

> LAKE PLACID 1932 VENUES



OVERVIEW

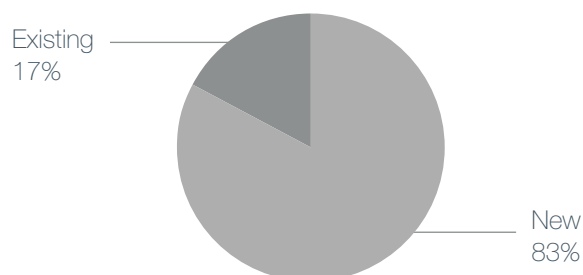
Six competition venues were used for the Olympic Winter Games Lake Placid 1932 and all remain in use, welcoming the local community and visitors alike.

All but two of them are also used for high-performance sport.

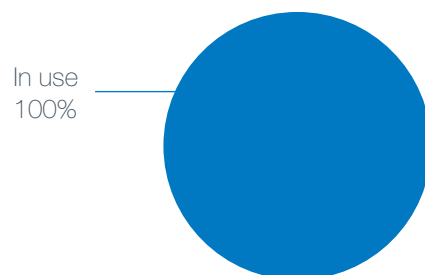
Only one of the competition venues was an existing site. The rest were built especially for the Games. Four of the venues were used again when Lake Placid hosted the Olympic Winter Games for a second time, in 1980.

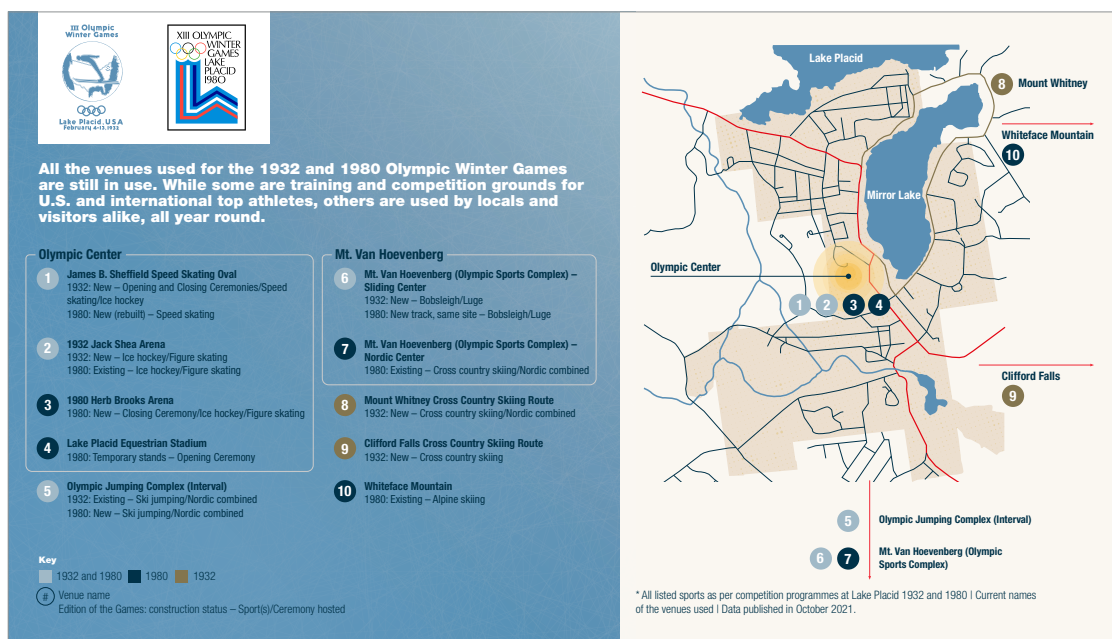
The James B. Sheffield Olympic Skating Rink, also a competition venue still in use, served as the Olympic Stadium. There was no official Olympic Village at the Games.

VENUE CLASSIFICATION



CURRENT USE (PERMANENT VENUES)





LAKE PLACID 1932 VENUES AT A GLANCE

Venue name at Games time	Venue classification at Games time	Use at Games time	Current status
The Arena	New build	Ice hockey, figure skating	In use
James B. Sheffield Olympic Skating Rink/Olympic Stadium	New build	Ice hockey, speed skating, Opening and Closing Ceremonies	In use
Venues outside Lake Placid			
Interval Ski Hill/Olympic Ski Hill	Existing	Ski jumping, Nordic combined	In use
Mt Van Hoevenberg Bob Run	New build	Bobsleigh	In use
Mount Whitney Cross-Country Skiing Route (Start and finish at the Olympic Stadium)	New build	Cross-country skiing, Nordic combined	In use
Clifford Falls Cross-Country Skiing Route	New build	Cross-country skiing	In use

> THE VENUES UP CLOSE

VENUES IN USE

THE ARENA

Now known as the 1932 Jack Shea Arena and part of Lake Placid's Olympic Center. This much-used sporting and events hub has been extensively refurbished over the years, including for the 1980 Olympic Winter Games and most recently in preparation for the 2023 Winter World University Games. It was also one of several two-time Olympic venues used for the 2019 International Children's Winter Games.

