



Home to the 1988 Winter Olympics, Nakiska features some of the best cruising and carving trails in the Rockies. The runs are wide-open, Olympic length and groomed to perfection. Located only an hour from Calgary, Nakiska is considered a favorite by local families. The '88 Olympic legacy of excellence is evident at every turn. Nakiska's state-of-the-art snowmaking and grooming system makes Nakiska western Canada's premier race centre. The 1988 Winter Olympic Games XV marked Canada's debut as the host of this prestigious international event. Heralded at the time as the most successful games ever, Canadians and more specifically Albertans, were eager to show-off their winter paradise to the world.

History: Mount Allan's first claim to fame was in the late 1940's when coal was discovered at the eastern base of the mountain. Close to 40 years later Mount Allan was chosen as the official site for the Olympic Alpine events and in 1986 construction began on what is now known as Nakiska. The Cree word "Nakiska" was chosen to designate the entire recreational ski area and the base lodge. Nakiska, which means "to meet", was an appropriate title, as the world did meet here in February 1988 for the XV Olympic Winter Games. For years to come, people of all ages will continue to meet at Nakiska to downhill ski, cross country ski, hike, or simply experience the magic of this mountain.

Variety of Terrain: The runs here are wide open, smooth and groomed to perfection. The Olympic Legacy of excellence is evident at every turn. Nakiska remains western Canada's premier race centre. State-of-the-art snowmaking and grooming make Nakiska's early season conditions among the most reliable anywhere, essential for training.

A salute to Alberta's Heritage: In recognition of the fact that the province was inhabited for 10,000 years before the arrival of the early explorers, names for expert runs were chosen as a salute to Alberta's first nation people. Nakiska's most challenging runs were named for significant native leaders of the late 19th Century. Skiers will soar down runs such as, **Walking Buffalo**, Alberta's most famous Stoney Chief and leader of the Bearspaw band; cruise down the **Eagle Tail**, a Peigan chief of the last century - Chief Sitting-On-An-Eagle-Tail; and glide down **Powderface**, an run named for a prominent Stoney family.

Location: Just west of Calgary, Alberta, where the first dramatic rise of the Rockies dominates the horizon, is Kananaskis Country. Within these parameters is Canada's Olympic Mountain – Nakiska, host to the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics. Drive 49 minutes; first west on the Trans Canada Highway, then south on Highway 40.

Resort Stats:

Average Annual Snowfall: 250 cm / 98 in

Base Elevation: 1479 m / 4851 ft

Summit Elevation: 2258m / 7406 ft

Longest Run: 3.3 km / 2 miles

Lifts Facilities: 3 High Speed Quad Chairs, 1 Double Chair, 2 Magic Carpets

Skiable Terrain: 1,021 acres

Number of Trails: 64

Beginner: 16%

Intermediate: 70%

Advanced: 14%

Length of Season: Early November to mid-April.

Climate: Due to the proximity of the resort to Calgary, Nakiska is often greeted with spring Chinooks. These warm weather patterns make Nakiska one of the best locations to enjoy a cool beverage in the late afternoon sun on one of our patio or BBQ areas. Although Nakiska receives less snow by ski area standard than most other areas, the snowmaking system makes enough snow to experience safe, hazard free, skiing conditions early in the year. When the sky's open up in February and March, Nakiska too, can be a powder paradise for those looking for their next fix. Powder hounds should check out upper eagle tail, or the Monster Trails on powder days at Nakiska. - Perry Thompson

TELUS Winter Sports School: Lessons are available for all ages and abilities. Our certified staff offers professional instruction in alpine skiing and snowboarding, from group lessons to specialty clinics and one- hour lessons to full day private lessons. Student & youth groups are welcome.

Childcare: Nakiska offers daycare services from 8:30am to 4:30pm. You will find licensed facilities for children 19 months to 6 years old, staffed by qualified professionals. The Nakiska Daycare offers fun and games indoors and out.

Dining: While at Nakiska, fuel up at the Finish Line Lounge in the Daylodge for pub-style fare. The Daylodge Cafeteria offers breakfast and lunch specials galore, while the Patio BBQ Pit serves up tasty smokies and hamburgers and the cappuccino bar serves Starbucks coffee products to warm and wake you up!

Kananaskis Country – A World of Adventure: Cross-country skiing and snow shoeing trails are available through out the Kananaskis valley with rentals available in the Kananaskis Village. The village itself hosts the Delta Lodge at Kananaskis which offers a variety of dining selections. A small assortment of shops are available throughout the village itself.

WHAT'S NEW – NAKISKA SKI AREA 2010-11 Winter Season

Nakiska is excited to go into the second season celebrating all the amazing enhancements that were implemented last year including the new Gold Chair Express, the exciting introduction of the Monster Glades, and snowmaking expansion; to mention a few. These major improvements were noted by guests and Olympic athletes training at Nakiska prior to the 2010 Games and were also timely for the preparation to host the Canadian National Championships last season.

What's New for Nakiska Ski Resort 2010-11

On-Mountain

- After an outstanding 2009-10 ski season, Nakiska looks forward to the upcoming season and while still feeling the glow from the recent enhancements, welcomes a new thrilling addition, the new Nakiska rail park: *NaJIBska*. The new rail park will have a variety of 18 features and starting mid-December, will be accessible from the Silver Chair Express and located on Elbow.



