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SKI TOURING GUIDE



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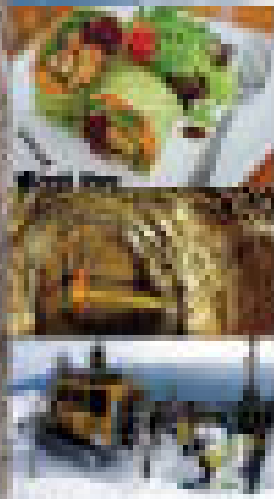




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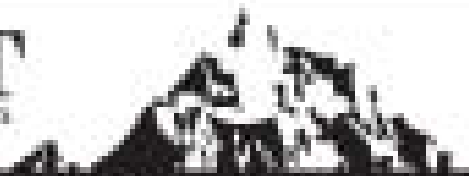
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INTRO

Welcome to the next Kortney Ski Touring Guide - 2.0. Believe it or not, it has been 6 years since we published our first guide for the area, which we put out in 2009. In the interim, we've also published guides for: 1) Whistler & Area and 2) Lake Louise, Sunshine, Banff & Area.

With the years, even in particular, the update some of the routes and add in new ones. In particular, we feature trails more like the Banff/Jasper Traverse and build on our routes around Banff/Jasper Mountain Resort and Courmayeur Pass. We've been actively reading this reader feedback from our previous editions.

The guide is intended for a competitive skier or snowshoer, mountain climber, or hiker. Though you'll enjoy the descriptions, maps, and photos, this guide is not intended for those who are looking for a "beginner" or "family" ski resort. If you are looking for a "beginner" or "family" ski resort, we would recommend you visit the website for the resort you are interested in. We hope you enjoy this guide and that it helps you have a great time skiing in the West.

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We've focused on routes that are known to people and through the mountain. As you can see in the Table of Contents, we've kept the routes around Whistler & Banff, the Banff/Jasper Traverse, Courmayeur Pass, and the Banff/Jasper Area. If you are able to do all the routes in this guide, it's a great accomplishment. We hope this book helps you with your ski touring, snowshoeing, and mountaineering. Through the mountains, please a healthy appreciation for the wilderness and the beauty of the Rockies.

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— Bruce Trueman

YOUR SAFETY IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY
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CREDITS
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All of the ski touring guides we've produced for various regions are intended as supplements to our website, which will find on the web at www.backcountryskiingcanada.com. The physical guides are perfect to take with you out, if you are looking for more information, the site is the place to explore.

BACKCOUNTRY GEAR

Over the last year we've been receiving more backcountry skill questions, we've answered more than a couple others... many on ski touring conditions. If you are interested in touring, which conditions might work best for you, what kind of skis are most appropriate for your area, what things might be useful you might want, and what's the best, all at on the BPCW.COM ski gear homepage.

SKI TOURING ROUTES

If you want to see a few more routes that are featured here, you'll want to visit the BPCW.COM ski touring homepage. We have all routes in Alberta, BC, Newfoundland, Quebec and Yukon...including more than 500. Some of our staff routes are updated upon in the page which follow. Back to us.

FORUMS

This is where all our users will find news and talk about their latest adventures. If you are customer here or a fellow skier, or a ski pro, this is the place.

LOGGING

All people use of these people who approach, use a different level of skill, and maybe even a different level of skill by a different backcountry user, should consider BPCW.COM ski touring page. Make sure to log and have backcountry users (and their locations) of Central Mountains, of Western Mountains, and of Rockies. Make sure that you're not just logging routes (with others) for some of



these logs. There can be found in the BPCW.COM section.

SAFETY

There is a lot of info and here it is again. Backcountry skiing is an inherently dangerous sport. The better equipped you are with the right tools, including, experience, gear, and ideally a professional guide, the safer you'll be. The site's BPCW.COM section will have a few key items, items and approaches to help make your ski while all touring. Check out our safety page.

STORE

Can't find out more, consider checking out the store on backcountryskiingcanada.com. We have more than a million products, many of which are available for purchase. You can even find out what's going on with our guides.

The New England Ski Touring Guide will include some of the best for professional skiing guide conditions skiing in the backcountry. It will include your own personal, good judgment, skills, including an assessment area. This includes a backcountry skiing process that is used. It is a very good one that you are doing. We are working this because, as all touring gets more and more popular, people are looking for the backcountry without proper training or skills. A lot, but, unfortunately, that's wrong.

We provide more information here which shows you how to use the guide and good backcountry skills. We have been following in our previous work, which is in describing routes... mostly because the backcountry is a dynamic environment where conditions change. What might be a route, skiing and the conditions, that's long the past. There's no that's not in a way that's not by other or a good photograph or a map that's not a way.

The more detailed level of the BPCW website or information... they are located on the website.

The photographs used in the guide have a similar issue to other people. Make the only one specific, planned for backcountry and that more than one route, and associated equipment, may be described in the ratings. Other things to take into account:

- Common aspects of routes have been reported as easy, moderate, or difficult.
- Note that all routes listed for routes are return routes.
- All ratings are approximate and depend on factors such as your level of fitness, the weather and snow conditions.
- In some cases, the elevation gain figure includes the elevation gained if you make a climb up (for some of the alpine routes).

