

GOING RACING

This is the weekend to come to Golden folks! The 4th annual Riley Suhan Backcountry race is upon us and it promises to be the funnest time you can have on a snowmobile this weekend. Rain, sleet, snow or shine we will be running the race in Quartz this Saturday and there's still a few spots to sign up. Compare times with your buddies, win tons of door prizes, and throw lots of high fives as the positive vibes flow. This is one you don't want to miss.

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

Riley Suhan Backcountry Race

The Riley Suhan Backcountry Race is one of Western Canada's best snowmobiling events going. It acts more like an off-road moto event than a traditional hill-climb sled event. This unique 6.5km mountain race traverses a large loop of the Quartz Creek riding zone in Golden, BC and is executed in relay format. There are hill climbs, technical trees, tight corners, machine-built jumps and a lot of whoops! The organizers select team captains who get their teams based on random name draws.

The course gets pretty whooped out so the final riders are having a hell of a time holding on! Each rider is timed so you don't know who wins until the very end.

Athletes may use ANY machine capable of making it through the course! RUN WHAT YOU BRUNG is the format.

Only 1 more sleeps left until the most awesome event in snowmobiling. There is a still a few spots left to register. 4th Annual [Riley Suhan Backcountry race](#) on April 1, 2023. Check the link for more info. **Only 19 spots left!**





Trail Area Conditions Reports

Quartz Creek

Conditions: Compact

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.



Gorman Lake

Conditions: Compacted

Grooms scheduled: Friday

Fees: \$30

Parking: 3.5km lots

Road: Watch for ice spots

Additional notes:

This is the time of year Gorman shines. There's 20cms in the forecast so it could be good by Sunday/Monday.

DFD warming cabin has been installed.

Silent Pass

Conditions: Compacted with honey holes.

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 and rutted 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: compacted

Grooms scheduled: done for the season

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>