A popular community skating venue where classes and annual camps are laid on for the public, the arena is also the setting for concerts, conferences and other public events. Used by numerous US Olympic figure skaters as a training base over the years, the arena now hosts many events, such as the Lake Placid Ice Dance Championships.

JAMES B. SHEFFIELD OLYMPIC SKATING RINK/OLYMPIC STADIUM

Also part of the Olympic Center and also used at Lake Placid 1980. Though the venue has not hosted a major international ice-sport event since 1990, it regularly stages local, regional and national speed skating events. An outdoor facility, it is used widely by local schools, speed skating clubs and the local community for recreational skating, speed skating and ice hockey. It was also a venue for the 2019 International Children's Winter Games. As part of the Olympic Center's refurbishment, the venue had a new refrigeration system installed, among other upgrades designed to ensure compliance with international competition standards. It hosted the start and finish of the 18km cross-country skiing event at Lake Placid 1932.

MT VAN HOEVENBERG BOB RUN

The venue has undergone many changes since the construction of the original, natural bobsleigh track for Lake Placid 1932. This track was replaced by a new one for the Olympic Winter Games Lake Placid 1980, with a separate luge track built in 1979. In 2000, both tracks were replaced by a combined bobsleigh, luge and skeleton track. The centre forms part of the Mount Van Hoevenberg Sports Complex and is listed in the American National Register of Historic Places.

It regularly stages luge, bobsled and skeleton World Cup events. It hosted the IBSF World Championships for a ninth time in 2012, and the FIL World Luge Championships for the second time in 2009. USA Luge is headquartered in Lake Placid and uses the sliding track as its home training track. The centre is also home to the Lake Placid Bobsled Experience, which gives visitors the chance to ride down the track.

INTERVAL SKI HILL/OLYMPIC SKI HILL

This is the fourth of the 1932 venues also used at Lake Placid 1980. A year-round competition and training venue, the complex boasts K-120 and K-90 ski jump towers and two training hills. It has hosted a variety of international ski jumping events over the years, including events at the 2019 International Children's Winter Games. Its training facilities are used by the US ski team's Elite Aerial Development Program (EADP).

The complex, which also comprises a Nordic ski loop and biathlon range, is being upgraded to meet the FIS' highest requirements for staging events. As part of the refurbishment, beginners' slopes and a freeride and tubing park will be built to encourage more local residents to use the site.

MOUNT WHITNEY CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING ROUTE

The Mount Whitney trail was built especially for the Games and staged the 18km cross-country race and the cross-country leg of the Nordic combined competition. It is no longer a dedicated cross-country trail and is used for recreational cycling, hiking and cross-country skiing.

CLIFFORD FALLS CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING ROUTE

Used for the 50km cross-country race, this trail was built especially for the Games. It comprised the former North Notch and South Notch trails, which were some of the earliest dedicated ski trails in the region and part of a larger network of trails that dated back to the 1920s. With the advent of developed ski areas such as Whiteface Mountain in the 1940s and 1950s, however, the popularity of backcountry ski trails declined and the route returned to the wild, though parts of it are still used today for recreational cycling, hiking, and cross-country skiing.

> DID YOU KNOW?

Running alongside the combined bobsleigh, luge and skeleton track at the Mount Van Hoevenberg Sliding Center is the Cliffside Coaster, which opened in October 2020. At 1.4 miles long, it is the USA's longest mountain roller coaster.

Built for Lake Placid's first Olympic Winter Games, the 1932 Jack Shea Arena is the oldest of all Olympic indoor ice rinks. It is named after a US speed skater who won two Olympic golds at Lake Placid 1932.

The four venues used at both Lake Placid 1932 and 1980 will also stage events when the resort hosts the 2023 Winter World University Games.

Opened in January 2020, the Lake Placid Olympic Ski Jumping Complex's SkyRide gondola system serves the two main ski jumps. A lift takes visitors to the top of the K-120 tower, where a refurbished observation deck offers 360-degree panoramic views of Lake Placid and the Adirondack High Peaks. The 90-metre hill has a zipline that descends 700 feet to recreate the ski jumping experience.