



Clint Martin photo

**A FLURRY OF POWDER:** Avid sledder Cliff Martin demonstrates the potential for adventurous riding on the Golden terrain.

GOLDEN

# A cohesive sledding community

Golden is an inviting destination that supports snowmobilers both on the trails and off » by Danielle Cameron

**Rider 1on1**

The trails in Golden, B.C., are prized for their meticulous grooming and indescribable scenic surroundings. The staff at Tourism Golden took time to answer some of our questions about this fabulous location.

**What type of scenery can Golden sledders expect to see?** Beautiful alpine bowls and peaks with a great number of sunny days in the winter.

**How does the community support its sledding population?** Aside from the local volunteers on the Trail Society and snowmobile club putting in endless hours to maintain warming huts, trails and signage, there are a number of local businesses that help support the trail network.

There are also several rental operators, guides, avalanche educators, restaurants, repair shops and hotels (catering to sled-ders). An up-to-date list can be found on-line at [www.snowmobilegolden.com](http://www.snowmobilegolden.com).

**Does the terrain tend to be more difficult, or suited to family rides?** The terrain is as difficult as you want it (to be). (It ranges) from groomed trails to endless bowls to monstrous climbs. There is something for everyone. Knowledge and understanding of avalanche safety is a must, or (alternatively, you can) hire a guide.

**What makes sledding in Golden a fantastic experience?** Endless alpine, great groomed trails, no crowds and epic champagne powder. **SR**



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