

Canada Powder Alliance Road Trip 2019

Start Thursday morning.

THURSDAY

Salem to Abbotsford = 5 hrs. 45 mins. (337 miles)

Lodging: a) Best Western Bakerview Inn, 1821 Sumas Wy, Abbotsford, 2-star, \$51.
b) Coast Abbotsford Hotel, by the Old Spaghetti Factory, 3-star, bkfast, \$74.

FRIDAY

Abbotsford to Sasquatch (Hwy. 11, then Hwy 7) = 1 hr. 7 mins. (65 km).

Sasquatch Mtn. Resort (Hemlock Valley), <https://sasquatchmountain.ca/> ,
604-797-4411 Ext.243, 20955 Hemlock Valley Rd, Agassiz, BC.

Open every day, 9 am – 4 pm. Some days, they close at 8 pm or midnight. Seniors: \$50.
Vertical = 1,300', Lifts: 1 double + 1 triple.

Sasquatch to Hope (Stay on Hwy. 7 to Hope) = 1 hr. 14 mins. (82 km).

Lodging: Alpine Motel. 505 Old Hope Princeton Way, Hope. 1-star, but good ratings.
Including a AAA recommendation. On left side. 1 604-869-9931. \$64.

SATURDAY

Hope to Manning Park (on Hwy. 3, then right on Gibson Pass Rd.) = 1 hr. (76 km).

Manning Park Ski Area in Provincial Park winter.manningpark.com, (800) 330-3321, Gibson Pass Rd, Manning Park, BC.

Open every day after Dec. 14, 9 am – 4 pm. Seniors: \$39.

Vertical = 1,417 ft, 140 acres, 34 runs. Lifts: 2 Double, 1 Rope-tow, 1 T-Bar .

Manning Park to Kamloops (Hwy. 3 to Hope, then I-5) = 2 hrs. 49 mins. (267 km).

Or: Hwy 3 east/north via Princeton to Merit, then Hwy. 5) = 2 hrs. 54 mins (250 km).

Lodging: Kamloops. Either Knights Inn, Columbia St., 1 250-374-6944, \$39. or
Riverland Inn (with pool \$ bkfst.), 1530 River St, Kamloops, 1 250-374-1530. \$53. Or
Scott's Inn & Restaurant (pool, bkfst), 551 11 Ave, Kamloops, 1 250-372-8221. \$75.

SUNDAY

Kamloops to Harper Mt. = 30 mins (25 km). **Kamloops to Clearwater: 125 km, 1.5 hr.**
Clearwater ski hill: 250-674-3848.

Harper Mountain (near Kamloops). Closed Mon. - Tue. Vertical = 1,400, Acres =
400, Lifts = 1 triple, 1 T-bar. Senior = \$40. Senior mid-week (Wed, Thur, Fri.) = \$30.
<http://www.harpermountain.com/> , Phone: 250-573-5115.

Harper Mt. to Valemount = 3 hrs. 43 mins. (335 km).

Lodging: a) Chalet Continental Motel, 1450 5th Ave., Valemount. \$69.

(Hot tub, free bkfst.) (877) 566-7799 or (250) 566-9787.

or: b) Yellowhead Motel, 1475 5th Ave., Valemount. \$69. (simple) 250-566-4411.

MONDAY

Valemount to Marmot Basin = 1 hr. 50 min. (141 km)

Marmot Basin, Alberta, near Jasper, has the highest base area in Canada, and then the lifts take you another 3,000 vertical feet higher. 4 express quads, 1 triple, 1 double.

Marmot to Canmore (Hwy. 93, Canada 1) = 4 hours (316 km).

Lodging: Rocky Mt. Ski Lodge, 1711 Bow Valley Trail, Canmore, 2-star, \$67. +1 403-678-5445, or (800) 665-6111. Web: <https://canmoreskilodge.com/>

TUESDAY

Canmore to Nakiska (Canada 1, Hwy. 40) = 36 minutes (56 km).

Nakiska, AB, Vertical = 2,412 feet, Acres = 1021, Lifts = 3 Express quads, 1 double. Senior ticket = \$68. Distance = 50 miles from Banff, 35 miles from Canmore.

