

POW! WINTER HOLDS ON!

It might be spring in the valley but winter is holding down the fort in the mountains. Like a super hero that won't be beaten back, old man winter is staging a bountiful comeback. Golden has enjoyed a nice snow reset this week and there's more on the way and we feel obliged to let you know that it's really good out there. Grooming continues to fire on all injectors until April 12. You might want to bring some rubber boots for the parking lots these days as it's muddy parking lot season. So far the roads to all the zones are holding but it could get mucky soon.

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: Surprisingly good and it hasn't been as busy as you'd expect. Low hanging fruit was in on March 24.

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.

Additional notes: Parking lots is getting muddy! There's some crazy big frost whoops on the highway near Quartz – might want to slow down if you have a trailer.

Gorman Lake

Conditions: A fun reset this week. This is the time of year when Gorman shines.

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: 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: Really good.

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

Additional notes: Road is muddy but not super trenched out yet (still freezing overnight). Looks like it will hold on for another week or so. 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: Really good (shhhh).

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: Where's Old Man? Never heard of it? Keep it that way, because it's really good in there.

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!

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>