

LOOK SNOW GOOD

BY TRACY CLIFFORD AND CARA SULLIVAN

Whether you're a skier, snowboarder, or lover of all things après, we've got everything you need to ensure your winter wardrobe is on point. Want to hit the powder? Reconsider that last-minute flight to Aspen and let our guide to local mountains lead the way.



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ON THE SLOPES

Quality ski gear is three things at its core: warm, waterproof, and seriously stylish. We present eight triple-threat pieces.

for HER



▲ A figure flattering fit, snow guard to keep out the chill, and zippered pockets for your phone and lift passes? Sold. **Bogner Este Ski DownJacket Elena, Black, \$1,990, bogner.com**



Six words: Water-repellent breathable four-way-stretch. **Bogner Ski-Dungarees Estee, Black, \$890, bogner.com** ▶



▲ Incomparable warmth? Check. Water resistant shells? Double check. Grippy leather palms? Triple check. **Himalayan Mitt, Black, \$165, thenorthface.com**



Here's proof that a hat with fur lining doesn't have to look frou-frou. **Canada Goose Fur Lined Hat, Military Green, \$295, saksfifthavenue.com** ▶



◀ Allow us to introduce you to the glitzen: the dexterity of a glove plus the warmth of a mitten. **Hestra Gloves Heli Three-Finger Insulated Gloves, Grey, \$140, rei.com.**



◀ Chunky-knit merino wool ensures your head and ears stay warm and cozy. **Mischa Lampert Pom-pom Trapper Hat, \$395, neimanmarcus.com**



Do your ski pants have stretchy, ergonomic knees? These do. **Frauenstuh Alex Ski Trousers with Belt Loops, Black, Euro 679, frauenstuh.com** ▶



▲ This sporty style boasts a zippered ski-pass pocket on the sleeve. **Frauenstuh ColeTec Ski Jacket, Black, Euro 1098, frauenstuh.com**

for HIM

A word about equipment...

Most resorts have ski and snowboard rental packages, which means you don't have to schlep the big stuff. Whew!



AT THE LODGE

Ready to swap that double black diamond for a double Black Label on the rocks? Dressing the part is as easy as après-ski.

for HER



▲ There's nothing cooler than the classic aviator—except these. **Dimitry Vintage Aviator Sunglasses, Shiny Black**, \$415, tomford.com



◀ Regular leggings are a little too pajama, but suede leggings scream chic, not sleep. **Sanctuary Faux Suede Grease Legging, Black Walnut**, \$109, juniperboutique.com



▲ If you don't love the idea of real fur, relax—you'd never know this was faux. **Stella McCartney Virgin Wool & Faux Fur Vest, Brown**, \$835, net-a-porter.com



▲ Because everyone should own a pair of rose-colored glasses. **Thierry Lasry Potentially**, \$575, space519.com



◀ If you didn't know you loved Japanese stretch denim, now you do. **Rag&Bone Fit 2 Jean in rock**, \$210, ragandbone.com



▲ Whether you're hiking up a mountain or over to the bar, these'll do the trick. **Mr. & Mrs. Italy Fur-Cuff Felt Hiker Boots**, \$610, barneys.com



for HIM

Alpaca, virgin wool, cashmere and silk ensure this wearable hug feels as good as it looks. **Brunello Cucinelli colour-block sweater, Medium Grey**, \$1,795, shopbrunellocucinelli.com



▲ Ready to kick your boot game up a notch? Go for navy. **Moncler New Vancouver Leather Lace-Up Boot, Navy**, \$595, moncler.com

WHY NOT TAKE A ROAD TRIP

BY WENDY ALTSCHULER

A ski slope in your own backyard? Total pipe dream. A mountain within driving distance? Start packing up the car—each of these five wintry wonderlands is within three short hours of Chicago.

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CASCADE MOUNTAIN

Portage, Wisconsin
Drive time: 3 hours
cascademountain.com

Calling all thrill-seekers! This hot spot near Wisconsin Dells boasts four terrain parks with several obstacles, a super pipe and halfpipe, and 10 black-diamond runs with steep descents and mogul fields. But you don't have to be hardcore to appreciate the place, as the mountain is also home to plenty of beginner slopes (kids under 12 ski free!), a tubing park and shorter runs.



ALPINE VALLEY RESORT

Elkhorn, Wisconsin
Drive time from Chicago: 2 hours
alpinevalleyresort.com

Park your poles here to enjoy over 90 skiable acres with 20 runs—including Big Thunder, a steep run with a vertical 388-foot drop and Alpine, the resort's longest run at 3,000 feet. Ski school for adults and kids is available for beginners of all ages, while experts can check out the flat bar, donkey rail and corrugated tube at the terrain park. If that's not enough to entice you, guests at Alpine Valley Resort can enjoy on-site ski-in and ski-out rooms (120 are available, including family suites), complete with bistro dining, free weekend movie nights and an indoor pool and hot tub. No snow? No worries—Alpine Valley will make some.



DEVIL'S HEAD RESORT

Merrimac, Wisconsin
Drive time: 3 hours
devilsheadresort.com

Fun fact: This full-service resort—home to one of the state's highest mountains—is located in Baraboo Bluffs, which was formed by glaciers over a billion years ago. Amenities include a large ski pro-shop, twice-daily groomed trails, long and wide runs, 500-foot vertical rise, accredited ski instructors, a terrain park with tubes and jumps and available cross-country skiing.



WILMOT MOUNTAIN

Wilmot, Wisconsin
Drive time: 90 minutes
wilmotmountain.com

Wilmot has been a destination for family skiing, snowboarding, and tubing since 1938—and a recent purchase by Vail Resorts has seen a whopping \$13 million in improvements, ensuring that its future is bright. New perks include three four-person chairlifts, a high-speed rope tow in the terrain park, two new lifts in the beginner's area, an upgraded Base Lodge and a new kids' ski and snowboard school.



CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN RESORT

Galena, Illinois
Drive time: 3 hours
chestnutmtn.com

Nestled right next to historic Galena and overlooking the Mississippi River, you'll find 19 ski trails and a seven-acre terrain park with 25 rails and structures. Everything you need is right on site: rooms; an indoor pool, sauna and hot tub; three restaurants with contemporary cuisine and craft beer; children's programs and ski runs for all levels.



MADISON

CHICAGO

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