

DEEP AND SKETCHY

Golden has seen significant snow in the past 7 days with anywhere from 60-100 cms accumulating. The snow came in with high winds and some temperature fluctuations, so avalanche conditions have spiked. The riding has been excellent with deep conditions reported from all the areas. Temps look to be dropping and the groomers will be out flattening trails.

Trail Area Conditions Reports

Quartz Creek

Conditions: Deep

Grooms scheduled: Wed, Fri, Sat (if needed), Sun

Fees: \$25, \$5 discount if you can prove AST training

Parking: Trucks with decks please park west of the kiosk, trailers use two lots on the east side.

Road: Winter tires to get around the parking lots are always a good idea.

Additional notes: We've been seeing a few patrols from Parks Canada wardens lately and some tickets handed out for people riding in the park. Just a reminder that it's your responsibility to know where you are and to stay out of closed areas.

Gorman Lake

Conditions: Deep

Grooms scheduled: Wed, Sat.

Fees: \$25, \$5 discount if you can prove AST training

Parking: Both parking lots at 3.5 plowed.

Road: Road has been in good shape.

Additional notes: A lot of active log hauling in Gorman. The kiosk attendant can call up the road for you if you don't have a radio. RR 27 is the channel. Please yield to logging trucks. The Sea-Cabin will NOT be pulled in to Gorman this winter due to the limited size and our COVID regulations. There's pretty much a metre of new snow on the lake....

Silent Pass

Conditions: Deep

Grooms scheduled: Thur, Sat

Fees: \$25, \$5 discount if you can prove AST training

Parking: Please park ON THE ROAD (not in the turn around) at the 30 km.

Road: Call your KMs on your VHF radio! Channel RR-3.

Additional notes: The parking at Silent has been a gong show. We are going to get some no parking signs made up so people don't clog up the mandatory turn around at the 30 km mark. Please keep that turn around area clear. Road is good to go (updated Feb 5).

East Quartz

Conditions: Deep

Grooms scheduled: Fri

Fees: \$25, \$5 discount if you can prove AST training

Parking: At Quartz Creek parking (see above)

Road: n/a

Additional notes: Watch for overhead danger.

Old Man

Conditions: Deep

Grooms scheduled: Thur

Fees: \$25, \$5 discount if you can prove AST training

Parking: At Quartz Creek parking (see above)

Road: n/a

Additional notes: Groomed to the end of the trail. Not recommended for beginner riders – been seeing some tricky situations in there.

Westbench Trail

Conditions: Groomed - not continuous!

Grooms scheduled: Sunday (as needed)

Fees: \$25, \$5 discount if you can prove AST training

Parking: Park at Gorman or Quartz

Road: n/a

Additional notes: WBT is not a continuous trail this year due to logging operations. Closed at Cirque Creek from Gorman. Closed at Oldman turnoff from Quartz. For both sides, it's a there-and-back trail. If you ride through the plowed road sections you could get up to a \$2500 fine as sledding on plowed roads is illegal.

Weather & Avalanche Conditions

Avalanche Conditions

<https://www.avalanche.ca>

Weather Conditions

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