

DEEP WITH MORE COMING

Snowmobiling conditions in Golden BC remain excellent and there's more snow on the way. Temperatures have fluctuated and winds have played a factor in the alpine but overall it's pretty good out there. All systems are go on the grooming side and the parking lots have been cleared. The Silent Pass road is getting narrow and radios are more important than ever. Keep reading to find out more.

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 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 has been really busy on Saturdays and people have had to park across the highway which is pretty sketchy. Maybe consider going to Gorman or Silent instead on Saturday? 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, wind scoured up high

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: Deep

Grooms scheduled: Wed, 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 road in from the 17-30km is getting narrow. It's more important than ever to carry a radio and call your kms. In many places, not being able to pass each other is a real thing. Please don't clog up the mandatory turn around at the 30 km mark. Please keep that turn around area clear.

East Quartz

Conditions: Deep, wind scoured ridges

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 - but likely deep and wind scoured up high

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

<https://www.avalanche.ca>

Weather Conditions

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