24 November 2021

NOVEMBER ROCKS!

November has been quite the month so far! Conditions are great for early season riding, the parking at Quartz is going well and we're gearing up to have all our zones ready by next week at the latest. Quartz is on its regular grooming program and we have opened Gorman up this week. If you are interested in checking out a new zone, you might consider heading that way. Caution is still very necessary as there are many boulder fields in the Gorman area to watch out for, so take it easy, would ya!

There have been dribs and drabs of snow in the past week amounting to approximately 20-25cm in the Quartz zone. Those early season hazards are filling in nicely, but don't forget about them quite yet!

If you haven't had a chance yet, check out our new RIDING AREAS videos on YouTube. Thanks again to Summit Communications for their work on this project!

Be aware of the logging that is getting started in the near future at Quartz. See below for more details.

Trail Area Conditions Reports

Quartz Creek

Conditions: Excellent early season. A lot of traffic in the regular bowls. Still powder in the trees.
Grooms scheduled: As needed
Fees: $25
Parking: Parking up at the 9km mine site currently. Please drive carefully. Trailers not recommended, but still able to make it.
Road: Plowed to the 9km parking lots. Groomed from there.
Additional notes: Active logging will be happening at Quartz later this week. Activity is up to the 8km mark. Please give loggers the right of way. Gate Attendants may hold back vehicles when logging trucks are coming down the road for safety.

Gorman Lake

Conditions: Filling in! It's definitely starting to shape up, but take it easy!
Grooms scheduled: Friday
Fees: $25
Parking: Parking at main lot.
Road: A bit icy, but take it slow and you should be fine.

Silent Pass

Conditions: Excellent early season, but watch out for those creeks!
Grooms scheduled: Not likely until next week
Fees: n/a
Road: Uncertain - it is supposed to be plowed to the 27km mark this week
Additional notes: We are going to try to get Silent groomed on Saturday night but there's some moving parts that all have to align. Please park out of the way to allow the groomer to pass. Active logging is also still occurring in the area; what we've heard is that it's mostly from the 17km mark.

East Quartz

Conditions: No information yet.
Grooms scheduled: None.
Fees: Same for Quartz.
Parking: Parking at te 9km mine, as for Quartz
Road: Plowed

Old Man

Conditions: Not worth it yet...It's boney!
Grooms scheduled: None.
Fees: No fees.
Parking: n/a
Road: n/a

Westbench Trail

Conditions: No information yet.
Grooms scheduled: None.
Fees: No fees.
Parking: Not currently maintained.
Road: n/a
Additional notes: This trail will not be continuous from Quartz to Gorman for the duration of the season due to the logging that is happening along portions of the trail.

Weather & Avalanche Conditions

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https://www.avalanche.ca

Weather Conditions
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