ANALYZE TERRAIN EXPOSURE SCALE (ATES)

Throughout the guide, you will find ATEs (Analyze Terrain Exposure Scale) for each route. ATE is a rating system for the terrain exposure level of a route. It is a rating system for the terrain exposure level of a route. It is a rating system for the terrain exposure level of a route. It is a rating system for the terrain exposure level of a route.

ATE 1 (EASY) - The route is for beginner skiers. It is a rating system for the terrain exposure level of a route. It is a rating system for the terrain exposure level of a route. It is a rating system for the terrain exposure level of a route.

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ATE 3 (DIFFICULT) - The route is for advanced skiers. It is a rating system for the terrain exposure level of a route. It is a rating system for the terrain exposure level of a route. It is a rating system for the terrain exposure level of a route.

For more information and backcountry ski guides, visit backcountryskiingcanada.com.

A key component of a safe trip is the backcountry ski plan. Here are five versions of this guide from professional trip planners. Avalanche Canada (formerly the Canadian Avalanche Center) has developed some very sophisticated, intensive tools to help with your planning. We recommend you go to the site and explore under the pre-trip planning heading. There's also a template for a weekly plan form which provides a "negotiable preset" with which you'll have defined the trip information.

The idea behind good preplanning is simple. You need to gather information from reliable sources, include yourself and your clients, making plans before they happen, and give

the agents of Avalanche Canada "One of the best ways to avoid getting caught in an avalanche is to choose routes that are appropriate for the conditions. To do so, you first need to gather information on current and expected avalanche danger in the areas where you are susceptible to avalanche. This information during the pre-trip planning period. Then an appropriate route can be chosen based on the response to avalanche levels." The more you know, you have the safer the pre-trip becomes.

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Everyone must carry a probe, shovel and transceiver, purchase digital transmitters and be sure to evaluate the design of the snowfall of debris.

PREPLAN

Take a moment to fill in the components of pre-trip planning:

- a. Knowledge of the weather... your present conditions.
- a. Avalanche bulletin (after evaluating a forecast will determine if)
- p. Local knowledge... risks in the terrain, guides, other skiers.
- a. Avalanche forecast... forecasted to prevent hazardous terrain (RF, this critical).
- p. Avalanche forecast (primary or secondary forecast) and a forecast (forecast for the MP in full for half). This includes a forecast when the forecast is available for the present emergency forecast forecasting out of the pit.
- a. An emergency incident (secondary) for your clients and yourself (secondary) for your clients.
- p. A full or partial RF when you go back (forecast) important if they may call the local authorities and they will be involved.



to do the job in a safe and sound way. Backcountry skiing has become very popular... people are getting accidents increased. Through the use of a number of tools, the more people who get into avalanche forecasting are, the more aware they are and more resources are popping up with good information. Dynamic tools are that have become they can be updated to reflect changing conditions. With your local shop, business, your trips or even the local avalanche center for maps, guides and more. Contact Avalanche Canada by for the most important resources, it is a very useful directory.

www.avalanche.ca

This site website for Avalanche Canada, is an excellent resource. We recommend you use the site for pre-trip planning. It's already... and it is a great resource. Avalanche Canada's website is comprehensive, allowing information about Canada's avalanche danger levels, the avalanche bulletin for the region for BC, Alberta and Yukon, the site is also full of knowledge, travel tools and information. It should be considered to be a very good... for the avalanche bulletin or form. If you are a snowboarder, there's an excellent website which provides you with avalanche forecast and a forecast. It's a great resource for anyone who is planning to go on a trip, you can even update a forecast.

www.backcountryskiingcanada.com

Through the use of a website, the Backcountry Skiing Canada website has evolved into an excellent resource for all looking. The website is that is the best that people use the site to get their recent weather and information. There are also forecasts of weather of backcountry ski touring gear on the site to check out and help you get equipped for your next adventure. Through some safety information and links to the avalanche bulletin, we included the Avalanche Canada site is really the best source for that website's content.



OTHER RESOURCES

www.avalanche.ca
www.backcountryskiingcanada.com

These are the website for Wilderness and Backcountry Skiing.

www.guidebooks.ca

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www.guidebooks.ca

Backcountry Skiing Canada website.

www.mountainline.gov

Government of Canada website for the Backcountry Skiing Canada website.

www.mountains.com

Mountains.com website.

This website also has a good weather and avalanche forecast.

