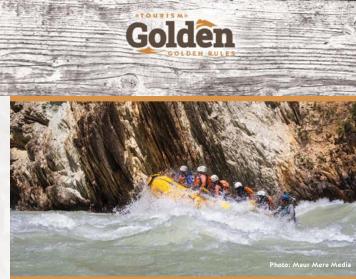




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## HISTORY & POINTS OF INTEREST

## **1** SPIRAL TUNNELS

Modeled after a system used in Switzerland, the Spiral Tunnels were completed in 1909 to lower a steep railway grade in the Kicking Horse Pass. Watch trains snake through the hillside and discover how Yoho's towering peaks inspire the stories of the Kicking Horse Pass.

## **2** BURGESS SHALE

Charles D. Walcott, of the Smithsonian Institution, discovered this fossil site in 1909 and uncovered 65,000 specimens. Hold a fossil dating back 500 million years and learn about the history of our planet on a guided hike to a fossil site in Yoho National Park. Reservations required.

**3** ROGERS PASS NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE Major A.B. Rogers was hired to find safe passage through the Selkirk Mountains for the Canadian Pacific Railway. In 1885, they connected the nation from coast-to-coast. Hike along the abandoned rail line or picnic among giant old-growth cedars in Glacier National Park.

## **4** TAKAKKAW FALLS

Nothing captures the beauty of Yoho National Park like Takakkaw Falls. The falls are fed by glacier runoff from the melting Daly Glacier as part of the stunning Waputik Icefield. Takakkaw Falls is 380m (1246ft) high with a free fall of 254m (833ft), making it the second highest waterfall in Canada and the tallest in the Canadian Rockies.

## **5** COLUMBIA RIVER WETLANDS

Over 180km/111.85mi in length, these are among the longest protected intact wetlands in North America. Paddling the river, you will see mooring posts from a time when steamboats and the river were essential to commercial trade. Visit www.bcbirdtrail.ca to learn more about birding in the area.

### **6** KICKING HORSE RIVER

The Kicking Horse River was named in 1858, when Sir James Hector, a member of the Palliser Expedition, was kicked by his packhorse while exploring the river near Wapta Falls. Experience the thrill of rafting this wild river with one of the many raft companies.









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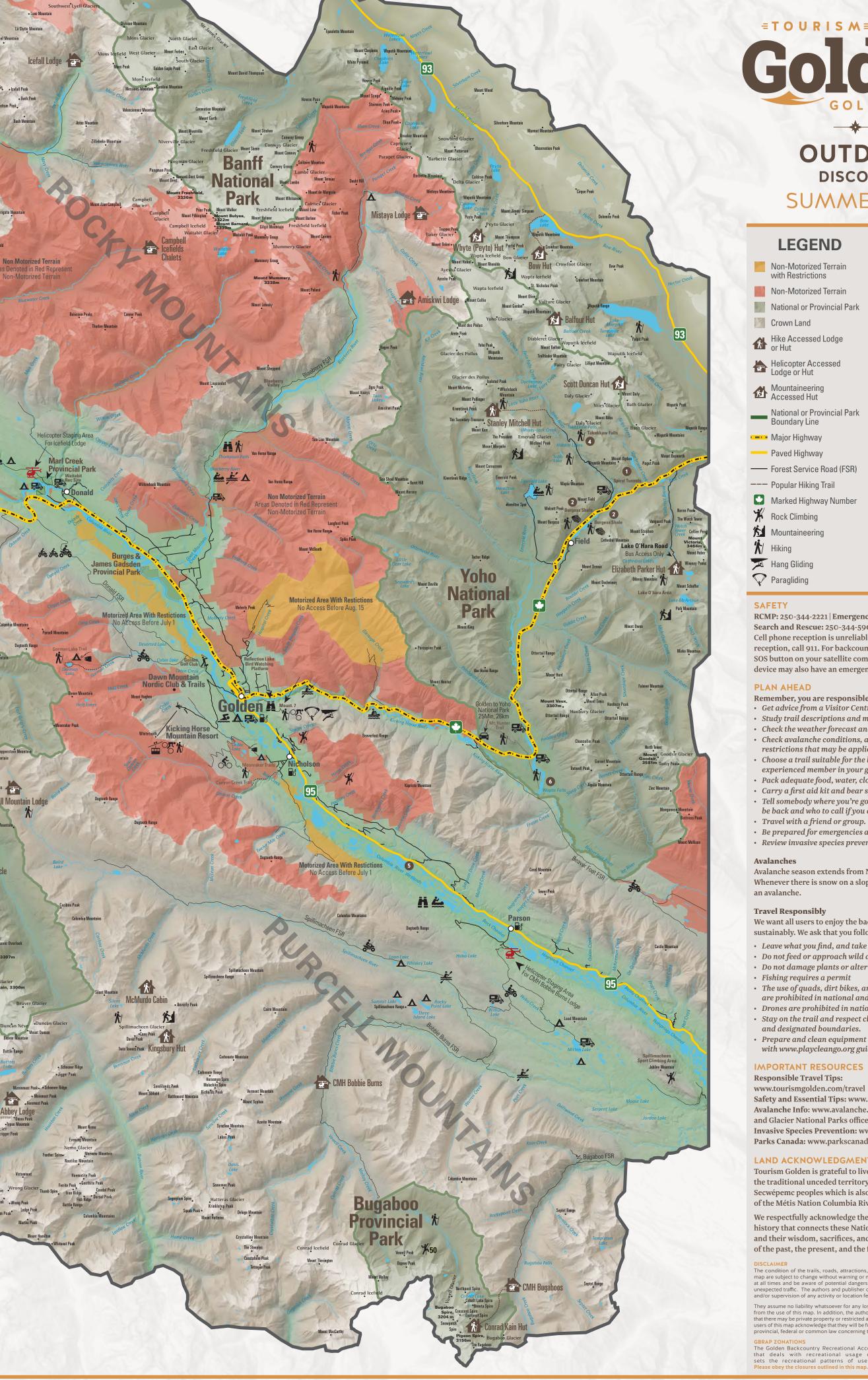
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Cell phone reception is unreliable. If you have cell phone reception, call 911. For backcountry emergencies, push the SOS button on your satellite communicator. Your cellular device may also have an emergency satellite function.

