

WINTER WONDERLAND

Is it Christmas yet? It sure feels festive out there with all this snow we've had! What a great week it's been for sledding in Golden. We've officially been open for over a month now – hard to believe it's not even 'officially' winter yet! While other riding areas have been lacking in snowfall, we've been lucky to be enjoying lots of the white stuff! It is deep and fresh out there so there's not much to complain about (except for parking!).

Thanks again for everyone's patience while we wait out the logging situation at Quartz Creek. We are back parking at the 9km, but there is a decent amount of space up there for trucks. In case you haven't heard already, taking a trailer up there isn't the best option, so leave it behind if you can!

Reminders, make sure you have a VHF radio with you and call your kilometers. The Quartz road is narrow so the Gate Staff will hold back vehicles when logging trucks are coming down the road.

Silent and Gorman are in great shape! That new parking lot at the 31k up the Silent Road has been getting RAVE REVIEWS. Go check it out

Trail Area Conditions Reports

Quartz Creek

Conditions: Excellent early season. Logging will continue into this week at Quartz,

Grooms scheduled: As necessary! And when avalanche danger permits.

Fees: \$25

Parking: Parking at the 9km mine area unless otherwise notified by Gate Attendant.

Road: Graded and plowed. Travel with trailers is not recommended during the logging.

Additional notes: Great conditions at Quartz, lots of parking midweek. Weekends can get pretty hectic in the 9k quartz lots right now. If you can get by without a trailer on the weekends, please do!

Gorman Lake

Conditions: Great riding in the upper bowls

Grooms scheduled: As needed and as permitted by the Avalanche tech!

Fees: \$25

Parking: Parking lot plowed at the 3k.

Road: Road is in great shape!

Additional notes: Keep it tight up there with the parking! There's quite a bit of space but please "park smart" to make it work for everyone. Appreciate it!

Silent Pass

Conditions: Great shape and there haven't been too many people there yet...shhh

Grooms scheduled: As needed

Fees: \$25

Parking: Canfor has built us a nice parking lot at the 31k, so please use it!

Road: Road is being graded and plowed regularly. Currently not being logged, but will be in the New Year.

Old Man

Conditions: Good early season

Grooms scheduled: As needed

Fees: \$25

Parking: Quartz Creek main parking lot at the highway.

Road: N/A

Additional notes: Old Man got groomed Wednesday! Go get after it!

Westbench Trail

Conditions: No information yet

Grooms scheduled: None

Fees: No fees

Parking: unknown

Road: n/a

Additional notes: Westbench will remain under construction for the entirety of the 21/22 season. Due to this, the trail will not be able to be ridden from Gorman to Quartz or vice versa. Sorry for the inconvenience.

The map below is linked to the safety InReaches we have in our groomers and we have been able to make the tracks public. How to use the map:

Press on the + next to the groomer/zone you want the latest information for. Once the line is visible, press on the line to see the date & time the groomer was last in action.

This map only shows the most recent groom. You can inquire at any of our trailheads for additional grooming information, including number of riders since the last groom.

Weather & Avalanche Conditions

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