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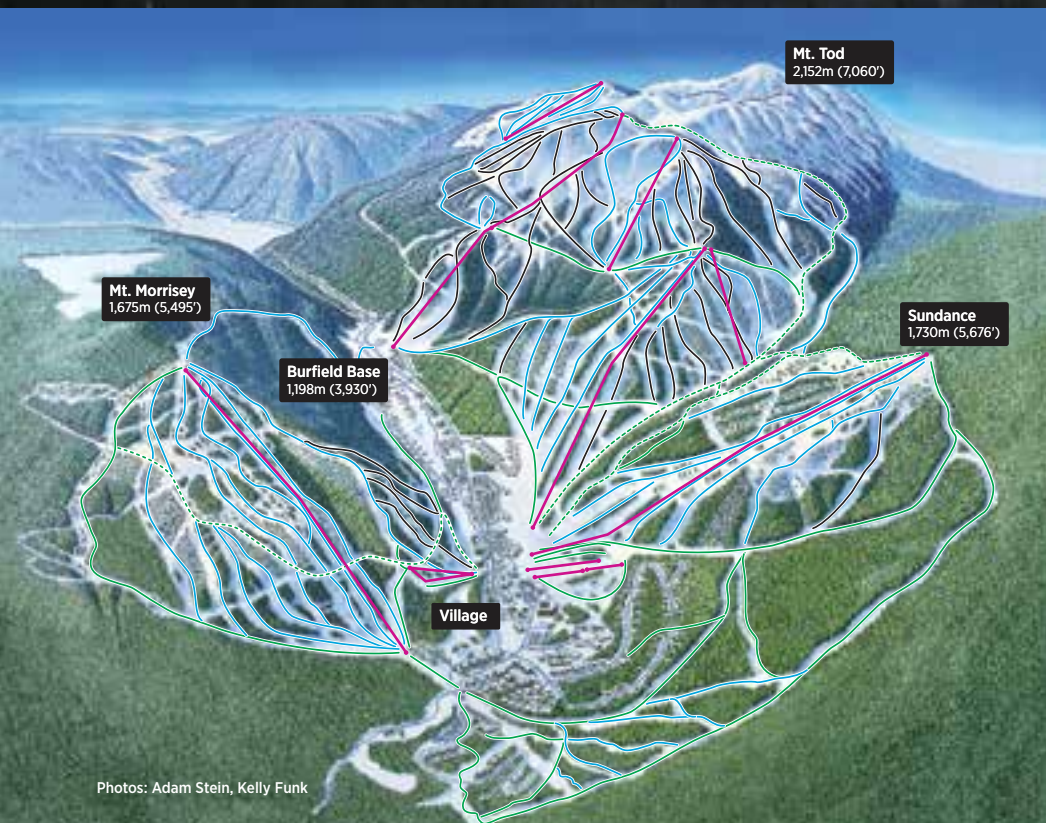
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Just like John, Ethan doesn't run for shelter. Hurricane Sandy shreds Indian Head, Georgian Bay, October 2012. ETHAN MELEG PHOTO.

# Stormproof

*“When the storm began to sound, I lost no time in pushing out into the woods to enjoy it.”*

– John Muir, *The Mountains of California*

A few years ago I took a short autumn paddling trip up the Bruce Peninsula.

Autumn trips can offer big advantages: no crowds, no bugs, no sunstroke, plus photos tinted with brightly coloured leaves. But such trips are for the hardy; there's a good chance it will storm.

Mid-week in October we drove up to Lion's Head and launched kayaks into Georgian Bay in the midday sunshine. Our only plan was to paddle up the coast until it looked wild and deserted. Half an hour after we landed near Smokey Head, the sky darkened and the wind picked up to gale force, accompanied by lashing rain. Big waves began roaring in, foaming white and blue-green over the limestone boulders.

One tends to assume that bad weather spoils trips but sometimes I wonder if something near the opposite is true. I recall vividly the times I dealt with weather – say, paddling through wind and swells or hiking through a downpour – and prevailed.