- Remember, you are responsible for your own safety.Get advice from a Visitor Centre.
- Study trail descriptions and maps before starting.
- Check the weather forecast and current trail conditions. • Check avalanche conditions, active logging and
- restrictions that may be applied to forest service roads • Choose a trail suitable for the least
- experienced member in your group. • Pack adequate food, water, clothing, maps, and gear.
- Carry a first aid kit and bear spray.
- Tell somebody where you're going, when you'll be back and who to call if you don't return.
- Travel with a friend or group.
- Be prepared for emergencies and changes in weather. • Review invasive species prevention guidelines.

Avalanche season extends from November until June. Whenever there is snow on a slope, there is potential for

- We want all users to enjoy the backountry safely and sustainably. We ask that you follow some simple guidelines:
- Leave what you find, and take what you bring.
- Do not feed or approach wild animals. • Do not damage plants or alter the environment.
- Fishing requires a permit
- The use of quads, dirt bikes, and other off- road vehicles are prohibited in national and provincial parks. • Drones are prohibited in national and provincial parks. • Stay on the trail and respect closures
- Prepare and clean equipment in accordance with www.playcleango.org guidelines.



Safety and Essential Tips: www.adventuresmart.ca Avalanche Info: www.avalanche.ca, Mount Revelstoke and Glacier National Parks office: 250-837-7500 Invasive Species Prevention: www.playcleango.org Parks Canada: www.parkscanada.ca

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## **ABOUT GOLDEN**

Surrounded by 6 national parks, with the Rocky Mountains to the east and the Purcell and Selkirk Mountains to the west, Golden is one of the best places in the world to start your winter adventure.

## **HISTORY & POINTS OF INTEREST**

**1** ROGER PASS NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE In 1881, Major A.B. Rogers was hired by the Canadian Pacific Railway to find a pass through the mountains. In 1885 the railway was completed with a series of bridges and snow sheds to protect it from avalanches. Today, Rogers Pass is the ski touring capital of the world, and is just 78km/49mi from Golden.

#### **2** BIRTHPLACE OF HELISKIING

This is the region where heli-skiing was born in 1965, as Hans Gmoser pioneered the first ever commercial heliskiing descent in the Purcell's Bugaboo Mountains. Just 8 years later Golden had its own heli skiing company, and the industry has been widely successful ever since.

### **3** A RENOWNED SKI RESORT

In 1986, the town of Golden established Whitetooth Ski Area, a small area with one ski lift and three runs. In 2000, the ski lift was transformed into Kicking Horse Mountain Resort and lifts were expanded to the upper mountain. Today, it is famous for its unique terrain and high quality snow.

BEAUTIFUL BACKCOUNTRY LODGES Golden has the highest concentration of backcountry lodges in the world, with over 20 lodges offering inclusive packages with heli transfers, lodging, expert guiding and touring in the backcountry.

#### **SKI TOURING**

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## HISTORIC SKI TRAVERSES

**4** THE GREAT DIVIDE GRAND TRAVERSE This is the longest ski touring traverse in the Rockies that links Jasper to Lake Louise and covers 9 icefields, high peaks and deep valleys. It takes between 20 and 30 days to complete and covers 300 km with 10,000 m of vertical gain.

**5** WAPTA ICEFIELDS TRAVERSE The most popular ski mountaineering area in Canada. There is an excellent hut system with good access from the highway.

**6** NORTHERN SELKIRKS GRAND TRAVERSE This ski touring traverse is 200 km long and takes 15-20 days to complete. It has a vertical gain of 11,000 m. Note: Shown only in-part. Actual route may vary.

# **D** BUGABOOS TO ROGERS PASS GRAND TRAVERSE

This popular ski tour takes you through some of the most spectacular mountain terrain in North America. Typical completion time is between 10 and 15 days and covers 130 km with 10,000 m of vertical gain in high alpine glacier terrain. Note: Actual route may vary depending on snow conditions.