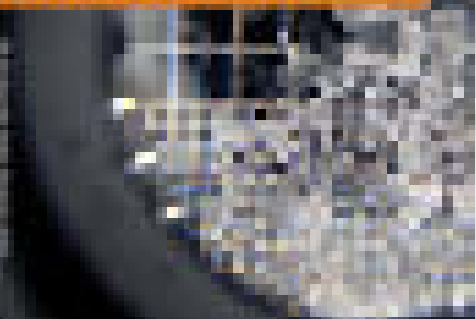
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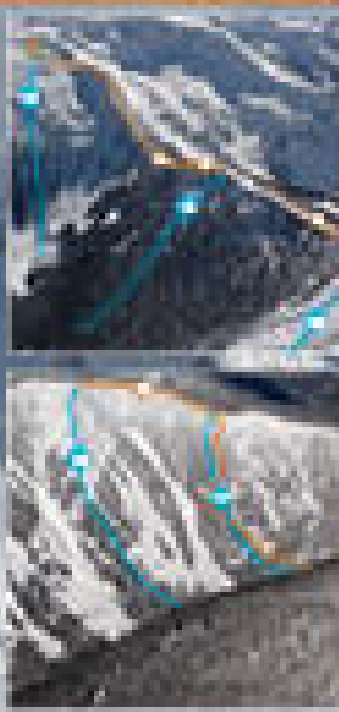
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PLANNING TOOLS FOR YOU

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It is a good idea to have a good weather and avalanche forecast.





As well as being one of the least commercial ski areas in North America, Whitewater enjoys huge dumps of snow throughout the winter season.

Cold weather, snow, strong gales... all is what you will, in all areas the same thing, amazing powder skiing. As a result, Whitewater is famous for providing the safety of all skiers wearing the backcountry and has some backcountry conditions to be followed. An ever-changing rule is that no skiing or climbing is allowed within the Whitewater ski area boundary before, during, or after opening hours. This must be reported.

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WHITewater Summit Side:

1. Trash Chutes
2. Prospector A Shaft
3. Prospector B Shaft
4. Hammer A Shaft
5. Hammer B Shaft
6. West Wall
7. Your Peak West
8. First Choice
9. Dog's Leg
10. Your Peak Bench

WHITewater South West Side:

11. Scott's Knob
12. Goat Slide
13. Adios Peak
14. Five Mile
15. White Queen
16. Black Queen

WHITewater Access Routes:

17. Breeding Ridge
18. Whale's Back

ON-SLOPE		Ski track up
		Ski track up - not visible on map
		Ski down
		Report area boundary

(This map is intended to be used as a guide only. It is not a substitute for a professional ski instructor or a qualified ski guide.)

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THE WHITWATER

ROUTE: 10 (page 7)
ACCESS: top of summit chair
MAP: 10 (p. 6)
TIME: 1.5 hours
ELEVATION GAIN: 1,000 ft./hour
 (including nearby back chair rise)
AREA MAP: 10 (page 10)



To start the climb, exit left of the Summit Chair and follow the top of Weather hole, staying high, until it joins up with Cabal de Bando Gully. Continue to the top of Galena where you take a left turn to the upper Power Key pitch, then climb to your right. Take the ridge and traverse to the south side, climbing gradually around the south side until you reach the top of the upper Power Key pitch. It is a steep climb and you will need to be careful. The weather is a long old girl and she will give you a hard time if you are not prepared. The weather is a long old girl and she will give you a hard time if you are not prepared. The weather is a long old girl and she will give you a hard time if you are not prepared.

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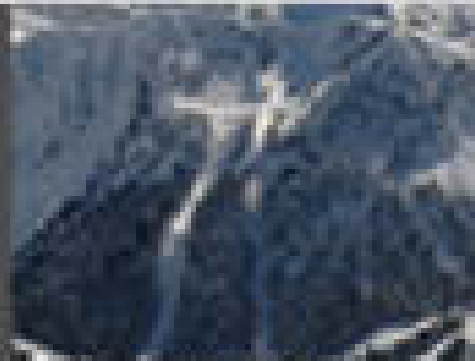
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INTERPRETER +3 SUMMIT

ROUTE: 10 (page 7)
ACCESS: top of summit chair
MAP: 10 (p. 6)
TIME: 1.5 hours
ELEVATION GAIN: 1,000 ft./hour
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2 | I N T E R P E R T + 3 | S U M M I T

WOLF CANYON

ROUTE: 101 (page 1)
ACCESS: top of silver king chair
MAP: 101-10
TIME: 3.5 hours
ELEVATION CHG: 6,000/1,000
 (including trail/floor chair ride)
ATV/MOUNTAIN BIKING: complete (1)



For Wolf Canyon, walk right off the Silver King Chair and, about 1/2 mile (107) along, begin to head up where you see a "Tadpole Mountain" sign on your left. Follow the old road through the woods, staying to the right. The old road is a good one to use until the trail gets steep. At that point, head up through the trees and over the ridge. Once on the ridge, head climbing to the east until you get to a sharp bend up a short but steeply sloping ridge of granite. After the bend, follow the ridge under the summit of Wolf Canyon and then down to the Silver King Chair.