I recall that stormy Georgian Bay trip more fondly than other, more ambitious ones. I believe the reason is the weather that pinned us to that rocky, deserted coastline. The storm amplified the beauty and mystery of this wild place.

For Scots-American environmentalist John Muir (1838-1914), mastermind behind the establishment of Yosemite, Grand Canyon and other National Parks in the US – and who lived in the southern Georgian Bay region for a few years – bad weather was cause for celebration. Muir was a tough, minimalist character who would have scoffed at the lengths to which most of us strive for comfort in the wild these days. He used to embark on extended wilderness “rambles” carrying little more than his notebook and sample case to collect wildflowers.

Sometimes I feel that my reliance on technical gear makes me a little weaker, more dependent. Wouldn't a true outdoorsperson be able to hack it even with low-grade gear, or no gear at all? Probably. When a storm blew up, John Muir didn't run for shelter; he made a point of going out into the woods to experience it first-hand.

The daunting power latent in a storm reminds me that nature can still deflate my over-civilized 21st-century arrogance.

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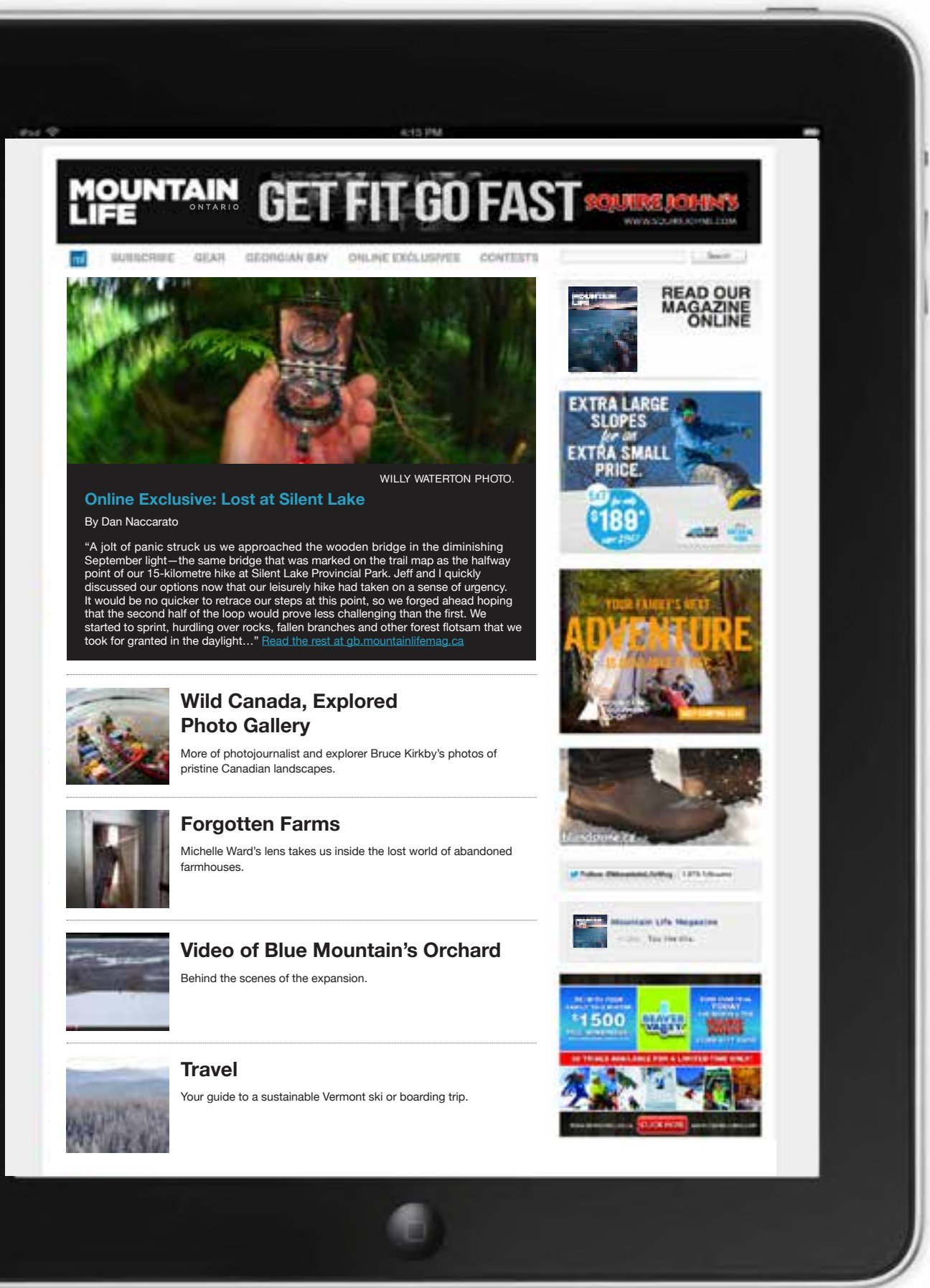
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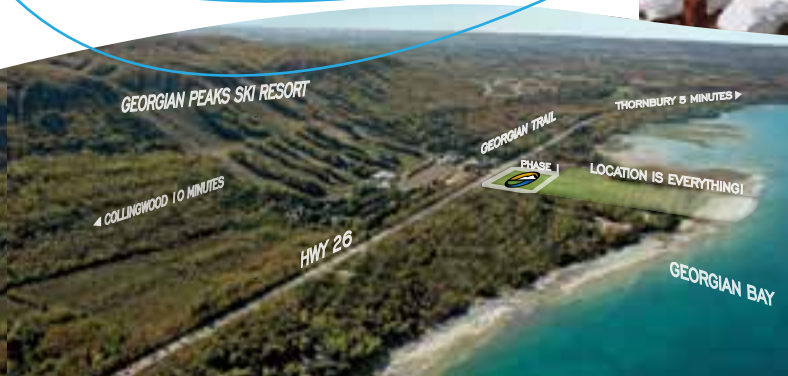