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### **GETTING HERE**

Golden is located in the Canadian Rockies a 3 hour drive west from Calgary and a 4 hour drive from Kelowna.



Don't feel like driving? Use the Golden Shuttle, our daily winter shuttle service. The Champagne Powder Shuttle runs daily from Calgary Airport Powder Shuttle runs daily from Calgary Airport to Golden, and the Golden Kicking Horse Connector has multiple services a day between Golden and Kicking Horse Mountain Resort.

**BOOK SHUTTLE:** View the schedule and book now via: www.goldenshuttle.ca

## RESPONSIBLE SNOWMOBILING

- Ride on designated trails only. Operate your snowmobile only in areas and on land where it is legal to do so. The use of snowmobiles and other off-road vehicles
- is prohibited in national and provincial parks.
- Pack out what you pack in. Keep our trails clean.
- Respect wildlife and keep your distance.
- Ask about rules and regulations in the areas you are riding. • Respect other winter outdoor enthusiasts.
- Always be able to stop your sled within the distance
- you can see. Do not overdrive your ability.
- Take an avalanche safety course and ensure that you are properly trained and equipped.



View the Golden Snowmobile Trail Map online or pick up a copy from one of the many locations around town.



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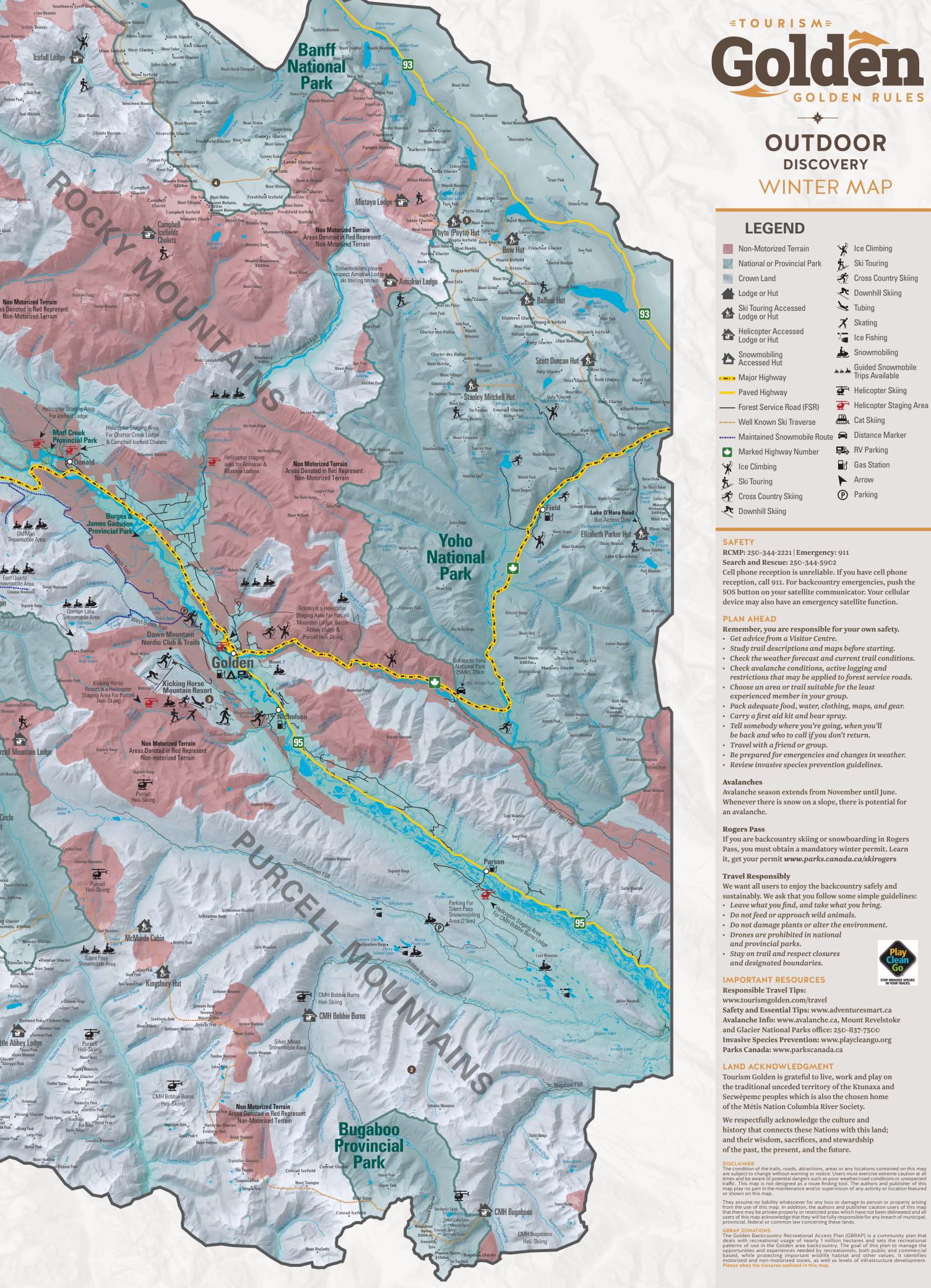
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