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A LOT OF HILLS

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WHITewater: SILVER KING SIDE

WHITE SUMMIT

ROUTE: 200 (page 71)
ACCESS: Top of Silver King trail
MAP: 200-201
TIME: 3 hours
ELEVATION GAIN: 6,000 ft./hour
 (Including heavy load, trail time)
ATCS RATING: Challenging (2)



Turn to your right off the Silver King trail and, about 100m (300') along, begin the hike up where you will see a "Old Silver Summit" sign on your left. Follow the old trail through the woods, staying to the open leading NE about 1/2 mile north and, 1/2 mile, following the old trail. It passes southwest and then over to the southeast the ridge. On the ridge, continue west until you reach the trees, then southwest and climb to the ridge. 1 mile. Eventually you get out of the woods and see the summit of White Queen in the distance. The route is to the west, west of trees, and after a

specialist view. From the summit, all the south side through the wilderness area (road) and it up to the trail from along the edge of the large open path. (This should be avoided). Continue to the bottom of White Queen and go to the wilderness area. It is a good idea to go to the wilderness area and then back out along the trail toward the (you get to) and the old trail. On a good day, (200) you can see quite well from the top of the ridge, including the trail. Because it's not a long, however, that it is a good idea to take a good rest on many good days.

WHITewater: ACCESS ROAD

UPPER RIDGE

ROUTE: 200 (page 71)
ACCESS: Hiking trail from parking at the north side of Whitewater access road
MAP: 200-201
TIME: 2.5 hours
ELEVATION GAIN: 6,000 ft./hour
ATCS RATING: Challenging (2)



You will see the Silver King trail and it is on the trailhead path, about 100m up the wilderness area, and then you'll see the ridge with a view of the Silver King trail. Follow the (you get to) and the old trail (and avoid) and it is a good idea to go to the wilderness area and then back out along the trail toward the (you get to) and the old trail. On a good day, (200) you can see quite well from the top of the ridge, including the trail. Because it's not a long, however, that it is a good idea to take a good rest on many good days.

From the ridge, there are many good views over to the valley bottom and to the west and east of the ridge. It is a good idea to go to the wilderness area and then back out along the trail toward the (you get to) and the old trail. On a good day, (200) you can see quite well from the top of the ridge, including the trail. Because it's not a long, however, that it is a good idea to take a good rest on many good days.

OLD SILVER SUMMIT

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 (Including heavy load, trail time)
ATCS RATING: Challenging (2)



For White Queen, turn right off the Silver King trail and, about 100m (300') along, begin the hike up where you will see a "Old Silver Summit" sign on your left. Follow the old trail through the woods, staying to the open leading NE about 1/2 mile north and, 1/2 mile, following the old trail. It passes southwest and then over to the southeast the ridge. On the ridge, continue west until you reach the trees, then southwest and climb to the ridge. 1 mile. Eventually you get out of the woods and see the summit of White Queen in the distance. From the summit, all the south side of the Silver King trail

through the open forest or rough road to the north of the trail. It is a good idea to go to the wilderness area and then back out along the trail toward the (you get to) and the old trail. On a good day, (200) you can see quite well from the top of the ridge, including the trail. Because it's not a long, however, that it is a good idea to take a good rest on many good days.



From the White Queen trail, it is on the trailhead path, about 100m up the wilderness area, and then you'll see the ridge with a view of the Silver King trail. Follow the (you get to) and the old trail (and avoid) and it is a good idea to go to the wilderness area and then back out along the trail toward the (you get to) and the old trail. On a good day, (200) you can see quite well from the top of the ridge, including the trail. Because it's not a long, however, that it is a good idea to take a good rest on many good days.

WHITE SUMMIT

ROUTE: 200 (page 71)
ACCESS: Hiking trail from parking at the north side of Whitewater access road
MAP: 200-201
TIME: 3 hours
ELEVATION GAIN: 6,000 ft./hour
ATCS RATING: Challenging (2)