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*What can you expect when you take your kids out on Canada's longest footpath? Physics lessons are just the beginning.*

By Dan Rubinstein

"Wow, it's a whole big trail, and we've only done a tiny part of it!" My eight-year-old daughter, Daisy, is walking along the rocky rim of the Niagara Escarpment, following those iconic rectangular white blazes, as we make our way to the Grotto in Bruce Peninsula National Park on a scorching July morning. Her twin sister, Maggie, is in front, setting a fast pace; she's already scrambling down toward the cool aquamarine waters of Georgian Bay. We're not through-hikers. Not yet, anyway. But a week earlier, and about 275 kilometres southeast of here, I had introduced my daughters to the Bruce Trail with an overnight trip — and my plan to get them hooked on hiking appears to be working.

I wanted the girls' first long walk to be a smooth experience, so my requirements for selecting a stretch of trail were simple. It had to be exciting — i.e., cliff-top views and waterfalls — and end at a B&B. We're typically tenters, and do a lot of day hikes, but this was different. And so with backpacks stuffed with Nutella sandwiches, frozen water bottles and bathing suits, we drove against the current through Monday morning rush-hour traffic in Toronto for less than an hour, and parked on a dead end about eight kilometres outside the town of Dundas, where a set of wooden stairs led up into the lush green forest.

The trail's magic charmed Maggie and Daisy immediately. They raced up the steps like squirrels, gorged on black raspberries, and reached out to create landing pads for small black-and-white butterflies. After a few minutes, they noticed the view, a hazy panorama extending to the smokestacks of Hamilton Harbour (which, in the distance, lost their usual imposing industrial feel). Daisy began to shimmy along a fallen tree that jutted out over the edge of the Escarpment. When I warned her to stay back from the cliff, Maggie corrected me: "It's more of a ledge than a cliff, Dad."

