

Piper Hill

Pipersville, Pennsylvania

Woody Bousquet uncovered a ski patch that indicates there was a ski area named "Piper Hill" in Pipersville, PA at some point.



A patch from Piper Hill Ski Area. Image provided by Woody Bousquet.

Tim, a DC Ski reader, commented that the Piper Hill ski lodge is now a family restaurant called the Cactus Grille. That prompted Bill O'Hara to visit the location and dig up additional details and photos. Bill writes:

"Thanks to the post by Tim I was able to find this lost area after searching for some time. The lodge is indeed now a restaurant called the Cactus Grill. The minute I walked in; I could tell that it had once been a ski lodge. The only remnants are a pair of snow shoes hanging from the rafters and the fireplace, but the building has not gone through any major changes. I spoke with the owner, Mary Elcavage, and she was very accommodating.

She even allowed me to borrow some photos from 1965, that a customer had given her. The photos are of the customer's children. I had the photos scanned and include them below, along with the photos that I took the day I visited.

Please advise anyone who visits to ask permission before walking the property and to also patronize the restaurant. The food is very good, reasonably priced, and they have many micro brews on-tap. Their website is www.cactusgrill.net.

From my walk of the property, the ski area had snowmaking and at least two rope-tows. I am including a topographic map marked with the remnants that I found in the photos."

Bill provided the following photos:



Main entrance to the lodge. Photo provided by Bill O'Hara.

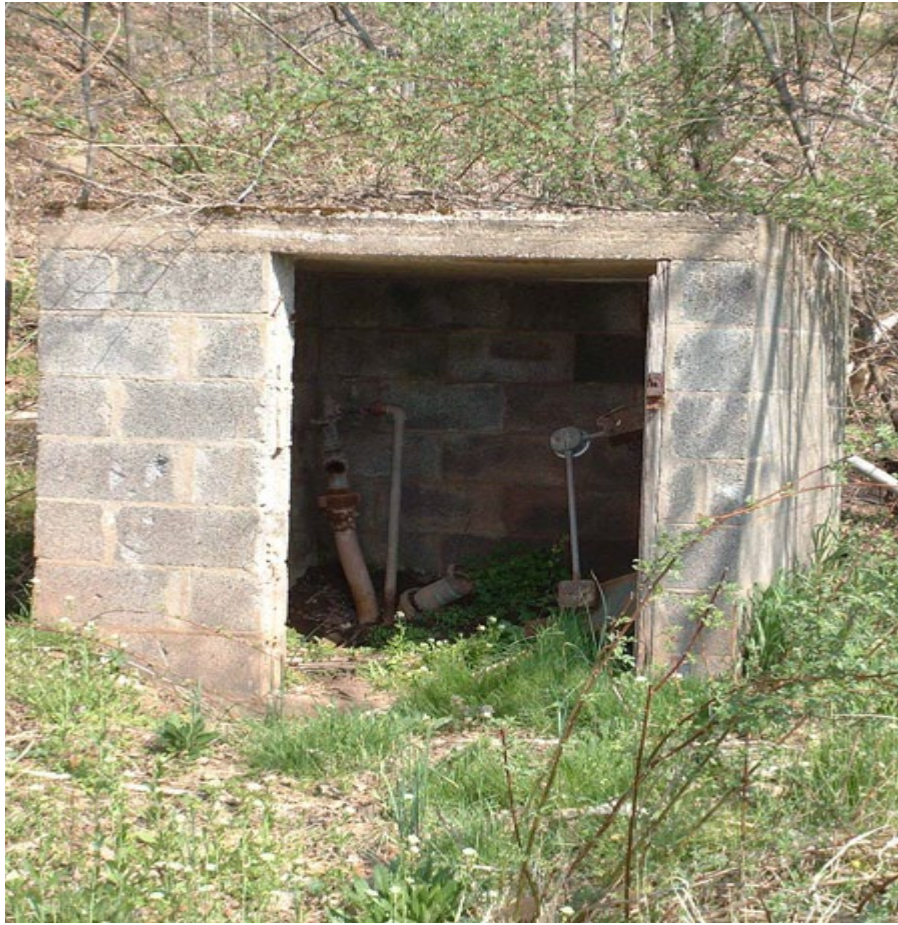


Bottom of a rope tow. Photo



provided by Bill O'Hara.

