

## **SPRING DAZE**

Spring has sprung this past week and it's been fun shredding powder under the bright blue sky. This week coming up, the snow taps will turn back on and we have 19 cms in the forecast. A mix of sun and clouds and temps staying cool in the alpine means that the snow will be hanging around for sometime; there is still lots of powder where no one has been. Warmer temps in the low valley mean the trails get bumpy more quickly but our grooming team is working in all staging areas to keep things flat. The Riley Suhan race is only 9 sleeps away and there's only 44 spots left.

Keep reading to hear more about sledding in Golden this week.

## Riley Suhan Backcountry Race

Only 9 sleeps left until the most awesome event in snowmobiling! Registration is OPEN for the 4th Annual Riley Suhan Backcountry race on April 1, 2023. Check the link for more info. Only 44 spots left!







**Trail Area Conditions Reports** 

## **Quartz Creek**

Conditions: Pockets of powder

Grooms scheduled: Regularly / As needed. Wed/Fri/Sun

Parking: At main lot - Trucks in the upper west, Trailers in the upper lots to the east.

Road: groomed Additional notes:

Quartz is fully operational. Regular grooming to the cabin is occurring. Day tickets will be sold and passes checked 7 days a week.

The main paths are compacted but there's some good pockets to be had.

They have plowed a truck lane up to the 1km at Quartz, so people need to stay on the side trail and be aware of any traffic. No public traffic beyond the kiosk.



road for first 1km. expect it to be plowed for trucks and groomed on the other side.



parking lot looking good on March 14

#### **Gorman Lake**

Conditions: Best it's been all year **Grooms scheduled:** Friday

**Fees:** \$30

Parking: 3.5km lots Road: Watch for ice spots

#### Additional notes:

It's a thin year in Gorman area but it's starting to feel like normal. The tree line and below hold the most snow. The alpine slopes should be considered very suspect for stability.



Avalanche activity in Gorman on March 11



pow in Gorman on March 11

DFD warming cabin has been installed.

#### **Silent Pass**

**Conditions:** Fresh snow - powder pockets

Grooms scheduled: Thursday/Saturday - as required

Fees: \$30

**Parking:** 31km - leave room for large trailers to turn around.

Road: active logging on road. Road has been ploughed so it will get muddy in warm temps.

Additional notes:

Silent has a lot of good spots left. The main trails have been compacted. It's deep where no one has been.

Please note that the kiosk will now be issuing parking passes for the Silent Pass parking lot. Vehicles in the parking lot will be cross checked with pass purchases to help ensure that we can continue to pay for operations in this area.

Please stop in at the kiosk even if you are not going to be riding Silent.



Silent Pass Parking

### **East Quartz**

Conditions: Fresh

Grooms scheduled: waiting for avalanche clearance

**Fees:** \$30 as per Quartz **Parking:** Main Quartz

Road: N/A

Additional notes: East Quartz got a pass up to the start of the slidepath this week. We can't go further than that due to avalanche

conditions.

#### Old Man

Conditions: Fresh

**Grooms scheduled:** Waiting for more snow

Fees: \$30 - pay at Quartz Kiosk Parking: At Quartz Creek upper lot

Road: N/A

Additional notes: Old man got groomed on March 16.

# Westbench Trail

**Conditions:** not passable **Grooms scheduled:** N/A

Fees: \$0

Parking: Gorman or Quartz

Road: N/A

Additional notes: not open at this time

# Weather & Avalanche Conditions

**Avalanche Conditions** 

**Weather Conditions** 

https://www.avalanche.ca

https://www.snow-forecast.com/resorts/GC-HeliSki/6day/mid