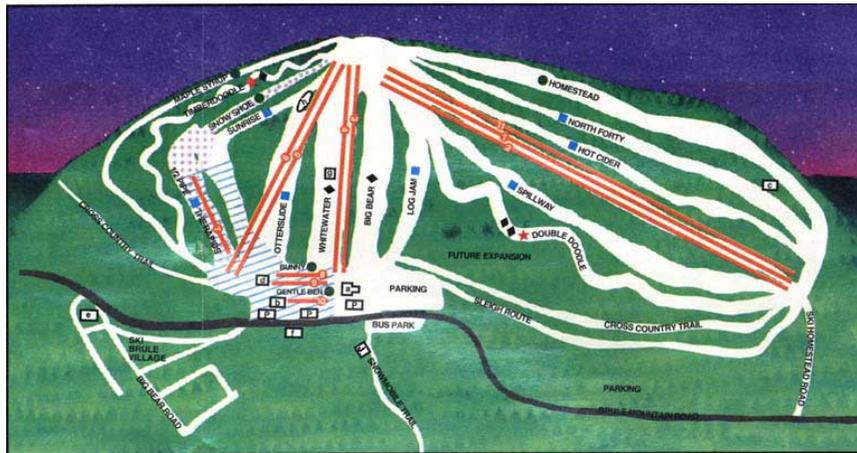


Downhill Skiing

Wakefield, Iron River & Bessemer, MI

The Western U.P. is known as “Big Snow Country” and there are several options available for those that enjoy downhill skiing. Four of the local downhill ski hills in the Western U.P. are Ski Brule (Iron River), Blackjack (Bessemer), Big Powderhorn (Bessemer), and Indianhead (Wakefield). Combine 17 feet of average natural snowfall with incredible views of Upper Peninsula forests, and you can't ask for better skiing in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan!

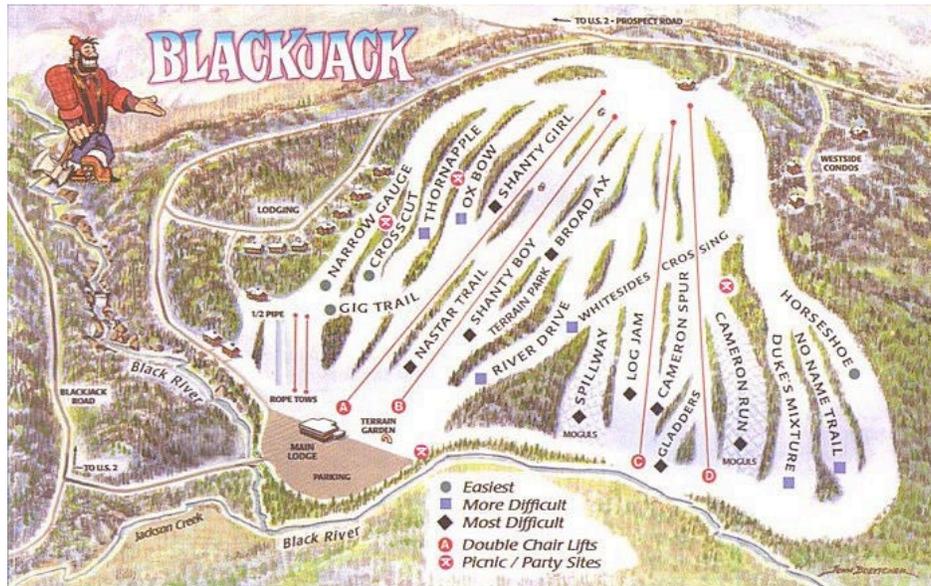
Ski Brule (Iron River, MI):



Visitors to OnTheSnow.com have voted Ski Brule their "Favorite Overall Resort in the Midwest" for a fourth year in a row. Visitors ranked Ski Brule in five categories: Overall Favorite, Best Nightlife, Most Family-Friendly, Best Downhill Terrain, and Best Terrain Park.

Ski Brule will be the first to open and the last to close. They have kept this promise for over 25 years because of the dedication and amazing snowmaking capabilities of their veteran snowmaking crew. As soon as the temperatures drop (even as early as October), snowmaking is underway at Ski Brule and continues through the spring to ensure the longest season in the Midwest, with the best conditions. Great snow can't happen without great grooming! It's the grooming crew that turns the piles of snow into the perfect corduroy, terrain and parks we all love. The combination of snowmaking, dedication and grooming makes Ski Brule's snow the best there is!

BlackJack:



Blackjack Resort says: "Blackjack Resort believes skiing and boarding are sports everyone should enjoy. You'll see that in our ticket prices...the most affordable in Big Snow Country. Blackjack strives to provide the best possible customer service in every facet of our business. Come visit us this season to see what we're talking about...we're sure you'll have a truly great winter vacation."

Mountain Stats

Base Elevation: 385 ft

Top Elevation: 850 ft

Vertical Drop: 465 ft

Skiable Area: 126 acres

Annual Snowfall: 210 inches

Trails: 22

Lifts: 6

Uphill Lift Capacity: Lift details: 4 double chairs, 1 rope tow, 1 handle tow

Parks and Pipes: 3 terrain parks

Trail Ratings: 20% Beginner (green), 40% Intermediate (blue), 40% Expert (black)

Downhill Skiing Continued:

Big Powderhorn:



Trails: 33 (35% novice, 35% more difficult, 30% most difficult)

Two Terrain Parks

Total Skiable Terrain: 253 acres

Longest Run: 1 mile

Lifts: 9 double chairs and a beginner handle tow

Uphill capacity: 10,800 skiers per hour

Snowmaking: 93% of terrain

SKIING HOURS

9am-4pm daily

Night Skiing: 4pm-8pm every Saturday (Weather and Conditions Permitting)

Snow Sports School: Lessons are very helpful if you are: new to skiing or snowboarding; wanting to master a certain technique; trying to dump a bad habit; trying to feel more in control or just wanting to enjoy your skiing/boarding more. A good technique "feels" as good as it looks - there's a reason those smooth riders are grinning ear-to-ear! The best thing a new skier/boarder can do is start with an introductory package that includes lesson, rentals, and lift tickets.

"LEARN IT & LOVE IT" BEGINNER SPECIAL

Recommended for the first time or never-ever skier or boarder age 8 & over. Includes one 2 hour lesson (am or pm), ski or snowboard rental, and Beginner Slope lift ticket. Learn to stand, slide, stop, turn

