

SNOW, SUN AND SAYONARA

All good things must come to an end and this is the last week of operations for Sled Golden in winter 2021. There has been another full reset of snow this week and there is still more coming. Looks like we will see the sun by the end of the weekend. Parking lots and roads are showing spring's advances but the snow up high is copious. Sunday, April 11 will be our official last day, just before the highway 1 closures take effect. Keep reading to find out more.

The first extended closure (requiring motorists to use Highways 93 and 95 as an alternative route) will have a duration of approximately 1.5 months, from April 12 to June 1, 2021. See the Traffic Management page for details.

<https://www.kickinghorsecanyon.ca/>

Trail Area Conditions Reports

Quartz Creek

Conditions: Powder, packed powder. Incredible coverage and late season sledding

Grooms scheduled: Wed, Fri, 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: Packed powder - excellent!

Grooms scheduled: Fri, Sun

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

Parking: Parking at 3.5 or 11 km. Big trailers will want to park at the 3.5km but a truck with good tires can make it to the 11km. Just don't block the way and be prepared to rescue the punter who tries to go further than they should.

Road: Road has been in good shape. Please yield to logging trucks.

Additional notes: This is the time to ride Gorman. It's really good in there. We're going to try and keep the cat up at the upper lot and through in some random grooms in April. 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: Powder and packed powder

Grooms scheduled: Fri, Sun

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 pretty bad. Mud bogging past the 17km should be anticipated. Not awesome for big trailers. Call your KMs on your VHF radio! Channel RR-3. The road in from the 27-30km is SINGLE LANE.

Additional notes: Please don't clog up the mandatory turn around at the 30 km mark. Please keep that turn around area clear. Call your KMs on your VHF radio! Channel RR-3. The road in from the 27-30km is SINGLE LANE. 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.

East Quartz

Conditions: Packed powder

Grooms scheduled: Done for season

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: Done for season

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: Not recommended

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>