In addition to discovering the flora and fauna of the Bruce Trail's Iroquoia section, an important conservation corridor on the fringe of Canada's most developed region, my daughters also got a physics lesson. What goes up must come down. After crossing a bridge over a dry creek and skirting a cornfield, we descended into a deep valley. The girls scooted ahead in their running shoes; my expensive leather hiking boots, which log hundreds of kilometres every year, slipped on the muddy slope. Youth trumps experience yet again, although Daisy had another theory: "Maybe it's because you're clumsy, Dad."

We rested at the bottom, listening to birdsong and a burbling stream, and took advantage of this rare unhurried day together to talk about the meaning of life — and death. The girls shared their surprisingly sophisticated interpretations of reincarnation, heaven and hell. Until they got distracted by a daddy longlegs.



GLEN HARRIS PHOTO.

The next physics lesson didn't go over so well: what comes down often has to go up again. We began a long, steep climb back to the top. The afternoon was hot and humid; the complaints began. And not just from the kids. My shirt was soaked with sweat, there was barely any breeze, the mosquitoes found us. I cajoled the girls onward with lollipops, licking the dirt off Daisy's after she dropped it, and doing the same for Maggie after she "accidentally" lost her grip.

I have fuzzy memories of childhood hikes on the Bruce Trail with my parents, exploring the crevices of Rattlesnake Point. That's where my love for hiking took root, I'm convinced, although my parents have a different take, describing how I constantly whined about being tired and hungry. My daughters are tougher than me. They sang, dug potato bugs and ants out of rotting trees with sticks, and washed their dirt-streaked hands and faces in the pool above 15-metre-high Borer's Falls.

Most children aren't exactly thrilled by the prospect of going for a long walk. Compared to more exciting al fresco and electronic activities, it's slow, monotonous, demanding. But it's worth the effort, because hiking instills an interest in exercise and the environment, which will hopefully help fuel the next generation of outdoor enthusiasts and activists.

The key to getting kids onside? Planning and patience. I resisted my tendency to rush the girls along. When they tired of tormenting insects and began to fade after four hours of walking, I pointed out the streets of Dundas down below. Within minutes, we were splashing in a wading pool at a shaded park. Maggie and Daisy would be ready for a longer trek on the Bruce Trail soon.

And years from now, maybe they'll be back with their own kids. ■

The Bruce Trail Conservancy has tips on hiking with kids: [bruce-trail.org/pages/family-fun](http://bruce-trail.org/pages/family-fun). If you're bunking in Dundas, try the Homestead 1867 B&B: [thehomestead1867.ca](http://thehomestead1867.ca). To splurge in Bruce Peninsula National Park, book a yurt at the Cyprus Lake campground: [pc.gc.ca/pn-np/on/bruce/activ/activ2/activ2d.aspx](http://pc.gc.ca/pn-np/on/bruce/activ/activ2/activ2d.aspx)





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# SPONSORED BY BLUE

*Inside Blue Mountain Resort's growing Athlete Support Program*



**Text and photo by Colin Field**

When it comes to re-occurring questions the groms ask at the terrain park, "Can you do a backflip?" is usually top of the list. Then comes, "Can you do a triple cork?" then, "Do you know Shaun White?" Followed inevitably by: "Are you sponsored?"

The last question is not an unreasonable one. Especially if you're good. And while many can answer "yes, I am sponsored," they're usually referring to shop sponsors, or occasional hook-ups. But there is a new breed of rider that can confidently say: "Yes. I'm sponsored by Blue Mountain."

A pretty rad sponsor for an up-and-comer. And it's all part of a new project initiated by Erika Langman, Dak Williams and Jason Petznick at Blue Mountain.

"Blue Mountain has always had an Athlete Support Program in place, but the selection process was severely dated," says Team Coordinator Petznick. "It was based off the provincial sport organization (AOS, FSO and Alpine Ontario) rankings. Athletes would receive a complimentary or discounted season pass based on their ranking from the previous season. This meant that passes were being designated for athletes who never spent any time at Blue Mountain aside from attending a couple of contests throughout the winter. Many of them weren't training at Blue, and didn't call the resort home."