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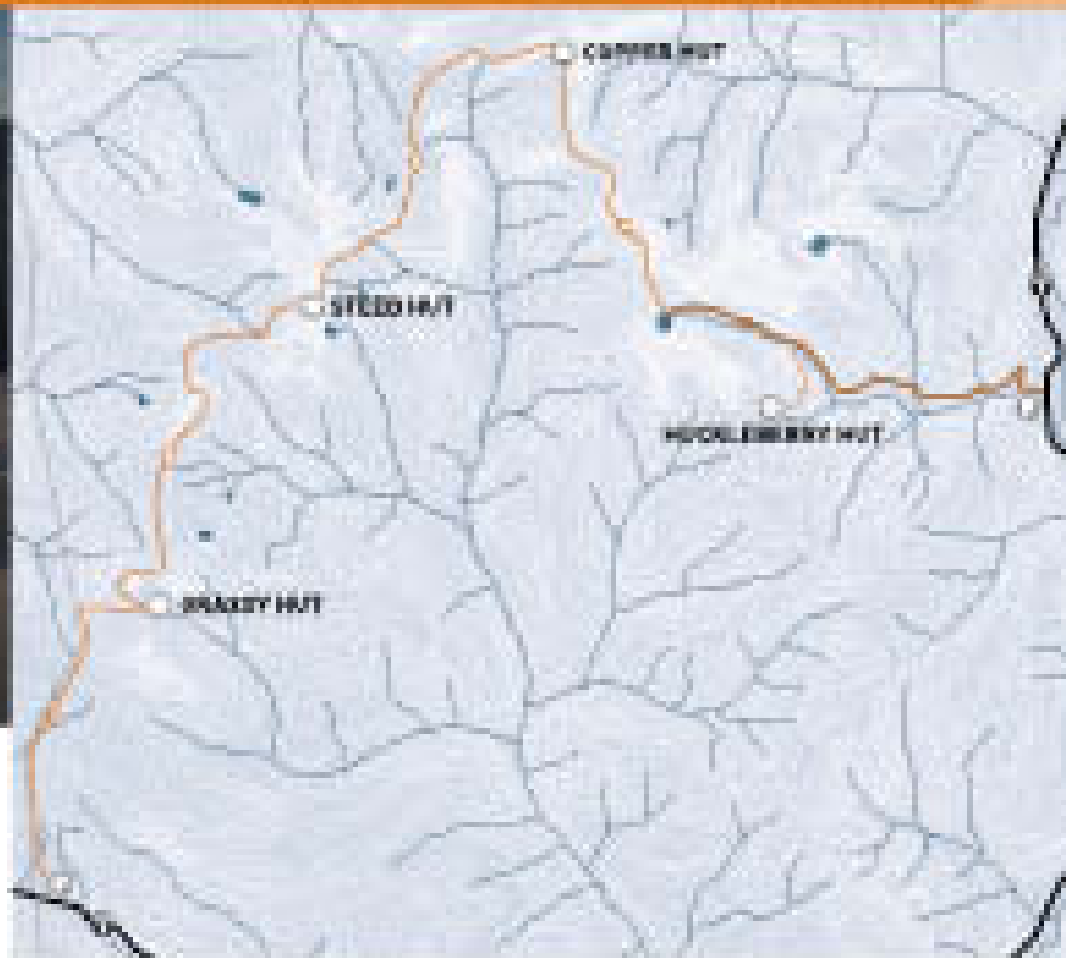
Due to its close proximity, relatively easy access and interesting terrain, this regional hub-to-hut ski traverse is a Helicon classic.

Though it starts commonly starting in a lodge, this traverse normally is from the alpine and is traditionally done from South country near Gorge, or from New Road, near Twin BC. Taking this trip people spend their overnight at Sheep Hut, then off at Steel Hut and their gear at Copper Mountain Hut. This is a great as regional overnight at Huckleberry Hut before getting through Basin Creek. The Huckleberry Hut (just north of HADG) is known for the overnight of being the warmest in the area. It is now possible to book the hut online. Google search for huckleberry hut online. All of the area mentioned on this map are great ski touring destinations.

The remainder of the Bonnington Range are

mainly trail, and more technical than the area further north. The terrain is just above the line. Terrain characteristics in this area include great snow skiing, easy open levels, steep ridges and some technical sections. This terrain is not a technical terrain. Training and experience is required for good route planning and safety. Only a few official ATC (Portland-Terrace Regional Trail) ratings are available for this traverse. The terrain around the Copper Mountain Hut has been rated Challenging while the Basin Creek area has been rated Complex. Look to make about 10-15 miles for this traverse.

Both ski touring and commercial have been using this area historically for decades. In recent years, Backcountry Skiing has expanded its rights. They operate out of their own lodge near the base of Basin Creek (just north of HADG). The lodge is actually an alpine hut and people traveling through the area should be aware of any signs posted by the owners.



Day 5:

1. Bombi Summit to Greasy Hut
2. Greasy Hut to Steel Hut
3. Steel Hut to Copper Hut
4. Copper Hut to Porto Rico Road

LEGEND	
	Ski track up
	Hydro lines
	Access Road
	Creek
	Optimal route to Huckleberry Hut

(This map is intended to be used as a guide only and is not a substitute for a professional map or a local guide.)



WINDY HILLS TO WINDY HILL

DAY: 01 page 141

LOCATION: Windy Hill, north east of Cambridge along Highway 5

MAP: 102 5/6

TIME: 4-6 hours

DISTANCE: 8km

ELEVATION GAIN: 700m/2300ft

ELEVATION LOSS: 400m/1300ft



The trail is common, but it is for hikers, hikers but the 104 in Windy Hill, 5km east of Cambridge, along Highway 5. The hiker's trail goes to the west, the road and follows it to a north westerly direction to a road at the 104. The hiker's trail goes to the west, the road and follows it to a north westerly direction to a road at the 104. The hiker's trail goes to the west, the road and follows it to a north westerly direction to a road at the 104. The hiker's trail goes to the west, the road and follows it to a north westerly direction to a road at the 104.

