THE POCONO MOUNTAINS ARE the ORIGINAL WINTER WONDERLAND with INDOOR WATERPARKS, TUBING, SKIING, RIDING and FUN for ALL

POCONO MOUNTAINS, PA - When Richard Smith wrote the classic song "Winter Wonderland" in 1934, the glistening, snow-covered scenery he had in mind was his hometown of Honesdale, Pa., and the surrounding countryside of the Pocono Mountains. Just a 90-minute drive from New York City and Philadelphia, the Poconos are still a haven for lovers of frosty weather, with rolling meadows to build snowmen in and cozy cabins with roaring fires to dream and conspire by. The region's average winter temperatures range from highs of 31 to lows of 16, and a winning combination of natural and manmade snow at six area ski resorts makes the Poconos a wonderland for winter recreation as well.

Nearly 150 slopes and trails beckon, from easy to extreme. The varied landscape provides both gentle slopes and drastic drops, including the state's highest vertical, Razor's Edge, at Blue Mountain Resort in Palmerton. Snowboarding terrain parks make up nearly 50 percent of the slopes at Lake Harmony's Big Boulder Ski Area, while its sister resort, Jack Frost Mountain in nearby Blakeslee, offers inviting and groomed trails for skiing. Both Shawnee Mountain Ski Area in East Stroudsburg and Ski Big Bear at Masthope Mountain in Lackawaxen are ideal for families and first-timers while also offering challenging runs for any advanced skiers and snowboarders in your group.

All six ski resorts feature rentals and dedicated local instructors ready to share their lifelong love of the sport and get newbies gliding down the mountain. With the excitement of the 2022 Winter Olympics this winter season, there has never been a better time to learn to ski or snowboard. Make time for a lesson, or encourage friends and family members to join you on the slopes. Glide over the snowy ground and let the beautiful passing scenery whisk your cares away. For the very latest ski conditions and winter weather updates, please visit www.poconomountains.com/things-to-do/ski-snow-activities/snow-

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Looking to ease your way onto the slopes? Try snow tubing. You will find the country's largest snow tubing park at Camelback Mountain in Tannersville, host of outof-this-world galactic tubing after dark, with the slopes lit by an LED light show. Snow tubing is the easiest way to have fun sliding down a snowy 200-foot vertical drop. Each of the region's ski areas as well as many of the regions' resorts have snow-tubing trails.

Enjoying winter sports is just one of many ways to spend a snowy day in the Pocono Mountains. The region also boasts pristine cross-country ski and snow shoeing trails in many area state parks. Try dogsledding, jingle all the way in a horse-drawn sleigh or turn up the adrenaline with a snowmobiling trip or winter ATV ride. Many communities host winter fest celebrations with vendors and seasonal specialties. Be sure to check out what is coming up on the calendar on:

www.pocono mountains.com/events.

When you are ready to get warm and cozy, there are lots of après ski activities from which to choose. Take a stroll in the historic and charming downtowns to pop into oneof-a-kind shops and boutiques. Enjoy a hearty meal at delicious restaurants, or sample handcrafted beverages at local wineries, breweries and distilleries. Pocono cafes and coffee houses offer hot chocolate and brewed-on-site espresso creations, a must for a snowy afternoon. From museums to art galleries, from escape rooms to axe throwing, take your pick from numerous indoor attractions.

Lodging options throughout the area range from quaint bed and breakfasts to four-star resorts. Rekindle your romance with a luxurious stay at adults-only accommodations, or book a couple's treatment at award-winning spas. Plan an idyllic winter getaway for groups of all sizes in

vacation rentals, cabins and cottages either nestled in the woods or located alongside a frozen lake. To add a little splash time to your ski trip, turn the temperature up to 84 degrees 24/7 at some of the biggest and most impressive indoor waterpark resorts in the country. Browse the full range of places to stay in the area at www.poconomountains.com /places-to-stay

Hotels, ski areas and local businesses remain committed to "The Pocono Promise," prioritizing the health, safety and well-being of our residents, employees and visitors by following federal, state, and local public health guidelines. Discover the magic of the original winter wonderland with a getaway this season to the beautiful Pocono Mountains.

Adults looking to continue the fun can head to the Mt. Airy Lodge Casino to try their luck at one of the table games or watch a show at the nightclub.

Whether traveling with family, friends or that special someone, the Pocono Mountains flourishes with winter recreation, lodging and indoor activity. The region allows guests full advantage of winter's offerings with picturesque regional scenery.

Visitors can enjoy events and festivals throughout the Poconos all winter long. Browse events on the Poconos Events page at: www.pocono mountains.com/events

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For the latest ski conditions, winter weather updates, all types of places to stay, things to do and much more, please scan the QR code in the ad on the left.

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Start planning an exciting winter getaway for the whole family! Head to the Pocono Mountains to take on 185 trails prime for skiing and snowboarding. Beginners can learn the ropes with ski and board lessons, or if you prefer all thrills and no skill required, resorts offer snow tubing for the whole family. Pros can challenge themselves on the more advanced trails while everyone can catch pristine views along the way. Visit PoconoSki.com to plan your winter vacation now.