So they pitched the idea of a new team selection process to Blue Mountain. And they got the board's support immediately.

"From there it was just a matter of putting a call out for applications," says Petznick. "There were quite a few marathon meetings as we sorted through applications to choose the right people who combined the talent, personality and history of riding Blue Mountain. I don't think we could have come up with a better group of people to represent Blue Mountain, and I'm excited to see what every single member of the team does in the ski and snowboard community in the years to come."

Twenty-three members were on the inaugural team in the 2012/2013 season including alpine ski, alpine snowboard, freestyle ski and freestyle snowboard disciplines. There are also three ambassadors – people who have been around the scene for years and can mentor the younger riders.

Kevin Konings is one of these ambassadors and younger riders like Jack Daniel Bernstein are already benefitting from his experience.

"I would say old Kev helps me out the most with my progression and pushing me to try new things in the park," he says. Simply getting on the team was a dream come true for Bernstein.

"When I found out I was the team I was very excited," he recalls. "This meant I would have exclusive access to the mountain and terrain parks for free and be a part of all the media coverage that Blue does for the team. It was also a very big deal as I had grown up looking up to the best riders in the park and hoping I could be like them. So when I got the call it felt like I had achieved a goal that I set as a child."



*"If you really want to be a part of the Blue Mountain Team, the best thing to do is just be out on the hill, be visible, be a positive role model and be a strong representative of the resort and its values."*



Team member Evan McEachran pulls a Lazyboy Cork 360.

So how do you get on the team?

"We haven't really discussed yet if we'll be expanding the team for this season, but there's a chance we will," says Petznick. "If you really want to be a part of the Blue Mountain Team, the best thing to do is just be out on the hill, be visible, be a positive role model and be a strong representative of the resort and its values. Blue Mountain is still majority-owned by the Weider family, so we want to have a homegrown team of athletes representing the resort and joining our family. With the amount of time we spend out on the hill, there's a good chance that you're already on our radar if you're checking off all these boxes."

And while many teams determine their success by contest results and visits to the podium, the

Blue Mountain Team is a little bit different.

"I'm not sure if there's any one single way to gauge success, or if it's about gauging success at all," says Petznick. "Success can't be measured by medals, contest results or media coverage. We want to celebrate the great things that our athletes are doing on the slopes. If by doing that we're able to promote the resort, push people to achieve their best and foster a good vibe around our athletes on the slopes, then I think we can definitely call it a success."

So far, they've been doing exactly that. ■

*The Blue Mountain Team includes these riders:*

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# CRAFT BEER, HERE

By Colin Field

Finally the craft beer movement is taking hold in the Blue Mountains region and this was fully evidenced at the Bighead Hops Shindig in Walters Falls in late August. With hop harvest season looming, Nicholas Schaut, owner of Bighead Hops, invited friends, family and brewers out to his farm for a day of celebration. Free beer and free food are always a good recipe for a great day and that is exactly what it was.

In attendance were local breweries such as MacLean's Ales (due for expansion any day now), Duggan's (Toronto), and Junction Craft Brewing (Toronto). John Graham from Church-Key Brewing was also mingling from brewery to brewery sampling some of the local flavours.

Local phenomenon Spencer Wareham from Owen Sound's Kilannan Brewery brought a Kolsch and Altbier tap. Wareham is Ontario's youngest commercial brewer, and opened the brewery in 2012. But don't let his youth fool you; this guy is serious about beer and is brewing some incredible stuff. Look for his beer on taps at a few bars in the region. It will soon be available at the LCBO.

And for Northwinds Brewery from Collingwood, this was their release party. With a surfboard bartop (freshly screwed together) they had their Milkrun Stout in a cask, a Corduroy Rye IPA and Three Stage XPA on tap. Somehow, owner Geoff Conway managed to convince brewer Andrew Bartle to leave his position at Beau's Brewing Company to come work at the startup and one taste of Northwinds' beer will convince you: Bartle knows what he's doing.