The Lodge viewed from the slope. Photo provided by Bill O'Hara.



The pump house. Photo provided by Bill O'Hara.



Remnants of snowmaking. Photo provided by Bill O'Hara.

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Ski school meeting place. Photo provided by Mary Elcavage.

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The rope tow. Photo provided by Mary Elcavage.

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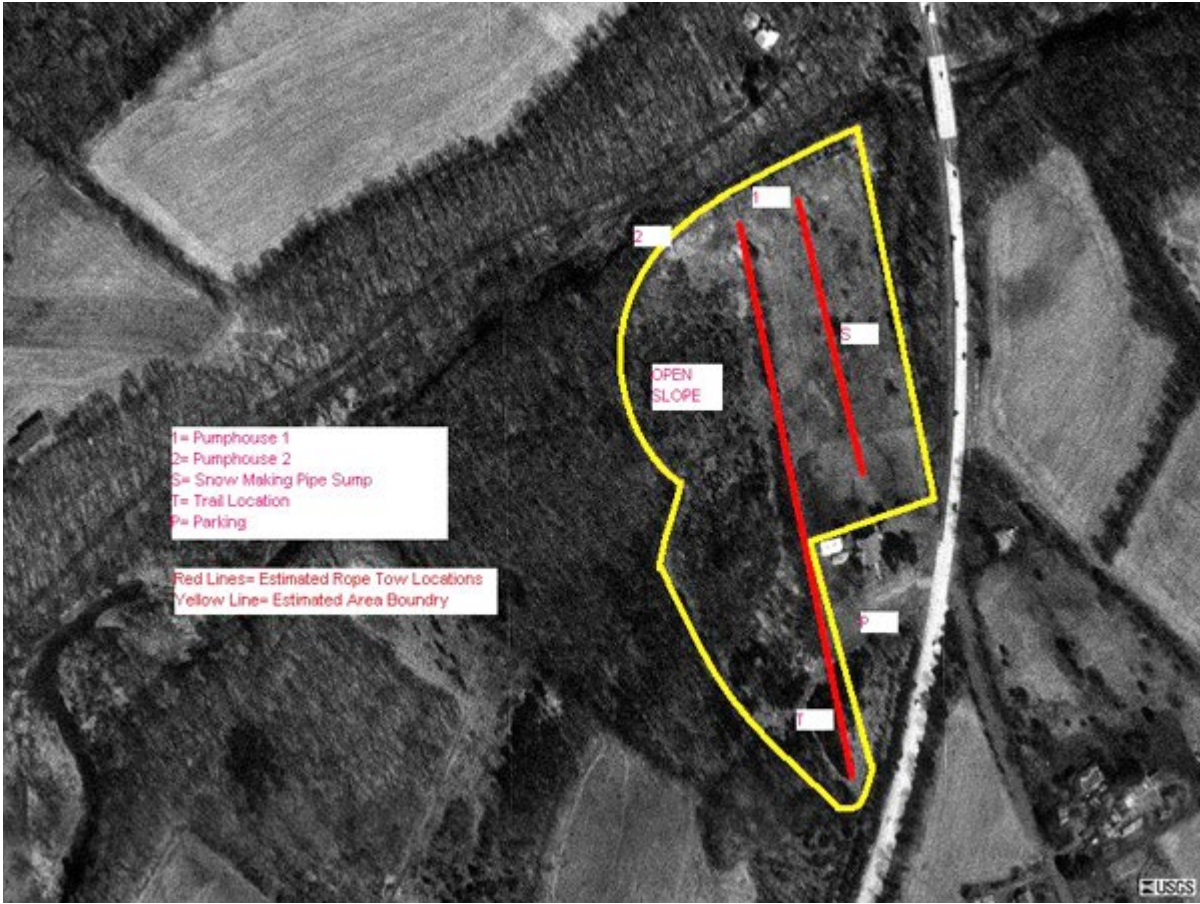


The lodge. Photo provided by Mary Elcavage.

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The rope tow. Photo provided by Mary Elcavage.



A topographic map showing the location of Piper Hill. Photo provided by Bill O'Hara.

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