

Mt. Shark and Chester/Sawmill Winter Trail Conditions

Date: Thursday, April 19th, 2012

Mount Shark Trails

| Trail Names | Last Day Groomed | Last Day Trackset | Comments <small>(overview comments located below itemized trail information)</small> |
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| Watridge Lake | Apr. 2 | Apr. 2 | |
| 2km Blue Loop | Apr. 2 | Apr. 2 | |
| 5km Red Loop | Apr. 1 | Apr. 1 | |
| 5km Red/Black | Apr. 1/Mar. 31 | Apr. 1/Mar. 31 | Mar. 31 = between junctions 8 and 19; Apr. 1 = remainder |
| 5 km Red/Purple | Apr. 1 | Apr. 1 | |
| 10km Yellow Loop | Apr. 1/Mar. 31 | Apr. 1/Mar. 31 | Mar. 31 = between junctions 8 and 19; Apr. 1 = remainder |
| 15km Green Loop | The last loop of this trail is not maintained. | | |

COMMENTS:

In excess of 45 cm of snow has fallen since the last grooming, so expect to break trail or follow skier-set track. Spring skiing is in effect, with overnight lows below zero and warming during the day, expect icy trails in the morning and softer trails in the afternoon.

Note: If venturing beyond the designated trails system, please consult the Kananaskis Country avalanche report at www.kananaskis-country.ca

Mass Start Area: The mass start area was groomed and trackset with 5 tracks on April 1st.

Snow Depth: Chester Lake Trailhead: 158 cm (11cm since April 15th)

Smith-Dorrien/Spray Road (Hwy. 742): Expect rough, muddy spring driving conditions.

Ungroomed Chester/Sawmill Trails

Trails in this area are in "Simple-Class 1" terrain which is defined as: "Exposure to low angle or primarily forested terrain. Some forest openings may involve the run-out zones of infrequent avalanches. Many options to reduce or eliminate avalanche exposure and no glacier travel required." More information on the Avalanche Terrain Exposure Scale can be found on our website under the avalanche report link.

Snowshoers: Please avoid skier-set tracks and keep well off groomed ski trails.

Please Note: The lower section of the Chester Lake Ski Trail (the loop) is now a one-way system due to public safety concerns. Skiers must now travel in a counter-clockwise direction.

Note: Watch for natural hazards such as brush and downed trees. Please ensure that you stay well away from avalanche run-out zones, pay attention to potential terrain traps, and make conservative route selection decisions.

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Ungroomed Backcountry Trails

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| Burstall Pass | Please share the trail, keeping to the tracks specific to your chosen sport. |
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| Rummel Lake | Please share the trail, keeping to the tracks specific to your chosen sport. |
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| Chester Lake | Please share the trail, keeping to the tracks specific to your chosen sport. |
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COMMENTS:

These trails are shared by multiple user groups. Please keep to the tracks specific to your sport and exercise caution on trails. Please ensure you are prepared and consult the **backcountry avalanche report** at: www.kananaskis-country.ca prior to heading out.