While they don't yet have a location, they do have beer: Northwinds is brewing commercial batches out of other breweries until they find a brewpub location. It is available at Piper's, The Huron Club, Bruce Wine Bar and other fine restaurants in the region as well as the Victory Café, Bar Volo and others in Toronto. ■



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Snowmaking and night lighting will also be installed on three of the six trails.

"This is one of the most significant investments in the Resort's 73-year history and the largest expansion of a ski resort in Ontario in recent memory," said Dan Skelton, President and Chief Operating Officer, Blue Mountain Resort. "Skiing and snowboarding is alive and well in Ontario."

The Orchard's opening will be equivalent to adding 21 percent of the Resort's current piste. As for the handful of powderhounds who have been poaching Orchard runs in previous seasons? Game over.

However, these bonus acres of terrain translate into more skiing for everyone, fewer crowds on the hill, and less time people watching in the lift lines. Thanks, Blue. 

To preview a video of the Orchard area, check [gb.mountainlifemag.ca](http://gb.mountainlifemag.ca)



Kasbah du Toubkal. ALAN KEOHANE PHOTO. [www.kasbahdutoubkal.com](http://www.kasbahdutoubkal.com).

# TREKKING TOUBKAL

*Navigating donkey and goat traffic jams deep in Moroccan Berber mountain country*

By Melanie Chambers

Tracing the map to North Africa's highest peak under the candlelight, my guide Abdel points to the flame; it reminds him of growing up, without electricity. "We were one of the first families to have a black-and-white TV – everyone from the village would come to watch – when someone died the old women cried because they thought it was real." That was 12 years ago in the village of Imlil – the starting point of our four-day-deep 4,167-metre hike to Morocco's Mount Toubkal.

Deep in Morocco's Berber mountain country, donkey traffic jams are more common than cell phones and electricity.

## DAY ONE: IMLIL, KASBAH DU TOUBKAL, 1,850 METRES

Locking eyes with a shopkeeper in Imlil, it's game over: he's on me. "For you free, come visit my store," he says, beckoning me. Avoiding eye contact, I reach the edge of the town: a dusty steep trail leads to a mysterious door (Narnia?). On the other side, roses and bright gladiolas line the stone walk. Looking up, Morocco's High Atlas Mountains wrap around the Kasbah Du Toubkal hotel. The French military

abandoned the place when the French pulled out in 1956; a British trekker, with the help of locals, began to transform it. Imlil was the backdrop for Martin Scorsese's 1995 Dalai Lama movie, *Kundun*, because it looks like Nepal.

Leaving the hotel, it's not long before we're hiking alongside a bone-dry river valley. In 1995 a flash flood carrying a six-metre wall of water decimated a nearby town, Ourika; "entire trucks were washed away," says Abdel. Imlil escaped its path. Today, cement dams segment the river. Rain seems inconceivable in this heat.

Reaching the plateau (Tizi n' Mzki, 2,489 metres), Brahem, the 21-year-old newlywed muleteer, unloads the panniers and begins frying lamb meatballs in cumin. Abdel lays out a red patterned rug and plates of black Moroccan olives, camel cheese, and bread. Munching on my spread, I feel a drop. Like clockwork everyday, rain gushes for 10 minutes. It's all or nothing here: desert or flood.

Trekking after lunch, the valley opens up: mud huts for animals stacked on the side of the mountain and on the other, terraces of vegetables. Running down the mountain, women carry bales of hay on their backs. "Look, she carries more than the mule," says Abdel. Soon, the trail

cuts narrowly through clay adobe houses. A girl is talking into a cell phone. It's on speaker as the little ones huddle around her legs to listen. Electricity arrived last year in Ait Aissa, a town of 600.