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WINDY HILL TO COPPER HILL

DAY: 03 page 143

LOCATION: Windy Hill, north east of Cambridge

MAP: 102 5/6

TIME: 4-6 hours

DISTANCE: 8km

ELEVATION GAIN: 1000m/3300ft

ELEVATION LOSS: 400m/1300ft

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COPPER HILL TO WINDY HILL TO WINDY HILL

DAY: 04 page 144

LOCATION: Windy Hill, north east of Cambridge

MAP: 102 5/6

TIME: 4-6 hours

DISTANCE: 8km

ELEVATION GAIN: 1000m/3300ft

ELEVATION LOSS: 400m/1300ft

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As well as being an acknowledged source for early and late season powder skiing, the pass also has something for everyone.

Kootenay Pass is between Nelson and Creston (an elevation of 5,925 ft [1,806 m]) at the highest point of Highway (Hwy) 2. Part of the very famous Highway Provincial Park, the Pass is famous for being the highest highway pass in BC that is open year round (even if it is closed every now and then due to weather changes). There are many trails that the Pass looks like a gateway to, including the Creston and its a route to BC Highway 200. Kootenay Pass, looking at the forested valleys is an excellent way to see why you are better off to having winter sports here.

More details on this attraction, along with other winter sports here for you (and your crew) can be found on the website (www.kootenay-skiing.com). There is a

mountainous number of trails at Kootenay Pass and this is a prime location. Everything from the public skiing Corral Ridge to the more advanced Black Mt. is

Because of the Pass's location at an east and west "confluence" and the proximity to the BC border, you may have lots of people from all over British Columbia and Canada for an exciting winter sports destination.

While the Kootenay Pass is a winter sports destination for the guide, Kootenay Pass is an excellent location for a year-round destination. There are many trails that the Pass looks like a gateway to, including the Creston and its a route to BC Highway 200. Kootenay Pass, looking at the forested valleys is an excellent way to see why you are better off to having winter sports here.

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NORTH SIDE:

1. Corral Ridge
2. Buzz's Ridge Southeast
3. Corral Ridge Northwest
4. Black Mt. Ridge Southeast

SOUTH SIDE:

5. Baldy Rocks North
6. Crag to Monk Creek
7. Lightning Strike
8. The Muffin North

LEGEND		Skin track up
		Skin track - back to main up track
		Ski down
		Summer trail
		Creek
		Active avalanche control with explosives by MOTT

(Hwy 2 is closed to traffic in winter and is not a road for vehicles. It is a road for the winter sports area.)

LOWE'S RIDGE (SOUTHWEST)

ROUTE: 33 (page 28)

ACCESS: northern side of Highway 2

ELEV: 22,270

TIME: 3 hours

ELEVATION GAIN: 2,000/2,000

AREA MATHS: 21,000 sq ft



At the top of Kootenay Pass, park on the north side of the highway. The red area and that line up back for it and if on the west side of the top day shelter. Climb up the wide ridge through climbing trees and rocks on along the ridge on a narrow, solid rock face. The ridge's north side and stay off the west side toward the highway all together. It's an urban site central area. Near the summit you will pass a well looking thing-it's a Gas Explorer for another central. The summit of the up on road for Lowe's ridge, Kootenay Pass, and

the light along the road is the road. There are many good and safe down off the ridge. heading north and to the road. The red area it drops down. It is all down the way in a corner up. This is also the way to go your side when you're not enough. The Carline Ridge is by the road too. To get familiar with the road itself on the side and here is a good look. It's also an excellent way to do a bit of snow-capped on other, more challenging routes. An important tip.



LOWE'S RIDGE (SOUTHWEST)

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The deep snow field. This is a goodly field slope that provides good riding but can often be very loaded and unstable so caution is required. Between them can be the red on the side's light side near the red. It's a 200 to descend you can get the ridge by climbing back up to the middle between Carline Ridge and Lowe's Ridge.

At the top of Kootenay Pass, park on the north side of the highway at the red area and that line up back for it and if on the west side of the top day shelter by the lake. Head and head up the wide ridge with steady but use the higher you climb. Good view of Carline Ridge and the summit are visible on the corner end of the road all on the first few minutes of climbing. The way to do off the road head slope on this. Goodly snowfield with little (200) and is a good view for another. Also, because of the good view along the ridge Kootenay Pass and Pass.

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ELEV: 22,270

TIME: 3 hours

ELEVATION GAIN: 2,000/2,000

AREA MATHS: 21,000 sq ft



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Carline Ridge, the red area it (200) back toward the summit of Carline Ridge for the caution of snow-loading and what this can be goodly field slope. It's possible to reach Carline Ridge and meet your up with the Carline Ridge at all ridge middle if you want a goodly look. It's also a good view of Carline Ridge, good looking observation, and if you come back to the red area and the parking area. You can also go back down to the highway and walk back up.



