

## > LAKE PLACID 1980 VENUES



### OVERVIEW

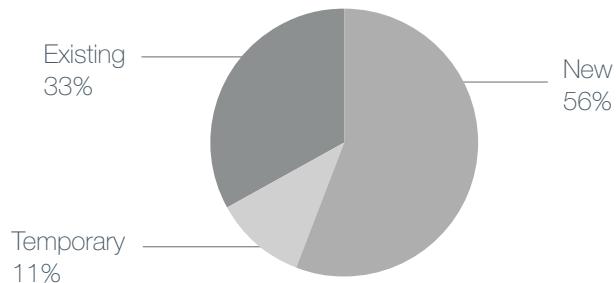
Seven competition venues were used for the Olympic Winter Games Lake Placid 1980. They all remain in use, providing first-class facilities for recreational and high-performance sport, and welcoming the local community and visitors alike.

Three of the competition venues were existing and renovated for the occasion; one of them – the 1932 Jack Shea Arena – was used when Lake Placid hosted the Olympic Winter Games for the first time, in 1932. The other four were built for the 1980 Games, although three of them featured new facilities built to upgrade venues used for the 1932 Games, using the same footprint.

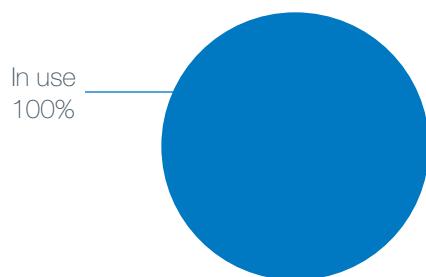
The Field House International Ice Rink, a competition venue still in use, also hosted the Closing Ceremony. The Opening Ceremony was held at a standalone temporary venue dismantled after the Games, on the Lake Placid Equestrian Stadium ground.

The Olympic Village built for the Games remains in use, as a prison, as planned in the bid.

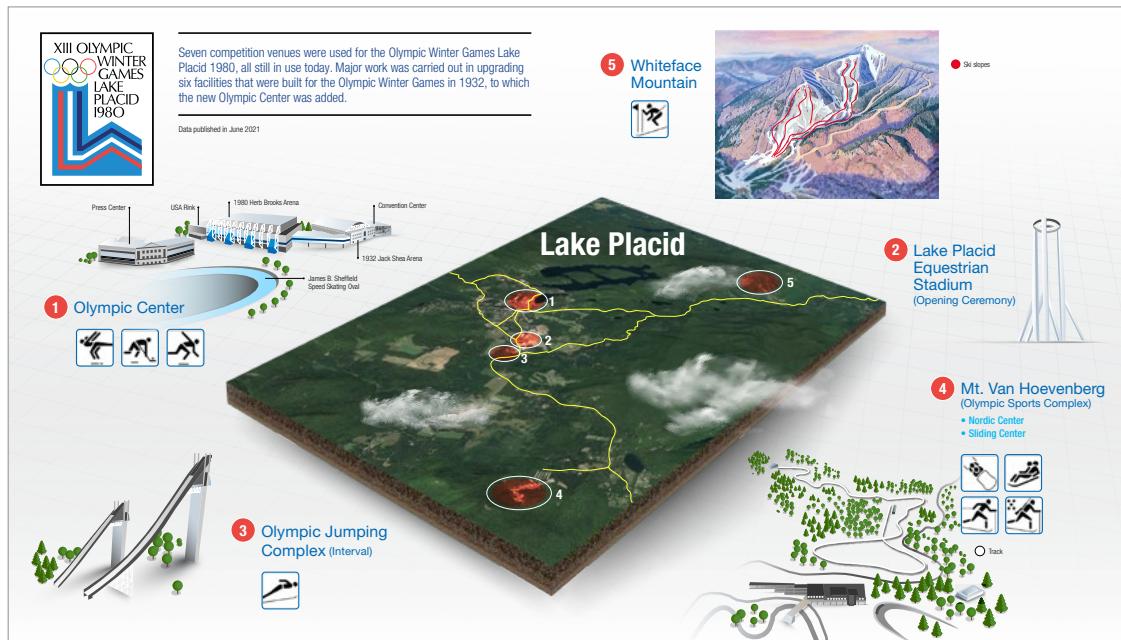
### VENUE CLASSIFICATION



### CURRENT USE (PERMANENT VENUES)



Over 125 years of Olympic venues: post-Games use



## LAKE PLACID 1980 VENUES AT A GLANCE

Venue name at Games time	Venue classification at Games time	Use at Games time	Current status
The Arena	Existing	Ice hockey, figure skating	In use
James B. Sheffield Olympic Skating Oval	New build	Speed skating	In use
Field House International Ice Rink	New build	Ice hockey, figure skating, Closing Ceremony	In use
<b>Venues outside Lake Placid</b>			
Mt Van Hoevenberg - Cross Country Complex	Existing	Biathlon, cross-country skiing, Nordic combined	In use
Mt Van Hoevenberg - Bob and Luge Runs	New build	Bobsleigh, luge	In use
Interval Ski Jumps/ Olympic Ski Jumps	New build	Ski jumping, Nordic combined	In use

