

Mont Ste-Anne – a thriving ski resort

Mont Ste-Anne, some thirty miles from Quebec City, is the site of the North American championship ski competitions to be held from March 21 to 25 for the combined jumping and cross-country category of Nordic skiing. Several important international alpine ski competitions, such as the Du Maurier international and the World Cup event in 1969, 1972 and 1974 as well as the 50-metre international jumping competition in 1973 have been held at this increasingly popular resort.

Mont Ste-Anne, which welcomes a considerable number of top European, American and Canadian skiers every year, rises to a height of 2,650. The park area, with ski trails, spreads over 25 square miles. Exceptional snow conditions at this altitude permit skiing throughout six months of the year, from November to May.

The Mont Ste-Anne site – close to the famous shrine of Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré – has rapidly become one of the most popular ski centres in eastern North America. Its extensive facilities include the only gondola lift east of the Rockies and the greatest vertical drop

in eastern Canada.

The 74 cars of the gondola lift carry skiers to the summit in just 13 minutes. The big mountain also has four double chairlifts – one on the new north side layout – a T-bar and two Pomalifts, as well as a 50-metre ski jump. The lifts can handle 6,545 skiers an hour.

The mountain is laced with more than 16 miles of well-groomed trails, and the vertical drops of its 21 slopes range up to 2,050 feet. There are comfortable chalets at the base and summit of the mountain, with restaurant and bar service, ski shops, baby-sitting service and an excellent ski school.

