

# SKIING

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### Skiing The Catskill Region, Winter 2000/2001

*Options Are Diverse, Sophisticated And Easily Accessible In NY State*

(NAPS)—Some of the country's finest downhill and cross-country ski options are found in the Catskill Region of New York State. When not on the slopes, visitors can explore the region's premier antique shops, art galleries, craft shops, film, live performances and many other off-the-slopes activities.

The region's highest skiable peak is Belleayre Mountain in Ulster County, with a top elevation of 3,429 feet and a vertical drop of 1,404 feet. A natural division separates the upper slopes, for extreme experts, from the lower slopes, which are ideal for intermediates and beginners. Attractions here include a total of 35 trails with 92-percent snowmaking capability, strong race and competition programs, seven lifts, two ski lodges with shops and equipment rental and professional instruction. Four miles of marked, ungroomed trails take cross-country skiers on a fascinating route along the Ulster Delaware Turnpike.

Expert downhill skiers rank Hunter Mountain's slopes among the most challenging in the eastern U.S. Located in Greene County, a couple of hours' drive from Manhattan, it's an area where heavy snowfall can drop several inches of powder within an hour. The season lasts a good six months here and the three-mountain area covers a total of 230 acres, with 53 ski trails, a 1,600-foot vertical drop.

Also in Greene County is Ski Windham, where two peaks offer a vertical drop of 1,600 feet and



**Hitting the slopes in the Catskills might be "schuss" the thing for skiers looking for a challenging trail.**

34 ski trails, three with great park and pipe areas for snowboarding, including a halfpipe with big audios. This resort is highly praised for its work with disabled skiers.

Holiday Mountain features 14 slopes and trails, serviced by six chair lifts. Families with young children find the facilities at this Sullivan County resort especially supportive. Families also gravitate to Delaware County's Bobcat Ski Center on Mount Pisgah, the county's tallest peak, where the 1,050-foot vertical drop is the third longest in the Catskill Mountain Region. Ski Plattekill in Delaware County offers 32 slopes and trails, a summit elevation of 3,500 feet, and a 1,000-foot vertical drop.

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