## LAKE PLACID 1980 VENUES AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED)

Venue name at Games time	Venue classification at Games time	Use at Games time	Current status
Whiteface Mountain	Existing	Alpine skiing	In use
Lake Placid Olympic Village	New build	Athlete accommodation	In use
Lake Placid Equestrian Stadium	Temporary	Opening Ceremony	Dismantled (temporary)

## > THE VENUES UP CLOSE

### VENUES IN USE

#### THE ARENA

Renovated for Lake Placid 1980, the Arena, now known as the 1932 Jack Shea Arena, is part of Lake Placid's Olympic Center. This much-used sporting and events hub has recently been extensively refurbished in preparation for the 2023 Winter World University Games. A training base for US Olympic figure skaters, the Arena hosts many events, such as the Lake Placid Ice Dance Championships. It was 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.

#### THE JAMES B. SHEFFIELD SPEED SKATING OVAL

Another venue that forms part of the Olympic Center, the Oval was extensively upgraded for Lake Placid 1980, with a new artificial refrigeration system installed. Though it 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 Oval has had a new refrigeration system installed, among other upgrades designed to ensure compliance with international competition standards.

#### INTERVAL SKI JUMPS/OLYMPIC SKI JUMPS

The fourth of Lake Placid's two-time Olympic venues, the jumps used in 1932 were replaced by new ones for the resort's second Olympic Winter Games. A year-round competition and training venue, the complex boasts K-120 and K-90 ski jump towers and two training hills, and 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 also be built to encourage more local residents to use the site.

#### FIELD HOUSE INTERNATIONAL ICE RINK

A much-used ice hockey venue and the setting for the so-called "Miracle on Ice", the USA's dramatic 4-3 win over the USSR in the medal round of the men's competition at Lake Placid 1980. To mark the 25th anniversary of the match in 2005, the venue was renamed the 1980 Herb Brooks Arena in honour of the USA's coach that day. All 19 members of that US team, which went on to win the gold medal, reunited for the occasion and continue to come together for the Miracle on Ice Fantasy Camp. Another Olympic Center venue, the arena has been refurbished in preparation for the 2023 Winter World University Games.

#### LAKE PLACID OLYMPIC VILLAGE

Federal funding for the construction of the 937-room Olympic Village was provided on condition that there would be a practical use for the facility after the Games were over. Despite local opposition, it was decided that it would become a prison. Though some delegations chose to accommodate their athletes in rented houses instead, the Olympic Village was mostly full at Games time. Six months later, it became the Ray Brook Federal Corrections Institution, which continues to operate today and houses 1,000 inmates.

#### MT VAN HOEVENBERG – CROSS-COUNTRY COMPLEX

The complex's 56 kilometres of separate cross-country and biathlon trails, which were built for the 1980 Olympic Winter Games and offer approximately 150 days of skiing a year, were recently replaced by a new, combined system of trails. Regularly groomed and patrolled, these trails are used by cross-country skiers of all abilities and also host annual events such as the Lake Placid Loppet and the Empire State Winter Games. The venue is being upgraded for the 2023 Winter Universiade.

#### MT VAN HOEVENBERG BOB AND LUGE RUNS

The venue has undergone many changes since the construction of the original, natural bobsleigh track for Lake Placid 1932. In preparation for Lake Placid 1980, the bobsleigh track was replaced by a new one and a separate luge track was built. 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.

#### WHITEFACE MOUNTAIN

Only minor upgrades were needed to prepare the slopes of Whiteface Mountain for the 1980 Winter Games. Recent improvements have been made, however, with new snowmaking systems and the recent opening of a new Legacy Lodge. The venue attracts thousands of tourists from New York state and further afield every year.

### TEMPORARY VENUES

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#### LAKE PLACID EQUESTRIAN STADIUM

A temporary venue erected to host the Opening Ceremony, it was dismantled as planned after the Games.

## > DID YOU KNOW?

The 1980 Herb Brooks Arena owes its status as a special place of pilgrimage for US ice hockey fans to the Miracle on Ice, a match that was so called because the USA's team of amateur players were not expected to beat the stars of the USSR team, the tournament favourites.

The 1980 Herb Brooks Arena staged the entire regular 2020/21 National Women's Hockey League season in early 2021, with the six competing teams isolating in a bubble due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Mt Van Hoevenberg Sliding Center will host the IBSF World Championships for a 10th time in 2025.

A total of 106 Olympic skating records were broken on the James B. Sheffield Speed Skating Oval's new 400-metre refrigerated track at the 1980 Games, with the USA's Eric Heiden winning a record five individual gold medals there.

Built for Lake Placid 1980 as an ice hockey and figure skating training venue, the Olympic Center - USA Rink remains in use today, as a practice rink hosting public skating sessions. It was known at Games time as the Field House US Ice Rink.

The Lussi Rink was another ice hockey and figure skating training venue built especially for Lake Placid 1980 that remains in use today. The rink has been dismantled, and the building is now the Olympic Center Convention facility.