

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

Fees: \$30

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

<https://www.avalanche.ca>

Weather Conditions

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