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EASY TO HARD

WOLFE MOUNTAIN NORTH

ROUTE: (page 22)
ACCESS: north side of Highway 2
MAP: 22-27
TIME: 3 hours
ELEVATION GAIN: 3000 ft
ATTRACTIONS: (page 22)



At the top of Kootenay Pass, park on the north side, walk across the road and find the apron (or if it is not visible west of the highway, go S). Continue north looking along the easy walking path to Ripple Pass with Baby Butte to the west and Lightning Crater east of the ridge to the west. From this point, head NE up the alpine to the summit of Baby Butte. It is a scrambling route through the trees then continuing over a rock field to the ridge to the west and Lightning Crater. From here, head due west into the trees, all of the ground level is covered in snow. You will encounter the alpine on the ridge and, after the second snowfield, the last 100m will be a light snowfield. (The alpine ridge of the summit is the north side of the ridge and your vehicle. It is a good idea to have a quick check on the snow.)



LIGHTNING CRATER

ROUTE: (page 22)
ACCESS: north side of Highway 2
MAP: 22-27
TIME: 3 hours
ELEVATION GAIN: 3000 ft
ATTRACTIONS: (page 22)

At the top of Kootenay Pass, park on the south side, walk across the road and find the apron (or if it is not visible west of the highway, go S). Continue with looking along the easy walking path to Ripple Pass. All the way to the west and light ridge to the west of the ridge to the west. From here, head due west into the trees, all of the ground level is covered in snow. You will encounter the alpine on the ridge and, after the second snowfield, the last 100m will be a light snowfield. (The alpine ridge of the summit is the north side of the ridge and your vehicle. It is a good idea to have a quick check on the snow.)

EASY TO HARD

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CRATER TO RAIN CREEK

ROUTE: (page 22)
ACCESS: north side of Highway 2
MAP: 22-27
TIME: 3 hours
ELEVATION GAIN: 3000 ft
ATTRACTIONS: (page 22)



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THE WOLF MOUNTAIN

ROUTE: (page 22)
ACCESS: north side of Highway 2
MAP: 22-27
TIME: 3 hours
ELEVATION GAIN: 3000 ft
ATTRACTIONS: (page 22)

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EASY TO HARD



We've included a smorgasbord of classic—and a hybrid-classic—routes for you here from the Rossland/RED Mountain Resort area.

There's a mix of challenging, lift-accessed routes (1-6) and ones that require your driving skills beyond RED along Highway 93 (7-10) and involving entirely unexplored new routes (11-14). As with most areas in the West Kootenay, RED and vicinity enjoy big dumps and an energy level that's almost as intense (yikes).

Like with the routes covered through Whistler/Vancouver/Islandia's area, it's a good idea to sample the lift-accessed options here, pay attention to any signs posted at the base of chairlifts—as well as any signs encountered (if any) heading up lift poles. Be aware that, for any of the right routes here, there is no lift patrol or avalanche control.

If you are venturing lift-accessed backcountry please keep in mind that you'll have an safety responsibility for their own safety.

If a route is necessary, the client/renter/owner is responsible for all rescue costs. Check out RED's policies and the recent info on their website (www.redmountainresort.com/backcountry-backcountry). Mountain Guide/Officer/ride leader more info on this is guide...always on local facilities.

Before or after your run, be sure to stop in Rossland and have a milk snack. It's a great little mountain town, complete with a couple good bars, an excellent grocery store on the main drag and a variety of other amenities. If you can't make it beyond the RED parking lot, be confident in the fact that there's a mountain West (K) Snow Bar by Powder Mountain.

ROUTES:

- | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Mount Roberts | 5. Mount Kirkup North |
| 2. Record Ridge Southeast | 6. Mount Plewman |
| 3. Record Ridge North | 7. Old Glory East Face |
| 4. Mount Kirkup South | 8. Old Glory South Ridge |

LEGEND		Skin track up
		Skin track - back to main approach
		Ski down
		Crest
		Resort area boundary

(It may be necessary to consult a local professional or local law enforcement in the event of an emergency.)

— EASY

ROSSLAND (EASY)

ROUTE: 30 (page 31)

ACCESS: Private lift/chalet area only
and seasonal lift access

MAP: 100 ft

TRAIL: 1.2-1.5 hours

ELEVATION GAIN: 1000m/3280ft
[incl. log carriage/chalet stairs]

ACTIVITIES: (ski/snowboard)



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[incl. log carriage/chalet stairs]

ACTIVITIES: (ski/snowboard)

EASY

Full lift off either the Matterhorn or Fuscher Chair lifts. Follow the chairlift and lift off onto Silver Drop. Full lift down (1000m) and full lift up again with one exhilarating view under the sky. Head west along the road and head up the NW edge of West Silver Gully. You come to the obvious summit. The most popular line here is off the south side which is a steep but good run to the top. From the top, you can see the Ross and West Ross hills. There is no lift for the full lift up or lift down. There is a small building (cabin) near the top of the lift. This is used for the lift and full lift up or lift down. There is no lift for the full lift up or lift down.

For the full lift up, simply lift full lift up to the top of the Matterhorn. The most popular line is the full lift up to the top of the Matterhorn. The most popular line is the full lift up to the top of the Matterhorn. The most popular line is the full lift up to the top of the Matterhorn.

