01 April 2021

APRIL IS NO JOKE

We're getting close to the end of the season but April isn't fooling around. Golden has seen a major reset of snow and there's still more on the way. Grooming operations are continuing until April 11 but there's new public health orders and recommendations to be aware of. Highway closures require increased planning.

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 early April. See the Traffic Management page for details. https://www.kickinghorsecanyon.ca/

Trail Area Conditions Reports

Quartz Creek

Conditions: Excellent powder throughout.
Grooms scheduled: Wed, Fri, Sat (if needed), Sun
Fees: $25, $5 discount if you can prove AST training
Parking: Parking lots is getting muddy! Trucks with decks please 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: Trail is in good condition – snow from kiosk.

Gorman Lake

Conditions: Powder and wind buffed alpine. High winds raged up high in Gorman so the alpine has a wind skin.
Grooms scheduled: Thur., 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. Please yield to logging trucks.
Additional notes: Trail is getting thing and icy from the 3.5 km parking. 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. Excellent coverage.
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.
Road: Road is getting gross from the 21 km onward. Call your KMs on your VHF radio! Channel RR-3.
Additional notes: Road is getting trenched: iced up in the morning and muddy in the afternoon. Call your KMs on your VHF radio! Channel RR-3. The road in from the 27-30km is SINGLE LANE. It's more important that ever to carry a radio and call your kms. In many places, not being able to pass each other is a real thing.

East Quartz

Conditions: Fresh
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: Good coverage.
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: Groomed to the end of the trail.

Westbench Trail

Conditions: Groomed - not continuous! Getting a little thin in spots.
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	Weather Conditions
https://www.avalanche.ca	https://www.snow-forecast.com/resorts/GC-HeliSki/6day/mid