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## Ice Skating

[Oselka Park](#) is located in New Buffalo just west of the New Buffalo High School under the New Buffalo water tower. Opening January, 2014

*Outside of Harbor Country*

[Howard Ice Rink](#) – St. Joseph, 269-983-8795 open Thanksgiving to March

[Niles Ice Skating](#) – Niles, 269-683-4700

[Michigan City](#), has an ice rink it is located in Washington Park on the lake front in. 219-873-1510

[Howard Park Ice Rink](#) - South Bend, IN 219-255-1130

[The Ice Box Ice Skating](#) - South Bend, IN 219-288-3300

## Snowmobiling

The snowmobile trails are open from New Buffalo, MI to Galien, MI. Here in Harbor Country starting at Hwy-39 in New Buffalo, you may park your vehicle at the Plaza One Truck Stop or The Pub, and drive your snowmobile from there. The trails are very well marked. You must cross Hwy-39 to get to the trails. There is a trailhead in Three Oaks and one in Galien. You may also purchase gas, food, and beverage in New Buffalo, Three Oaks, and Galien. The trail from Galien also extends into Indiana, toward South Bend, IN and then south. The trails in this area are also very well marked.

For trail information visit:

[www.fishweb.com/recreation/snowmobile/trails/swl.html](http://www.fishweb.com/recreation/snowmobile/trails/swl.html)

[Michigan DNR](#)

[Michigan Snowmobile Association](#) for trails and conditions for all of Michigan. Snowmobiles must be registered and display a 3 year registration decal as well as a [current trail user permit decal](#).

In the State of Michigan there is a \$25 charge for a trail user fee. This permit is good from October 1- September 30. Permits may be purchased in Harbor Country at Knoll Bros. Gas Station 127 W Buffalo St in New Buffalo 269-469-2725, at Captain Cook's Sports 400 S Whittaker St in New Buffalo 269-469-4510, and at The Featherbone Restaurant & Lounge 6741 W. US Hwy 12 in Three Oaks 269-756-6821. Permits may also be purchased in Galien, MI at the Bungalow Inn and Pro Mart Gas Station, both located on US 12 or at any Secretary of State office. The SOS offices are located in Niles & Benton Harbor. You may also purchase it by calling MSA Association at 269-361-2285 or online. Snowmobile regulations are posted at [Michigan DNR](#)

## Cross Country Skiing, Tobogganing, and Tubing

[Oselka Park](#) Sledding Hill, New Buffalo. Located just west of the New Buffalo High School under the New Buffalo water tower.

[Warren Dunes State Park](#), 269-426-4013 - offers cross country skiing, but no ski rental. Great slopes for tobogganing. Open normal park hours, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

[Chikaming Township](#), - 269-469-1676 has several area preserves that offer excellent cross country skiing opportunities.

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[Madeline Bertrand Park](#) – Niles 269-683-8280. 3 miles of lighted trails-groomed. Night skiing on Friday and Saturday. Cross Country Ski and Snowshoe Rental available every day but Monday and Tuesday.

[Love Creek](#) – Berrien Center 269-471-2617. 6 miles of trails-groomed and lighted. Night skiing on Saturday nights. Cross Country Ski Rental available every day but Monday.

[Grand Mere State Park](#) – Stevensville 269-426-4013. This 371 acre natural area is one of the area's most popular cross country ski sites. There is no ski rental.

[Sarett Nature Center](#) - Benton Harbor - 269-927-4832 This unique nature center, located in southwestern Michigan's Berrien County, has five miles of trails meandering through its 800 acres. Both cross-country skis and snowshoes are available for rental, and all trails are open from dawn to dusk every day.

[Five Pines Tubing Hill](#) - Berrien Center –269- 471-1396 Five Pines offers you and your family exciting winter enjoyment on their specially constructed 5-lane, 400-foot tubing hill. Snowmaking equipment provides the best possible conditions. Open to the public on Saturday and Sunday and available for groups' weeknights. A warming house offers a snack shop, big screen TV and games. Cross-country skiing is also available.

[St Joseph County Parks](#) - Osceola and South Bend IN . Ferrettie/Baugo Creek Park in Osceola offers a tubing hill and snowshoe rental. St. Patrick's Park in South Bend also has a tubing hill and cross-country ski rentals. Click on 'Leisure Activities' for rates and hours. St. Patrick's trail passes are also honored at Madeline Bertrand County Park.

## Downhill Skiing and Snowboarding

There are no downhill skiing areas in Berrien County.

[Swiss Valley Ski Area](#) - Jones (1 hour from Harbor Country)

With 11 runs, a 225 vertical foot peak, terrain park and seven lifts, Swiss Valley is great for beginners as well as advanced skiers and snowboarders. Offers 100% night skiing, ski shop, special kids' programs, professional instruction and racing leagues. Sunday Family Day program offers a lift ticket, rental and lesson for a very reasonable price from 3-7 pm.

[Timber Ridge Ski Area](#) - Gobles ( 1+ hour from Harbor Country)

Timber Ridge has 15 runs serviced by four lifts and three ropes. Additional features include moguls, terrain park and a tubing hill. Excellent snowmaking, 100% night skiing, ski and snowboard shop, lodge with snack shop, and special events make Timber Ridge a great local destination. Discounted, all-inclusive program offered Sunday from 4-8 pm. Racing and professional instruction are also available.

[Bittersweet Ski Area](#) - Otsego (1.5 hours from Harbor Country)

Bittersweet offers 350 feet vertical, with a total of 20 runs serviced by The Sweet Express Quad lift, 2 Wonder carpets, 6 standard chairlifts, and 6 tow ropes. You can also enjoy the terrain park with its own dedicated lift. A ski shop, racing and professional instruction are also available.

## Ski Rental Equipment

[Cross Country Ski Rental](#) at Madeline Bertrand and Love Creek Park for use in those parks.

Outpost Sports 3602 Grape Road, Mishawaka, IN 219-259-1000 (Outside of Harbor Country)