

# WINTER DAYS

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CONCORD  
SKI AND OUTING CLUB  
CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

## A SKI CLUB IS FORMED

LATE in the fall of 1935, several of the more enthusiastic skiers formed the Concord Ski Club. It was their intention to bring together all who were interested in skiing and by so doing to promote even greater interest.

The available facilities at that time were very limited and their activities were, for the most part, confined to one trail in the western part of the city. This trail served the purpose, but was far from being ideal. It wound its way in amongst the quarry excavations and to the novice skier would doubtless prove to be a treacherous run.

Regardless of limited facilities, interest in skiing grew rapidly. This was very evident among the folks living in West Concord and before the end of the season, membership in the club numbered more than forty.

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In the Spring of 1936 after the close of the skiing season, a self-appointed committee took it upon themselves to formulate plans for a complete reorganization of the club. The ideas of this committee were somewhat different from those of the officials in charge and opposition was to be expected.

The plans of the committee called for the changing of the club's name by adding the word "Outing" and by so doing to include recreational activities other than skiing. It also meant getting away from the *group* or *Clan* idea and allowing anyone interested in sports to become a member—the only restriction being in the case of individuals who might destroy rather than promote interest in the club's activities.

It was necessary to locate a new area if this plan was to be a success and it was only after traveling many miles and inspecting every likely looking place that the ideal spot was found.

The new location was found quite by accident four miles from the center of the city on the shore of Dr. Russell's Trout Pond.

It was there that the committee formed the first real plans for the recreational area.

The plans called for the construction of three ski trails—novice, intermediate and expert; a ski jump; an open slope; a toboggan chute and a ski lodge. The pond itself was to be utilized for skating.

It is to the owners of the property being used, DR. FAY F. RUSSELL and the NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE HOSPITAL—that we are indebted for our success in getting the project started. And it is to Mayor JOHN W. STORRS, EDWARD BEANE and PERCY DOWNES,





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supplemented by the earnest efforts of the foreman and 42 W. P. A. workers, that we are indebted for our progress in making this proposed recreational area a reality.

There are several ways of reaching the Recreational Area:

1. Take route No. 9 going west out of Concord toward Keene. Approximately one mile from the center of the city, opposite St. Paul's School, turn right onto Fiske Hill road. Follow this road to the upper end of Long Pond where you will find signs to direct you.

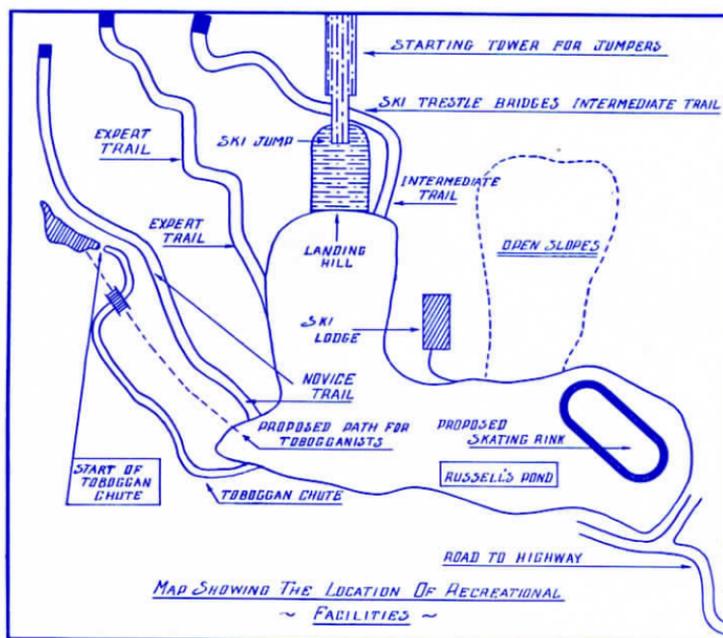
2. Those familiar with the city may go out Auburn Street, Penacook St. or Hutchins St. at West Concord.

There follows a description of the facilities now available:

### SKATING

**T**HE pond, being only five acres, freezes quickly and affords early fall skating. It is well sheltered and as a result, the first ice is very smooth. Before snow falls, the entire pond may be used and will accommodate several hundred persons. After the first snow fall, only a section of the pond will be kept cleared. This section will be in the form of an oval track and it is our hope that the congestion and monotony so often endured in the squared rink will be eliminated.

