Resort**- Bessemer, MI. Open daily 9am- 4pm, for skiing & snowboarding! 33 trails, 1 terrain park, 9 lifts & 600 vertical feet.

**Mt Zion Ski Hill**- Ironwood, MI. Ski hill located on Gogebic Community College's campus. Hours & days vary. 10 runs, 1 terrain park, 2 tow ropes, 1 ski lift & 300 vertical feet.

**Snowriver Resort**- Comprised of two mountains, Jackson Creek Summit and Black River Basin, Snowriver Resort offers a selection of various terrain and opportunities for powder run days after snowstorms! This mountain was previously known as Big Snow Resort (Indianhead and Blackjack Mountains)

**Porcupine Mountains Ski Hill**- Ontonagon, MI. Fri-Mon 9-5pm est. 20 runs, 1 ski lift, 2 tow ropes & 670 vertical feet.

**Whitecap Mountain Resort**- Upton, WI. Located just West of Hurley. Open daily 9am-4pm. 43 runs, 4 ski lifts, 1 tow rope & 400 vertical feet.

## Cross Country Skiing

**ABR Ski Trails**- Located in Ironwood, MI, south of US Hwy 2. The main trail head/warming cabin/ski shop/restrooms are located on (E5299 West Pioneer Rd. Ironwood, MI 49938). ABR is a full service ski touring center with 60km of trails located on over 1100 scenic acres of varied terrain along the Montreal River. Trails consist of skate/classic combo, classic only & multi-use. Daily passes are \$6-\$14, with multi day pass packages & season passes.

**MECCA Ski Trails**- Located in Mercer, WI, south of Hurley along US Hwy 51. The main trail head is located along Fierick Rd. off of Hwy 51 (follow the signs). MECCA ski trails offer 18km of groomed trails for classic and/or skate skiing. Suggested donations of \$5-\$8/day.

**Miner's Memorial Heritage Park**- Located in Ironwood, MI, south of US Hwy 2. The main trail head/parking lot is located on Ayer St. next to the Ironwood High School baseball field. The Miner's Memorial Park offers many different cross country ski trails. Donations are welcomed.

**Montreal Ski Trails**- Located in Montreal, WI just west of Hurley. The trail head is located at Rose Wreath on Hwy 77 and Spring Camp Rd. on the west side of Montreal. The trail system consists of 8.6km of trails through Montreal's historic mining district.

**Uller Ski Trails**- Located in Pence & Iron Belt, WI. The trail heads are located in Pence on Hwy 77, Hoyt Rd. about 1 mile north of Hwy 77 & in Iron Belt on North Rd at Weber Lake. The trail system offers 11 miles of backcountry through remote rolling and hilly terrain.

**Wolverine Ski Trails**- Located east of Ironwood, just north of US Hwy 2. Trail access is also located off of Snow Summit Dr. in the Powderhorn Village. Groomed trail system consisting of 8 trails that provide 25km of both skate & track-set skiing. Suggested donation of \$10/day. Season passes are also available.

## Snowshoeing

**ABR Trails**- Located in Ironwood, MI off of West Pioneer Road. This trail system offers 10km of snowshoeing trails. Trails are marked by ribbons in the trees. Please stay on marked trails. The dog trails can also be used for snowshoeing (Spanky's, Rascal's & Rudy's)

**MECCA Trails**- Located in Mercer, WI, south of Hurley along US Hwy 51. The MECCA trail system offers 12km of snowshoeing trails, 1.1km specifically snowshoeing and the other trails are shared with the skate ski trails.

**Miner's Memorial Heritage Park**- Located in Ironwood, MI next to the Ironwood High School baseball field along Ayer St. The Miner's Memorial Park offers multiple snowshoe trails for all levels and styles.

**Michigan Welcome Center Loop**- Located at the Michigan Information Center on the west end of Ironwood on US Hwy 2. The trail head starts here and follows the cemetery trail system consisting of 3 loops or 1 big loop of a half mile, 1 mile or 1.5 miles.

**Schomberg Park Trails**- Located in between Hurley, WI & Mercer, WI along US Hwy 51. This trail system offers 2 loops totaling 1.7 miles. It is an easy terrain trail and is easily marked.

**Split Rock Trails**- Located in Wakefield, MI. The Split Rock Trails offer a beautiful forest tour, which includes stunning scenic overlooks, various rock formations & remnants of a once thriving U.P mining town.

