

EARLY BIRD GETS THE FIRM

The seasons have turned and early spring is allowing for excellent travel. We got surprised late last week with some deeper than expected pow and the base keeps growing. Looks like a lot of sun in the forecast but the temps will hold making for awesome afternoon riding. It's time to pay attention to highway closures but they will mostly start after sledding season.

The first extended closure (requiring motorists to use Highways 93 and 95 as an alternative route) will have a duration of approximately one month, from April 12 to May 14, 2021. Additional plans are also taking place for March. See the Traffic Management page for details. <https://www.kickinghorsecanyon.ca/>

Trail Area Conditions Reports

Quartz Creek

Conditions: Powder, packed powder. Main area is well tracked. A good time to travel into further bowls.

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?

Gorman Lake

Conditions: Packed powder. Excellent for exploring

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 powder, 20+cms fresh on March 6.

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 27-30km is SINGLE LANE. Banks got pushed back by our grooming team on March 1. It's more important that ever to carry a radio and call your kms. Please don't clog up the mandatory turn around at the 30 km mark. Please keep that turn around area clear.

East Quartz

Conditions: Packed powder

Grooms scheduled: As needed

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: Packed powder

Grooms scheduled: As needed

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

Parking: At Quartz Creek parking (see above)

Road: n/a

Additional notes: Not recommended for beginner riders.

Westbench Trail

Conditions: Groomed - not continuous!

Grooms scheduled: 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>