

**RIDING THE BLACK AND BLUE:
CRUISING THE NAKISKA HIGHWAYS**



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Welcome to the Carving Capital of Canada! The same Nakiska runs used for the 1988 Olympic downhill events now delight carvers from everywhere. The Nakiska Ski Resort offers two truly perfect mountain ridges, with meticulously smooth trails as wide as any

paradise could offer. Be it the three *Magic Carpets* or the *Bronze Chair slopes*, or even skiing the treetops on *Bull's Head*, you will certainly find your place here.

If you are a beginner, whatever your age, the *Bronze Chair* trail network is the one for you. Completely private, this exclusive green area – a true speed-free zone, lets you learn at your own pace. So with peace of mind, this safe expanse allows you to better focus on the basics.



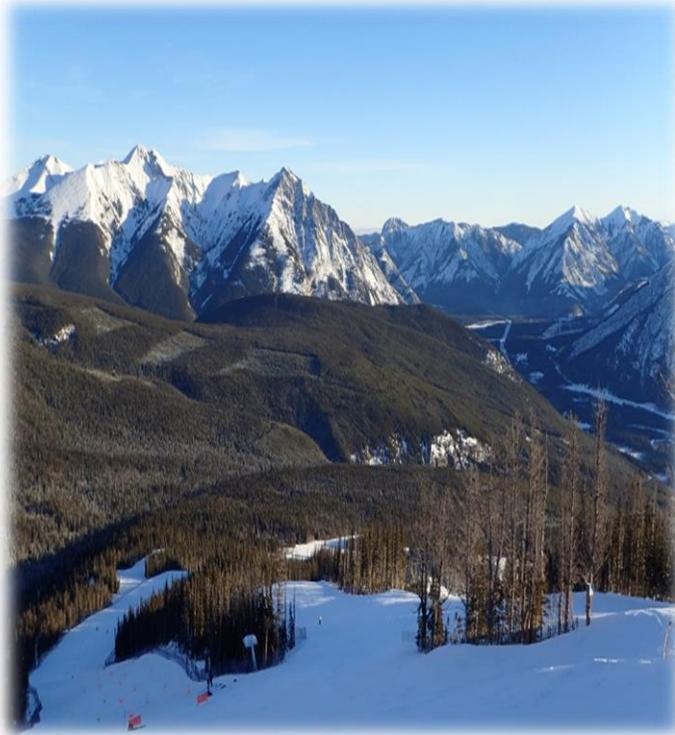
If you're a perpetual intermediate, you'll want to treat yourself to the crisp and freshly groomed Homesteader run first thing in the morning; it will be truly unforgettable! You'll be thankful for the experience. Make it memorable by



repeating this run as often as you like... Such wide and perfectly sloped blue cruisers are rare gems in the world of ski resorts. Run after run, this is the

perfect place to work on controlling your speed and edge pressure. Time to start your engines and let the drills begin!

For expert skiers, carvers or racers, the trail network accessed only from the *Gold Chair Express* is the one for you. This 452-metre vertical expanse is matched only by a very few. It will put you to the test and keep you coming back for more. But be warned, this lift only serves a mountain that offers no 'easy way down'.



Whether you're looking to carve hard or to breeze softly though, this is the mountain for you. Are you a first time visitor? Then I highly recommend cruising down the *Whoop-Up* trail and powering your edges. Or, you could set your tracks down the *Arrow* with confidence and rhythm, past the never-ending flow of onlookers, and power through to the *Monster Glades*. They may be easily accessible, but they are not easily mastered! Either way, you will have earned yourself a seat at the

main chalet, where you could finally enjoy a hot, dark-roast coffee and a slice of their famous lemon-raspberry loaf.

At the Nakiska Ski Resort, you could fire down a 12 000-foot vertical in only a few hours. Skiing is remarkably effortless on this even surface: it will keep your

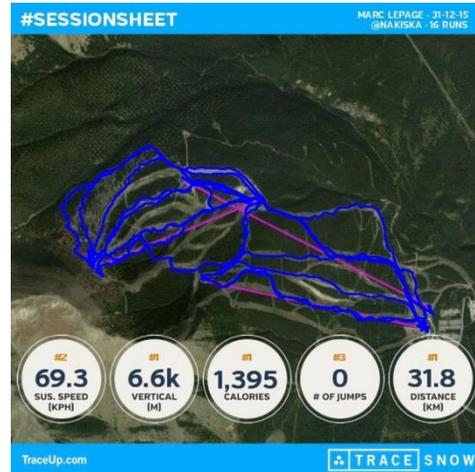
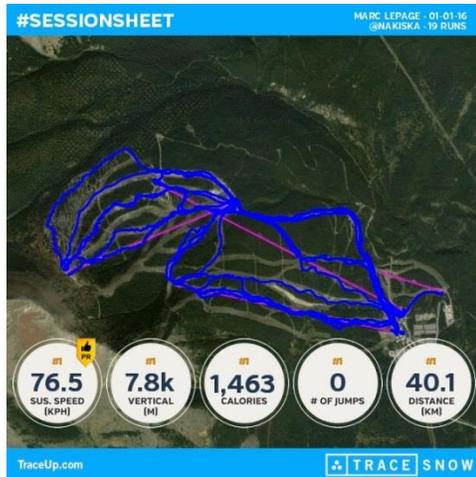


legs fresh and your speed sharp. Free at last, your sense of speed recedes, as you are released on these extra-wide freeways. You can easily find yourself cruising at 80 km/h in mere seconds, riding the passing lanes on the left. So time to rev up your engines, tune your edges and start your laps... 25 should do it.

As a final note, I must mention the ski racks at this resort. These original racks from the 1980s have utterly outclassed all others by a considerable margin and this, on my 68th mountain skied. This clever and logical design guarantees that skis, poles and boards always stay upright and organized. My compliments to the engineers!



So without wasting any time, check your Air Miles and get to Calgary, where you could ride on the same day. Only 50 minutes from the airport, the Nakiska Ski Resort – your gateway to the Rockies, awaits you! Or, as we would say in Ontario, Nakiska is *Yours to Discover*.



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