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Gateway to the Canadian Rockies: 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 TransCanada 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: October to May

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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.

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! Don't forget to visit Mid-Mountain Lodge where the outdoor BBQ is serving up Burgers on the weekends!

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.

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 only 20 minutes 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.

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What's New

- **NEW Stop in the RCR Junior Freeski Series.** Nakiska Ski Area will now be an added stop in the RCR Junior Freeski Circuit, the Junior Freeski will also be stopping at Fernie Alpine Resort, Kimberley Alpine Resort and Kicking Horse Mountain Resort.
- **NEW Records to break!** Last season Nakiska opened on October 29th, when will Nakiska open this season?
- **NEW Season Pass with Resort Addition.** You can now ski 4 great resorts on one season pass, the RCR Rockies Season Pass will include Kicking Horse Mountain Resort, Fernie Alpine Resort, Kimberley Alpine Resort and Nakiska Ski Area next season. For More Information visit the [RCR Webstore](#) Online.
- **NEW Social Media & Resort Blogs.** Nakiska Ski Area can now be found on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. Powder Matt can be found for questions and skiing tips on Facebook, Twitter, Google +, YouTube, Instagram, Four Square and Pinterest. You can also hear directly from our Ski School Team on the NEW Winter Sports School Blog! Visit the [RCR Connected Website](#) for all links!
- **NEW Enhancements to Mobile Site.** Get up to the minute weather and now also Web Cam, Event Info and the latest News Items & Photos from the resort.
- **NEW Ski Cross Course & Ski Cross Course Pass.** Last season Nakiska Ski Area installed a NEW skier cross course, and have added it as part of the Rail Park Pass, free with your season pass!
- **NEW Host Venue for International Ski Cross Race.** Nakiska Ski Area will host the Ski Cross World Cup in early December 2012.

Awards & Accolades

- Alpine Canada's Official Training Centre
- Calgary's Closest Mountain
- Canada's Olympic Mountain – Host of the 1988 Winter Olympic Games

2009-2012

- Best Use of Webcams (on Facebook) –**2012** – *Ski Area Management Magazine*
- Best Family Ski Area in Alberta – **2009** – *Parent's Choice Awards*

Nakiska Best of Skiing Awards – Ski Canada Magazine 2012

- **Best Deals, Best Reason to Skip Class** – Nakiska's \$199 Student Midweek Season's Pass is valid for Post-secondary students from Greater Calgary.
- **Best Tree Skiing** – Nakiska
- **Best Celebrity Sighting** – Was it a dream or was that really Leonardo DiCaprio learning to ski at Nakiska? Yesiree, as well as Tom Hardy, Cillian Murphy, Ellen Page and Christopher Nolan – the whole hang had a go at learning to ski while they were in Alberta filming Inception. (More in mag)
- **Best Deal** - Learn to Ski program include lifts, rentals and a lesson for 69 clams.

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Story Ideas

- **The Gateway to the Canadian Rockies** – Nakiska is nestled in the heart of the Canadian Rockies just 45 minutes west of Calgary and just 1 hour outside of Banff and Canmore.
- **Groomed to Perfection** – Nakiska’s wide-opened, immaculately groomed runs keeps skiers return season after season for the world class quality skiing.
- **Calgary’s Learning Mountain** – With Nakiska’s Close Proximity to Calgary it’s the easiest real mountain to learn at. Take a lesson through our trusted Winter Sports School! Find more information on the [Ski School Section](#) of our website.
- **The Legacy** – Nakiska hosted the 1988 Winter Olympic Alpine Events, we are proud to be part of Canadian History. More information included the Gold Medal Winners from the Olympics that year are under “[The Legacy](#)” Section on our Website.
- **Host to International Ski Cross Race** – in December 2012 Nakiska will play host to the Ski Cross World Cup, stay tuned to our [website](#) for more information closer to the event.
- **Drive Less, Ski More - Close to Calgary International Airport** – Nakiska Ski Area is only 45 minutes west of Calgary International Airport (YYC). More information in the “[Getting Here](#)” section online.
- **True Winter Playground** – from the enhanced learning area to the Glades in the ‘Monster Terrain’ and the recently installed Golf Express Chair, there is something for every ability level, expert and beginner alike! Visit the [Mountain Stats](#) Online for more details.
- **Mid-Mountain Lodge** – Did you know you can have lunch at Mid-Mountain Lodge in Nakiska? Located at the top of the Olympic Chair, Mid-Mountain Lodge has one of the best decks in the Rockies for hanging out, relaxing and for views of the Canadian Rockies, plus we’re serving up BBQ lunch on Weekends! Find out More Information [Online](#).
- **Alberta’s Largest Learning Area** – Nakiska Ski Area is home to Alberta’s Longest Magic Carpet, plus features a recently enhanced beginner’s area complete with the Sugar Shack!
- **Alpine Canada’s Official Training Centre** – Recently named at Alpine Canada’s Official Athlete Training Centre!
- **Banff’s Fourth Ski Resort** – Being just an hour outside of Banff, and with a resort run Ski Bus making stops at all Banff/Canmore hotels, it’s so easy to add Nakiska Ski Area as a stop in your Banff Canadian Rockies adventure!
- **Celebrity Sightings!** – Celebrities have been known to learn to ski for roles at Nakiska Ski Area, among the list are Leonardo DiCaprio, Ellen Page and Tom Hardy. For out more information on our [Media Centre](#).
- **First Ski Area to Open in Canada & Super Long Season** – Last Season Nakiska Ski Area opened before Halloween and didn’t end the season until the end of April! Now that is one long ski season in Canada!
- **Women in Winter!** – We lavish women with attention at Nakiska. Sign up for one of our Ladies Day’s at Nakiska and be pampered! Day includes bus transportation, lesson and gourmet food! Check out our [Online Event Calendar](#) for Ladies’ Day Dates in 2012 & 2013!
- **The Best Place to Meet** – The Cree Word “Nakiska” means “to meet”, an appropriate title considering the World met here for the 1988 Winter Olympics and continue to meet through International Racing Events. Meet your friends at Nakiska! Book a Ski Vacation today [Online!](#)

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