**Sunday Lake**- Located in Wakefield, MI. The North side of the lake has a boardwalk that is used as a free snowshoe trail in the winter.

**Wolverine Trails-** All snowshoe trails can be accessed at the Wolverine Chalet trail head. There are 4 snowshoe trails. All snowshoe trails are marked with color-coded metal diamonds and blue ribbon except snowflakes which has red ribbons.

## Waterfalls

\*Please be aware that some parking areas may not be plowed frequently. Many of these trails are also not groomed in the winter, please use caution. Snowshoes are recommended.

**Powderhorn Falls-** This is a small waterfall off of Powderhorn road. There is a small trail near the edge of the road that will lead you to the top of the falls. At the falls there is a wooden swing chair perfect for picnics!

**Interstate Falls-** Interstate Falls is a 19-foot waterfall on the Montreal River, along the border between Wisconsin and Michigan. A .03 mile easy trail through hardwood-hemlock forest leads to the falls. Once you reach the falls there are overlooks and viewing areas to take in the beauty.

**Gabbro Falls-** A very lovely waterfall that is also largely wild, despite being just a short walk from your car. This is one of the best waterfalls in the western U.P. Located at the base of Blackjack Mountain.

**Black River Falls-** Black River Falls consists of 5 amazing waterfalls (Great Conglomerate, Potawatomi, Gorge, Sandstone, and Rainbow falls) only minutes away from BPLA. This parkway ends at Black River Harbor where you can hike more trails or take a lunch break on the picnic tables.

**Porcupine Mountain State Park:** Offers more than 25 miles of groomed cross-country ski trails that surround the Porcupine Mountain Ski Area. The Porcupine Mountains State Park also has nearly 90 miles of trails for ungroomed cross-country skiing. The ski area also offers ski and snowshoe rentals.

## Snowmobiling

**Western U.P.-** Over 2,000 miles of groomed trails, unplowed logging roads, secluded National Forest trails throughout the area. Snowmobile trail maps are available in the Lodging office & trail condition reports can be found at [explorewesternup.com](http://explorewesternup.com).

**Iron County-** Over 304 miles of groomed trails through the scenic northwoods. Trails connect with the U.P. Michigan, Vilas, Price and Ashland counties. Mosey through the Penokee Range, wind up on a railroad grade or enjoy the view of the forest. Maps are available at the Hurley Chamber of Commerce in downtown Hurley along Silver Street. For trail conditions reports visit [hurleywi.com](http://hurleywi.com).

## Live Music & Annual Events

**The Caribou Lodge-** The Caribou is located over at the main ski lodge here in the Powderhorn village and offers live music on select Fridays & Saturdays throughout the ski season..

**Jack Frost Festival-** A weekend-long festival with a parade, Christmas Market and more. Downtown Ironwood, MI

**Norrie Club's Light Up The Night:** Christmas tree burning festival. Ironwood, MI

**SISU Nordic Ski Festival-** Cross-country ski race in January. Ironwood, MI

## Activities

**Ice Fishing-** Ice fishing for Lake trout, chinook, coho salmon, and steelhead in the waters of Lake Superior will provide a good challenge as you haul them up from great depths

**Ice Skating-** Located at the bottom of Mt. Zion near Gogebic Community College is the Pat O'Donnel Civic Center. There is a new ice skating rink at the Montreal City Hall (bring your own skates)

**Larry's Lucky Strikes-** Located in Ironwood. Bowling alley, Bar & Grill. 213 E Cloverland Dr, Ironwood, MI 49938

**Historic Ironwood Theatre:** The Historic Ironwood Theatre is located in Ironwood, Michigan offering a variety of live theatrical, musical, and artistic performances as part of its programming.

**Snow Tubing-** Mt. Zion offers a snow tubing park open Fri-Sun. Miner's Memorial Park has a new walk-up sledding hill. It is located along Old Bonnie Rd and ends at the intersection of Bonnie & Ayer streets. It is across from the city's Dog Park.

## BPLA Mobile App

For a complete list and more details of all area activities, sight-seeing spots, dining & events download BPLA's mobile app from the Apple or Android stores! Also get information on your vacation home, check-in/check-out procedures, phone numbers & more! All this right at your fingertips!