NaJIBska Rail Park Features:

16' Flat Box (qty 2)

24' Flat box

16' Urban Box

24' Flat Down Box

16' Rainbow Box (only printed 1x each side)

20' C-Box (only printed on front side of box)

24' Battleship Box

24' The Block

12' Wall Ride (vertical logo on end caps)

Unbow Box

15'x2' Flat Rail

20'x2' Flat Rail

20'x4' Flat Rail

27'x4' Flat Rail

20'x2' Flat Down Rail

- Clearing in the Monster Glades will facilitate an easier entry to this area

- 4 additional snow fan guns have been added to the largest snowmaking system in Alberta. These new guns will be placed in the area of Homesteader and Mapmaker, facilitating early season opening.

Events & Activities

- Mommy & Me program: a special ski program for mothers and children to experience together

- Women's Day/Men's Day: selected days throughout the season will be dedicated to provide a unique experience catered to women or men with lift ticket, shuttle service, and dinner packages available.

- Celebrating the 1yr anniversary of the Gold Chair Express & Monster Trails - we will have a big celebration tied in with our special Community Appreciation Day, including: ribbon cutting, balloons, ceremonial ski through the Monster Trails, commemorative plaque presentation, bbq, and possibly fireworks!

In the Area

- Alberta Canadian Rockies' visitors now have a 4th ski resort with the new Nakiska Daily Shuttle service, accessible from all Banff hotels and the Radisson in Canmore.

- The Stoney Nakoda Resort & Casino is now open! Located at the gateway to the Canadian Rockies and only 20mins from Nakiska Ski Resort. This brand new facility features 111 guest rooms with views of the Canadian Rockies, state-of-the-art meeting and banquet facilities, and an indoor water park. Offering a first-class casino experience with a variety of dining options including the Ridge Buffet, Peaks Café, and the Sidelines Lounge; and great entertainment from pay-per-view events to live concerts.

- Kananaskis Helicopter Tours - Offering Heli-hiking or Rockies Sightseeing. The local micro climate weather in Kananaskis permits more flying days than any other Canadian Rockies operator. Open year round, 8 am to 8 pm (daylight hours) with departures every 30 minutes. Located at the Stoney Nakoda Resort and Casino at the junction of the Kananaskis Trail (Hwy 40) & Trans Canada Highway (Hwy 1) between Calgary and Banff.

Share the Legacy – Story Ideas

Enjoy the Legacy: Over two decades ago, Nakiska was rising to host the 1988 Winter Olympics, the original Canadian site for this prestigious international event. The energy and spirit remains at Nakiska through visual landmarks such as the grand Circle of Flags entrance, the nostalgic photos of athletes and historical displays throughout the Daylodge, and even old timing shacks scattered around the mountain. Ski down the same trails that XV Olympic winners such as Alberto Tomba and Vreni Schneider proudly skied – Feel the Legacy!

The Legacy Continues: Nakiska Ski Area was recently named an official Alpine Canada Alpin (ACA) National Training Centre, becoming a key training facility for Canadian athletes such as John Kucera, training for the World Cup season; and the Canadian National Team who will be making Nakiska their home base during the month of February with ongoing training camps. Made famous as the host of the 1998 Winter Olympic Alpine Events, Nakiska has been a popular pre-season training ground for teams from around the world for the past 18 years.

The Best Meeting Place Ever!: The Cree word “Nakiska” means “to meet”, which was an appropriate title since the world did meet here in February 1988 for the XV Olympic Winter Games. With the intention for people of all ages to continue to meet here and ski, cross country ski, hike, or simply experience the magic of this mountain for many years to come; the resort has recently made a number of enhancements at the ski area that will benefit both athlete training and overall guest experience. The long list of improvements includes: widening of runs including the training run Mapmaker, enhanced snowmaking with an overall 40% increase in snowmaking capabilities, full makeovers to the main daylodge, meeting space, and lounge, and last but not least, the new Gold Chair Express that will get skiers and riders to the top of the mountain faster than ever before!

Excitement at Your Fingertips: Known as “Calgary’s Closest Mountain”, Nakiska is a winter playground a short distance away from an international airport and city of over a million. An ideal learning facility for those new to the sports of skiing and snowboarding with wide open runs groomed to perfection but exciting terrain for the intermediate to advanced skier with secret powder stashes and new “Monster” trails, all accessible from the New Gold Chair Express lift! Nakiska offers a variety of learn to ski and family packages, and fosters the development of Canada’s future skiing champions by hosting public schools, ski clubs, and provincial teams throughout the entire ski season.

Nakiska is famous for its world-class grooming, training facilities and close proximity to Calgary. Known as “Calgary’s Closest Mountain”, Nakiska www.skinakiska.com was the site of the alpine events of the 1988 Olympic Winter Games and is part of the Resorts of the Canadian Rockies (RCR) Family. RCR www.skircr.com is one of the largest ski resort owners/operators in North America, owning five ski resorts across Canada, including Fernie Alpine Resort and Kimberley Alpine Resort in British Columbia, Nakiska in Alberta; and Mont-Sainte-Anne and Stoneham in Québec. RCR aims to provide each and every guest the best vacation and recreation experience possible.