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Brighton Ski Resort

The first skis used at Brighton were made from the best lumber, the ends boiled and then bent over a rafter until they were dried. They were then smoothed with a piece of broken glass and rubbed with mutton tallow or beeswax. There was just one strap across the toes to hold it to the boot.

Anyone who wanted to ski in Brighton had to pack in through Scott's Pass from Park City because the Big Cottonwood road was not plowed in winter. With an average of 500 inches of fresh powder snow each year, Brighton was a popular ski destination for members of the Alpine Ski Club.

In 1936 a "homemade T bar" was constructed for the Alpine Ski club. In 1938, K. Smith purchased the T-bar and constructed a 10,000 sq ft ice skating rink near its base. It was lighted for nighttime skating. Over the years several more lifts were built. The first chair lift, 4000 ft long Mt. Millicent Lift, opened in 1947. By 1963 Zane Doyle and his father-in-law, Willard Jensen, consolidated all of the lifts under their ownership. The Doyle family still manages the resort, though it is currently owned Boyne Corporation of Michigan.

Services include 2 restaurants, 20 room hotel, medical clinic, public lockers, ski shop, repair shop, rentals, a popular Terrain Park and Night Skiing (4-9 p.m). Lifts (year opened) include: Millicent (1947- high speed quad 2007), Mary (1958), Evergreen (1968-out of commission), Snake Creek (1984), Crest Lift-replaced the Mary Lift (1991), Explorer (1992), Great Western (1992), Magic Carpet(2007).