

# *Somewhere Down the Crazy River*

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They say it is the Powder Highways that draw us to the *Kicking Horse Mountain Resort*, but it's really the special hydrological cycle that keeps us coming back year after year. For those who seek the snow, its trademark as the 'Champagne Powder Capital of Canada' lives up to its promise. A remnant of

ancient glaciers, the *Kicking Horse River* that flows in the valley below, has not only carved its way through the mountains, but actually transformed the meteorological and hydrological patterns of the landscape. This mountain range receives incredible amounts of snow, extremely dry snow. Patterns of suspended snow crystals float weightlessly in the air, enjoying their dance in the mountain breeze.

From the peak of *Whitewall*, with its 8000-foot vertical drop, you can catch a glimpse of the rivers: frozen, liquid or gaseous, formed as the snow, clouds and fresh water horse around together. Only after coming upon such a sight do you begin to marvel at the uniqueness of this landscape, recognizing the superior quality of the snow only available in this very special place.

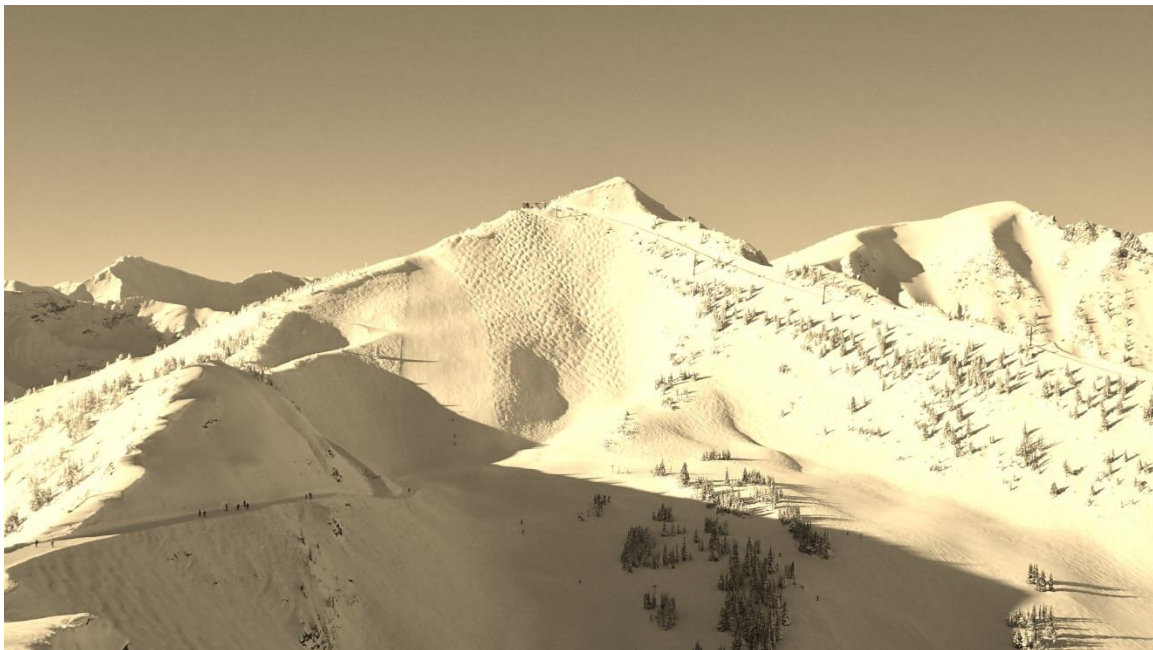




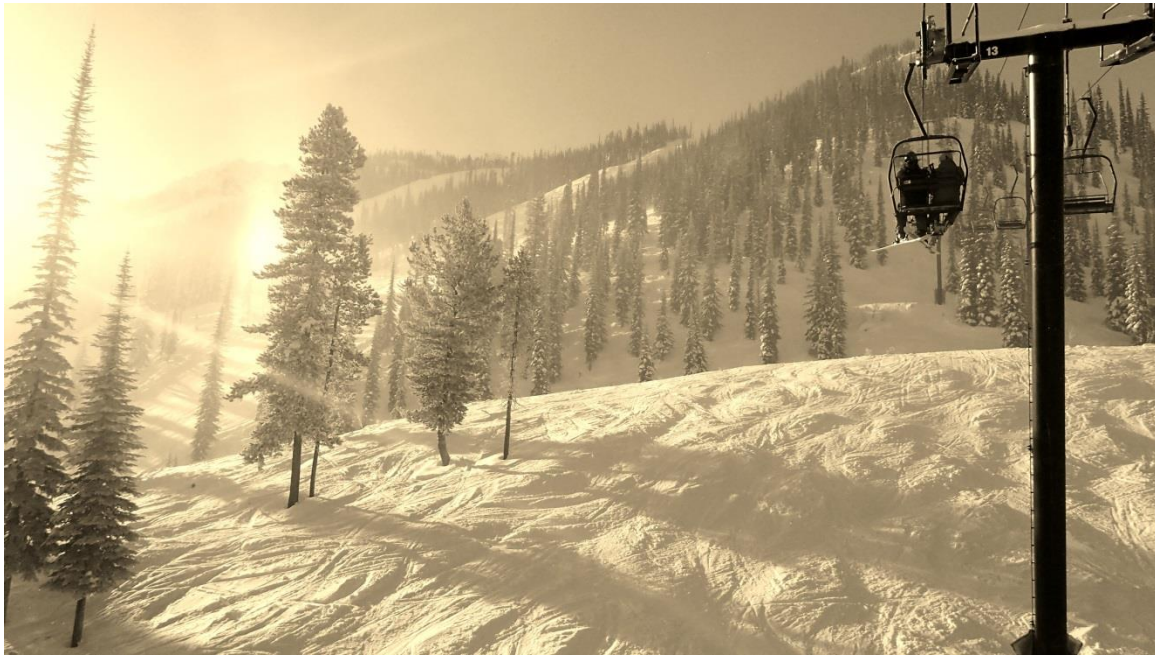
The adventure begins as soon as you step off the *Golden Eagle Express Gondola*. Once atop the Eagle's Eye summit, the expert skier has access to over 75 different black and double-black trails, while the novice or



intermediate skier can trek down the 1260-metre vertical slope, on ever-flowing runs that are as wide as they are smooth. A journey down the mountain can take you up to one hour, depending on how overcome you are – physically and emotionally, by your alpine crossing. It is not uncommon to complete only five or six runs in an entire day, and nevertheless rack up to seven thousand vertical metres in this towering, white-toothed paradise.







Whether your journey to Kicking Horse is an annual pilgrimage or you're a first-time explorer, this bucking bronco will always surprise you with an unexpected kick in the teeth. So hold on to your reins and ride responsibly!

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