

ANSWERS IN THE WIND

Golden BC is set for another weekend of amazing sledding. There's 25cms of snow in the forecast which means that it will be another reset of powder in our bowls. This week past we had a lot of wind and avalanche forecasts have increased in severity. Please travel with caution.

Man it's been good out there! I think we can officially claim this as 'the best winter ever' (in recent memory at least)!

There's 25 cms in the forecast and then it's going blue!

Avalanche

Travel and Terrain Advice (as copied from Avalanche.ca)

Watch for newly formed and reactive wind slabs as you transition into wind affected terrain. Shooting cracks, whumphs and recent avalanches are strong indicators of an unstable snowpack. Carefully assess open slopes and convex rolls where buried surface hoar may be preserved. Avoid shallow, rocky areas where the snowpack transitions from thick to thin.

If you can ride in the mountains you're probably travelling in avalanche terrain. Please be careful and submit what you see to the MIN Network.

Travel on Logging Roads

Please observe proper safety on the logging roads. Radio channel in Silent is RR3 (150.140)

Big Announcement!

Trail Area Conditions Reports

Quartz Creek

Conditions: Powder and packed powder

Grooms scheduled: Thursday (5), Friday (6), Saturday (7), Sunday (8)

Fees: \$25

Parking: cleared

Road: n/a

Additional notes:

Quartz has seen the most traffic but it also gets the most attention. The parking lots are cleared. There is limited firewood in the cabin right now... we're currently sourcing more.

PLEASE STAY OUT OF THE PARKS! Don't sled past a sign and in to the National Park. This seriously impacts our relationship with the Park and our ability to keep areas open and open new areas. We don't have caribou in Golden, but we are not immune from closures.

Please note that avalanche safety protocols sometimes affect our grooming schedule. Ask the gate staff in the morning about the last groom.

Gorman Lake

Conditions: wind buffed alpine ridges and deep at treeline

Grooms scheduled: Thursday (5), Saturday (7)

Fees: \$25

Parking: 14 km (upper) parking lot.

Road: Road is in good shape - Radio RR27 / 151.37

Additional notes:

There is now active logging up to the 9 km mark at Gorman. The road is plowed to the upper lot now too.

Gorman is in good shape. There has been a lot of wind lately so you can expect scouring and loading in pockets. The alpine bowls have been amazing. The best snow is at treeline.

Please be aware of active logging on the road. The Radio Channel is RR27 or 151.37

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Silent Pass

Conditions: Really good.

Grooms scheduled: Thursday (5), Saturday (7)

Fees: \$25

Parking: 46km

Road: Please use radios on FSR. Channel is RR3 (150.140) - Logging trucks have been driving FAST!

Additional notes:

Great conditions at Silent lately. The best riding has been in the trees.

Parking is still at the 46km -past the Mcurdo bridge at Silent this weekend.

Check out our [video on logging road etiquette here](#). The Radio Channel is RR3 or 150.140.

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Westbench Trail

Conditions: really good - but won't last

Grooms scheduled: Friday (6)

Fees: \$25

Parking: Gorman or Quartz

Road: n/a

Additional notes: WBT is in good condition. It will start to deteriorate soon, so go for it while you can.

Old Man

Conditions: excellent

Grooms scheduled: Friday (6)

Fees: \$25

Parking: Quartz

Road: n/a

Additional notes: trail is in good shape and so are the upper bowls.

East Quartz

Conditions: packed powder
Grooms scheduled: Friday (6)
Fees: \$25
Parking: Quartz
Road: N/A
Additional notes: unreported.

Weather & Avalanche Conditions

Avalanche Conditions
<https://www.avalanche.ca>

Weather Conditions
<https://www.snow-forecast.com/resorts/GC-HeliSki/6day/mid>

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