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## TOBOGGANING

AT THE present time there seems to be very little interest in tobogganing and the main reason for this is possibly due to the fact that there has been no place for the tobogganists to enjoy their sport.

It is the desire of this club to revive the interest in tobogganing that was shown a few years ago and an excellent chute has been constructed for that purpose.

Our toboggan chute is quite different from any in this section. It is built on the same principle as bob-sled runs and will undoubtedly furnish plenty of thrills. The high banked curves make it safe and tend to increase enjoyment of the sport. The chute is approximately 1000 feet in length and has a vertical drop of more than 200 feet. A ride over this course will always be remembered.

## SKIING

### THE OPEN SLOPES

INTEREST in skiing is increasing so rapidly that it becomes the duty of a club to have and maintain facilities for all regardless of their ability.

The open slopes are designed especially for those whose ability is limited. Obstructions in the open area are few and far between allowing

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the beginner plenty of freedom. There are grades of varying degrees where turns may be practiced and where the speed may be increased at the will of the skier.

Competent instructors will be assigned to this area to assist beginners. There will be no charge for their instructions and advice.

#### THE NOVICE TRAIL

WHEN one feels that he has the fundamentals of skiing well in hand, he will want to try the novice trail. This trail is neither easy nor difficult, yet it is quite different from the open slopes. The trail is 20 feet at the narrowest point. The maximum grade is about 22 degrees but is of short duration and on a straightaway. Turns are more difficult as one ascends the trail but this should give you no worry because starts may be made at any point.

As one becomes more proficient in the use of his skis, the entire trail may be easily negotiated without stop and the resulting thrill will well repay the individual for his earnest efforts to master the art of skiing.

#### THE INTERMEDIATE TRAIL

WHEN the novice trail begins to bore you, there is still an opportunity to find a new thrill—in fact the intermediate trail will furnish more than



a few. This trail is somewhat longer, grades on the average are steeper and from beginning to end there is a continual descent. This trail is much faster than the novice run and though the turns are not real difficult, they will be approached at a fast rate of speed.

This trail was designed to give the skier a good fast run and it more than meets the expectations of the engineers.

#### THE EXPERT TRAIL

AND now to those skiers who desire speed and difficult turns, we offer our Expert trail. This trail is practically the same in length as the intermediate trail but follows a much steeper grade. It is on the steepest grade that one encounters the difficult turns and you have your choice—make the turn or go into the bushes. Maximum grade is approximately 37 degrees.

Skiers who negotiate this trail without breaking speed and without falling may consider themselves MASTERS of the SKIING SPORT.

#### THE SKI LODGE

STANDING on a hill and affording an excellent view of all facilities is our log cabin SKI LODGE. It is here that you will find your friends talking over trail conditions and it is here in the lodge that new acquaintances will be made and possibly friendships formed.

Refreshments will be available at the lodge for a nominal fee. Repairs to skiing equipment may be made and minor injuries to self properly taken care of.

The lodge is 30 feet in length and 15 feet in width, at the present time. We hope that our finances will allow an addition soon.

#### THE SKI JUMP

OUR ski jump is incomplete at the time of this writing but we hope that work will go forward on it and that it will be available by mid-season. Club officials have experienced some difficulty in raising money to cover the cost of construction but are still hopeful of success. If the money for the jump is forthcoming and it is constructed by mid-season, a carnival program will be conducted for your enjoyment.

#### NIGHT SKIING

A COMPARATIVELY new idea will be tried this season making Night Skiing another attraction. The open slope, novice and intermediate trails will be lighted several nights each week. Large floodlights are to be used. Lights will go on at seven o'clock.

Anyone who has yet to ski at night will find that it is much more thrilling than daytime skiing. May we expect you some evening?

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## MEMBERSHIP

THE membership in the club now numbers more than 200 and is made up of the ACTIVE and CONTRIBUTING members.

ACTIVE memberships are extended to those who wish to take part in competitive contests, assist officials in carrying on the work of the club and to have a vote at club meetings.

CONTRIBUTING memberships are extended to any individual or group of individuals who are interested in our welfare and express their interest by contributing to our treasury.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP \$2.00

Juniors (under 16 yrs.) \$1.00

CONTRIBUTING MEMBERSHIP \$2.00 and up



*Ski Club members inspect the new Lodge*