Nakiska to Longview (Hwy. 40, Canada 1, Hwy. 22, Hwy. 3, Hwy. 507) = 1:42 (155 km).

Lodging: Blue Sky motel, 2-star, 114 Morrison Rd. (Hwy. 22), Longview AB. 403-558-3655.

WEDNESDAY

Longview to Castle Mountain = 1 hr. 42 mins. (158 km).

Castle Mountain, Alberta, near Calgary, is the second largest ski area in Canada, and is also the snowiest, It appeals to advanced and expert skiers, with lots of steep glades and chutes, and is Alberta's only resort-based cat-skiing operation, the Powder Stagecoach. This resort-based wilderness adventure uses the Huckleberry Chair and a snowcat to take guests to 2,000 vertical and nearly 900 acres of untracked terrain. Ski area vertical = 2,833', Acres = 3,592. 2 mountains, 8 bowls, 7 lifts.

Castle Mt. to Pass Powderkeg ski area = 46 mins. (58.2 km)

Probably NOT staying the night here, but just in case. Instead, ski Pass Powderkeg

Lodging: Highwood Motel, 11373 20th Ave, Blairmore, AB, 403-562-8888, www.hwmblairmore.com Includes free breakfast. \$65

Highwood Motel to Pass Powderkeg = 7 min. (3.3 km)

Pass Powderkeg, AB, <https://www.passpowderkeg.com/home/about-ppk/>

Open Wed – Thursday: 4 – 8 pm, Fri: 2 – 6 pm, Sat - Sun: 10 am – 5 pm.

The week of Dec. 30 – Jan. 6, open every day 10 – 4pm, & 10 – 8 Thur - Sat.

Vertical = 1,200 feet, Lifts = 2 T-bars. Senior ticket = \$25. Night skiing = \$15.

Pass Powderkeg to Salmo = 4 hrs. 16 min. (357 km).

Lodging. Reno Motel, 123 Railway Ave, Salmo, 250-357-9937.

or: Sal-Crest Motel, 110 Motel Ave, Salmo, 250-357-9557. www.salcrestmotel.com

THURSDAY

Ski Red Mt. First, then go back to Salmo for night skiing. Then drive to Greenwood, BC. Salmo to Rossland and Red Mt. Ski area = 51 min. (56 km)

Red Mt. There's a **free ticket** among Warren Miller coupons.

Three hills: Red, Granite, and Gray. Explore Gray Mt.

Vertical = 2,919 feet, 1,685 acres, 6 lifts, 88 trails.

Red Mt. to Salmo = 51 min. (56 km)

Salmo to Salmo ski hill = 6 mins. (3 km)

Salmo ski hill, BC, www.skisalmo.com 250-357-2323.

Open Mon. – Thurs: 5:30 pm – 9 pm, Sat - Sun: 9 am – 3:30 pm. (Ski till 7:30 pm)

Vertical = 997 feet, Lifts = 1 lift. Senior ticket = \$17.50.

Salmo to Grand Forks, BC (before Phoenix Mt. Ski area) = 1 hr. 34 min. (136 km)

At the fork in the road, 11.6 km from Salmo, go right toward Castlegar & Grand Forks and stay on highway 3 all the way to Grand Forks.

Lodging in Grand Forks (21 km before Phoenix ski area turnoff):

1. Ramada Limited Grand Forks, 2729 Central Ave, Grand Forks, BC, 250-980-3957
Free continental breakfast. Free Wi-Fi. 3-star hotel. \$57.

Lodging in Greenwood (19 km after Phoenix ski area turnoff):

1. Evening Star Motel, 798 N Government St, Greenwood, 1 250-445-6733. \$56.
On the north side of Greenwood.

FRIDAY

From Grand Forks: Hwy 3 west for 21 mile to Phoenix ski area Rd. (overhead sign).

Then 5 more miles (8 km) to the Phoenix Mt. ski area. Drive time = 45 min (25 km)

From Greenwood: LEFT off of Hwy. 3 at Greenwood St., which becomes Phoenix Rd.)