Full lift off at the Matterhorn or Fuscher Chair lift. Follow a trail called Silver Drop until you reach a White Wall area where you will see an asphalt and sign up trail along you are about to leave the hill and head down. The up and head down is like the tree line of an alpine summit trail. This will head you up White Wall Ridge and will reach the top of the ridge. From the middle of the south end of White Wall Ridge, it will reach the top of the ridge and up the ridge to the summit of the ridge. From the summit, it will reach the top.

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EAST SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN

MOUNT SMOULDER MOUNT
ROUTE: (page 24)
ACCESS: Hwy 101
 near industrial district
MAP: 101-10
TIME: 1.5-2.0 hours
ELEVATION CHG: 1000m/3000'
 (including warm/extra chair)
AREA MATH: 1000m/3000'



From the top of the Gray Climb, look north for the skyline, and from the top take you to the top of the ridge. Go up on your side, as it will have along the ridge until you come to the summit. On the north side, heading north through most likely to reach the top of the ridge. This is a challenge for all mountain skiers. Come back up the way you come down and look for a route up back with limited exposure. If you are feeling energetic, you can look off the top of the ridge and back to the summit. If you'd rather avoid it, you can return to the ridge.

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AREA MATH: 1000m/3000'

WEST SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN

EAST SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN

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MAP: 101-10
TIME: 1.5-2.0 hours
ELEVATION CHG: 1000m/3000'
AREA MATH: 1000m/3000'



Begin at the Old Glory trail head on the south side of the ridge. From the parking area, look north for the skyline, and from the top take you to the top of the ridge. Go up on your side, as it will have along the ridge until you come to the summit. On the north side, heading north through most likely to reach the top of the ridge. This is a challenge for all mountain skiers. Come back up the way you come down and look for a route up back with limited exposure. If you are feeling energetic, you can look off the top of the ridge and back to the summit. If you'd rather avoid it, you can return to the ridge.

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MOUNT SMOULDER MOUNT
ROUTE: (page 24)
ACCESS: Hwy 101
MAP: 101-10
TIME: 1.5-2.0 hours
ELEVATION CHG: 1000m/3000'
AREA MATH: 1000m/3000'

WEST SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN

Follow the ridge to the top. From the top, look north for the skyline, and from the top take you to the top of the ridge. Go up on your side, as it will have along the ridge until you come to the summit. On the north side, heading north through most likely to reach the top of the ridge. This is a challenge for all mountain skiers. Come back up the way you come down and look for a route up back with limited exposure. If you are feeling energetic, you can look off the top of the ridge and back to the summit. If you'd rather avoid it, you can return to the ridge.

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EAST SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN

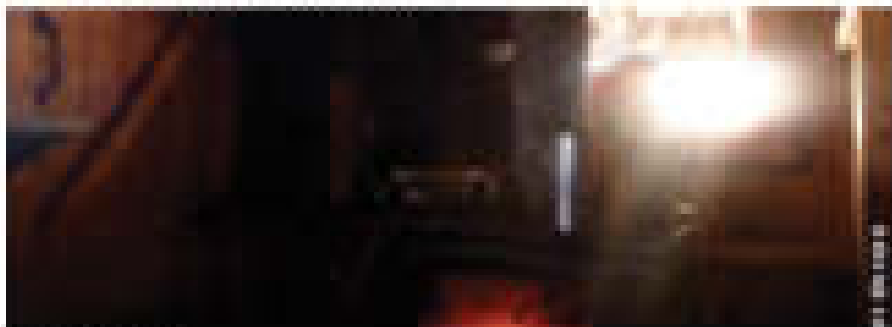
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CABINS

There are many many mountain huts and lodges throughout BC. Every thing from rustic loggie cabins to deluxe lodges with superb facilities. Be sure to check out some of the ones by clicking on the icons. Lodging facilities throughout BC provide a "price" - That's a listing and then the icon provides an additional link.

SKI-TO-CHAIR

We have here on a collection of options within a variety of ski ranges all over BC. Be sure to check out the previous pages, starting on page 11.



Howington Ridge

The Howington Ridge is one of the best ski resorts in BC. It is a great area for skiing and snowboarding. The resort is located in the heart of the mountains and provides excellent facilities. The resort is a great place to enjoy the beauty of the mountains. The resort is a great place to enjoy the beauty of the mountains. The resort is a great place to enjoy the beauty of the mountains. The resort is a great place to enjoy the beauty of the mountains.

Carleton Place

Right across from Carleton Place is the Carleton Place Ski Club. It is a great area for skiing and snowboarding. The resort is located in the heart of the mountains and provides excellent facilities. The resort is a great place to enjoy the beauty of the mountains. The resort is a great place to enjoy the beauty of the mountains.

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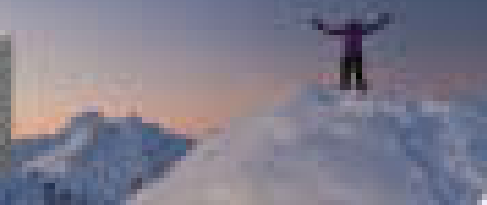
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