

JAN 23 - BRIGHT SIDE

The story of snowmobile conditions in Golden BC this week is all about the blue skies that will be the dominant weather pattern through the weekend and into early next week. There is powder out there but you have to search for it. The temps are also more manageable than the cold snap of last week so it's basically explore time. The warming and emergency shelter has been installed in Silent and grooming ops have been keeping the trails flat. Avalanche conditions are forecast to continue be moderate/low/low through the weekend. We wish we could say it's fresh and deep but there's always a bright side (literally) to blue bird and moderate.

Quartz Parking Lot info – Updated...

Please beware of the upcoming Selkirk Mountain – Quartz Creek Rest Area Clearing & Brushing Project located on Highway 1 and Quartz Creek FSR. Kenpesq't Construction has been contracted by the Ministry of Transportation and Transit to carry out this work. Please be advised that the start date for this work has been postponed and is now scheduled to begin on January 22, 2025, and is expected to be completed on January 31, 2025 (weather permitting).

Project Details:

Estimated Project Start Date: January 22, 2025 **Estimated Project End Date:** January 31, 2025 **Work Hours:** 6:00 AM – 6:00 PM Monday to Friday **Affected Areas:** Selkirk Mountain – Quartz Creek Rest Area / Snowmobile Staging Area **Traffic Impact:** Expect **traffic delays** and **intermittent road closures** during the project, which may cause disruptions to travel along HWY 1. **Golden Snowmobile Club Impact:** Restricted access for snowmobile staging during active tree clearing operations. **Estimated Duration of Delays/Closures:** Intermittent **east-bound** traffic delays on HWY 1 up to 10 minutes in duration.

SledGolden will be updating our website and social media channels in terms of how this project will affect our operations. At the very least, the truck parking lot near the kiosk will be closed during this time.

Riley Suhan Backcountry Race



On April 5, 2025 the Golden Snowmobile Club will once again host the [Riley Suhan Backcountry Race](#), one of the best events in all of snowmobiling! This unique mountain race traverses a large loop of the Quartz Creek riding zone in Golden BC and is executed in a timed, relay format. **For 2025, on top of the normal race that combines the times of a randomly chosen, 4 person team, we will have an additional pro-level race with a special prize purse on a more challenging course.** We're sorting out the details of this pro race but be assured that the idea is for it to be awesome for both spectators and participants alike. Entry to the second pro race will require some sort of qualifying that we will determine before the event; it may likely be the top 10-20 times of the first lap are invited to try the second, more challenging lap, for a separate prize purse. We will announce the specifics as we iron them out.

Snow & Weather

SNOW AND WEATHER

KHMR reported 9 cms in the past week and a little bit fell today too (Jan 23). There’s not a lot snow-wise in the short term forecast so the bright side needs to be the blue sky that is going to be here this week. The temps are turning more reasonable by Sunday. Golden has had its first cold snap of the year the past week but things look to be returning to more normal winter temps this week.



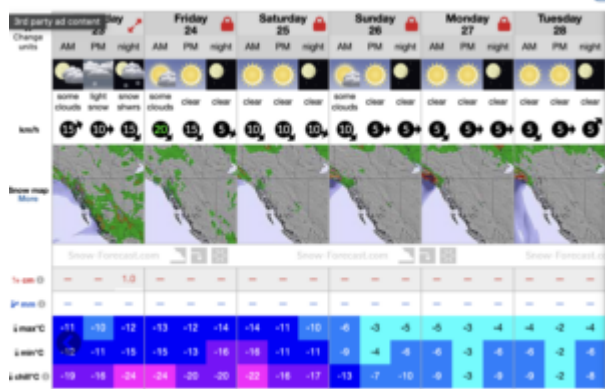
Silent Pass on Jan 23



Stuck in Silent on the Jan 23



KHMR snow report on Jan 23



snow and temp forecast on Jan 23

Staging Areas Latest Info

Quartz Creek

Conditions: packed powder - compaction in main areas

Grooms scheduled: As needed

Fees: \$30/sled

Parking: main parking lot

Additional notes: Good riding. Flat Trail. Parking lot is cleared. East Quartz trail has been pushed.

Silent Pass

Conditions: packed powder

Grooms scheduled: as needed.

Fees: \$30/sled

Parking: 31km lot - please do not drive past.

Road: road has been plowed. Log hauling activity Use a radio to call you kms. RR3

Additional notes:

Good riding. Compaction in main areas. Still some powder if you search.

Gorman Lake

Conditions: packed powder

Grooms scheduled: As needed moving forward (once a week)

Fees: \$30/sled

Parking: 3.5km lower lot

Road: road can be icy! Call your kms! RR27

Additional notes:

Looks like come January, PWT will have a logging crew and hauling from the West Main road as well so will be maintaining the Dogtooth to the 3.5km lot most of the winter.

KNOW WHERE YOU RIDE