Then 3 or 4 more miles (8 km) to the Phoenix Mt. ski area.

Phoenix Mountain ski area, BC, <http://www.skiphoenix.ca/> 250-444-6565.

Open Fri. – Sun: 9:30 am – 3:30 pm, Some weeks in Jan-Feb closed only Wed. & Thur.

Vertical = 800 feet, Lifts = 1 T-bar, 15 trails. Seniors = \$30 (or \$25 for half day).

Phoenix Mountain to Midway (Mile Zero motel) = 46 mins. (27 km).

Phoenix Mountain to Rock Creek (Rock Creek Hotel) = 58 mins. (46 km).

Phoenix Mountain to Baldy Mountain = 1 hr 34 mins (73 km).

Lodging: Mile Zero motel, 622 Palmerston Ave, Midway. 1 250-449-2828 . \$60.

Has its own restaurant. www.milezeromotel.com Or

Rock Creek Hotel, 1620 BC-33, Rock Creek, BC. 1 250-446-2000. Looks strange, but it got good reviews. Has it's own pub food restaurant.

SATURDAY

Midway to Baldy Mountain = 49 mins (50 km).

Rock Creek to Baldy Mountain = 37 mins (32 km).

Turn RIGHT off of Hwy. 3, 13 km/8 miles (10 min) after Rock Creek. Then another 19 km.

Baldy Mountain ski area, BC, <https://baldyresort.com/> 250-498-4086.

Open **Thur. – Mon: 9:30 am – 3:30 pm.**

Vertical = 1,300', 360 groomed acres + 240 acres of glades. Lifts = 1 quad, 1double, 35 trails. Seniors = \$30 (or \$25 for half day).

Baldy Mt. To Osoyoos = 1 hour. (56 km)

Lodging. 1. Boundary Motel, 7416 97 St, Osoyoos, BC, 250-495-6050. Cell: 778 798 8096

<https://www.boundarymotel.com/> \$62.

2. Richter Pass Motor Inn. <https://www.richterpas.com/> (250) 495-7229.
7506 Main St, Osoyoos, BC. Call for rates.

SUNDAY

Osoyoos to Sitzmark ski area = 40 mins (24 miles). Plus border crossing = 1 hour.

Turn LEFT on 16th Ave. in Oroville. Go 5 blocks, then LEFT again onto Chesaw Rd.

After 13.5 miles on Chesaw Rd, turn RIGHT onto Havillah Rd., for another 3 miles.

Sitzmark ski area, WA, <http://skisitzmark.org> (509) 485-3323.

2080 Havillah Rd, Tonasket, WA 98855

Open **Thur., Sat. and Sunday 10 am – 4 pm.**

Vertical = 650', Lifts = 1 chairlift, 10 trails. Seniors = \$38 (Thursdays only \$32).

Sitzmark to Chelan = 1 hr. 55 mins. (97 miles).

Sitzmark to Echo Valley = 2 hrs. 14 mins. (106 miles).

Before Chelan, turn RIGHT onto “Hwy. 97 Alt.” into Chelan.

Chelan to Echo Valley ski area = 20 mins (9 miles).

(follow Hwy. 150, and then 3 miles out of town, turn RIGHT onto Boyd Road NW).

Echo Valley ski area, WA, <http://www.echovalley.org>

When open, snow phone: (509) 687-3167. When closed: (509) 682-3503.

Open **Sat. - Sun. and holidays:** 10 am – 4 pm.

Vertical = 900', 70 acres, Lifts: 1 poma + 3 rope tows, 5 trails + ungroomed slopes in between. Tickets = \$30.

Echo Valley to Salem = 6 hrs. 55 mins. (379 miles).

Potential

Lodging. 1. Lake Pateros Motor Inn, 115 S Lake Shore Dr. Pateros, WA , 866-444-1985

<http://lakepaterosmotorinn.com/> 509-923-2203. \$72.

2. In Chelan: Apple Inn, <http://appleinnmotel.com/> (509) 682-4044.
1002 E Woodin Ave, Chelan, WA . \$83.

3. Or maybe something in Wenatchee, Ellensburg, Yakima, or Biggs.