

Subject: Cross Country Ski Update #18, 30 Mar 2024

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Hi Skiers,

This will likely be my last ski report of the season. This ski season is probably the worst one I have experienced in 30 odd years. I am not going to recount the lows and all too brief highs we went through this winter. It is too depressing. This week we went from +11 on Wednesday to about 4cm of snow the next day and then we will be back to warm weather again by early next week. The snow base in most of the ski areas was largely melted out earlier in the month, so any new snow that accumulated is very thin. The only place I could find locally that is still left to ski is about a 2km loop in Goldbar Park which on Friday was still giving some fair to good skate skiing on the few cm of fresh snow on top of a hard base.

Now for my two skis worth of what I have seen or been able to find out on some of our local ski areas.

City Trails

Apart from Goldbar there is nothing much decent left. The city has stopped grooming for the season. You may be able to find a bit of skiing on the fairways at places like **Riverside and Victoria**. Expect thin spots by the trees.

Out of Town Trails

- **Camrose:** Last report of grooming was on 25 March but I was not able to find out what the conditions were like.
- **Drayton Valley:** No information.
- **Hinton:** They have snow and are hosting the Canadian National Biathlon Championships this weekend.
- **Strathcona WC:** They are **closed** for most of Easter weekend except for Saturday but have not been able to do much with the any of the new snow we received in the past week or so because the old base had largely been melted out.

For more info go to:

1. Doug Wiens excellent Northern Alberta Trail reports page which can be found on the ENSC website at <https://sites.ualberta.ca/~dwiens/TrailReport/TrailReport.html> Here you will find links to most Nordic clubs websites and Facebook pages.
2. The **ENSC Facebook** page again as it seems the whole x-country ski community appears to be using it. Again, if you have any more updated info please pass it on.
3. **Nordic-Pulse** is a new website reporting trail conditions across the country. Some of our Alberta trails are just starting to download their grooming info onto it. Here is the link: [Nordic Pulse | App based cross](#)

[country_ski_grooming_report_system_\(nordic-pulse.com\)](http://country_ski_grooming_report_system_(nordic-pulse.com))

4. There is an app called **SKIYEG** by Track 'n Trail which is also on Facebook ([2\) Facebook](#) which has many skiers reports on local conditions..

Please check the ski area websites and club Facebook pages for more details and recent updates. The links can be found on *Doug Wiens* Trail Reports page.

Some Recommendations for Skiing this Week in or near Edmonton

Only really that 2km loop in **Goldbar** for skating.

Waxing Frames/Forms

I still have some frames left and they are for sale at \$65 each. Please contact me if interested. This may be my last year of making them.

Mike

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