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SNAP THE COLD

We're happy to see temperatures warming up and snow in the forecast again. Grooming ops are in full motion to provide smooth trails. We've got discounts for people who have AST education and there's been some people wrecking ski touring lodge terrain. Keep reading to get the latest from Golden.

Trail Area Conditions Reports

Quartz Creek

Conditions: Packed
Grooms scheduled: Wed, Fri, Sat (if needed), Sun
Fees: $25, $5 discount if you can prove AST training
Parking: Trucks with decks park west of the kiosk, trailers use two lots on the east side.
Road: There's some crazy big frost whoops on the highway near Quartz - might want to slow down if you have a trailer.
Additional notes: Quartz Creek has been filling up on Saturdays, lately. We shouldn't have to say this but don't park on the highway. The RCMP have been handing out tickets and towing vehicles. If the parking lot is full, try Gorman.

Gorman Lake

Conditions: Packed
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. We'll have it back in action next winter!

Silent Pass

Conditions: Packed
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, leave enough room for others to turn around.
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.

East Quartz

Conditions: Unreported
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: Unreported
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.

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