The sun has returned when we arrive at Azzaden Trekking Lodge for the night. Inside, I wash my hands with rose water and eat a date dipped in milk. Berber tradition. After a tagine of chicken, dates and chickpeas, I fall into a deep sleep and have 1,000 dreams.

## DAY TWO: REFUGE DE TAZERHART, 3,000 METRES

Passing the mud huts from yesterday, we get stuck in a goat jam. Shepherds yell. Goats bleat and scatter. We're heading into the ice-patched mountains and we won't see another village or cell phone bar for days. Lunch on my Aladdin blanket is contemplative; sipping sugary mint tea, I survey the valley and a distant Marrakech to the north. "We drink this like five times a day. We call it Berber whiskey!" says Abdel.

Two hours left for the day. Lifting my head, food, waterfall and sleep are steps away, but it feels like the longest part of the day. Suddenly a woman runs behind us; it's the first sign of tourists.



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The couple follow us to the bare-bones shack where a man is sleeping on a mattress outside the front door. He lifts his head and waves, then goes back to sleep.

After dumping our stuff, we head to the waterfall and dunk our hot feet. As the rain begins to gush, we rush back to the refuge where Brahem's pot of bubbling cumin and peppers steams up the windows.

Around the picnic table, we chat with the couple. I guess she's from Spain. "Oh no: Cataluña! Very different things," she laughs. Abdel chimes in. "This is the same between Berbers and Arabs." Berbers are traditionally nomadic farmers while the Arabs live in cities. For centuries Berbers had to speak and learn Arabic; today, their language and culture are seeing a revival.

### **DAY THREE: PEAK AQUELZIM, 3,650 METRES. SLEEP AT REFUGIO DE TOUBKAL, 3,207 METRES**

Leaving the refuge at 6 a.m., we walk alongside the mountain ridge, and then come across a gaggle of mules and hikers. This is disheartening. For the first few days magpies and goats are the only trail friends; I felt like a true traveller and not a tourist who bought a package.

Somehow, the hikers mention beer. "Oh, I wish," says a Polish woman. "Can you imagine a frosted glass?" I put fun out of my mind: the next section is 95 switchbacks. From the top, it looks like a giant soft-serve ice cream cone. Two hours later, the last push to the refuge is bottlenecked with mules. Perched over the dry riverbed, the stone refuge tower looks like Nepal: it's the last stop before the final ascent.

### **DAY FOUR: MOUNT TOUBKAL, 4,167 METRES**

I hear people leaving the dorm around 5 a.m. to get ahead of the rush. Abdel and Brahem woke at 3 a.m. for supper. Today is the first day of Ramadan.

Starting behind the refuge, Toubkal is two hours away. After the first hour, sweat sprouts on my cheeks – I sheepishly sip water. I can only imagine what Abdel is going through: Muslims also can't drink water during Ramadan.

After another hour of step-climbing over slippery shale stones, we find a group of school kids hanging from the summit's triangular steel tower. Abdel and I remain on the lower slope to take pictures of each other and the surrounding mountains popping through the clouds.

Walking down to Imlil takes us the better part of the day. We stop for mint tea in a hut by the river and listen to rain ping off the tin roof. Gradually Imlil appears—concrete homes and then, the Kasbah. That night over supper, I notice a candle in the dining room. It reminds me of Abdel. "I miss having supper with candles. It was the only light in the house so we had to eat together, around the table. Now, we don't do this. This makes me sad," he told me. After supper, I'm reluctant to go online and check my email. Will the calm inside me disappear right away? How will towns like Ait Aissa change now that they have electricity? Do they already feel the calm disappearing, or do they even notice? ■



Top: A view of the High Atlas Mountains from the Kasbah du Toubkal.

Centre: Abdel looking on near the peak of Toubkal in silence, moments before running into a group of school kids at the top.

Bottom: Mules hired by Polish hikers. MELANIE CHAMBERS PHOTOS.



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# SKI-ACCESS ONLY

*At the original Austrian Ski Club chalet, mid-slope at Beaver Valley Ski Club, you can leave your boots on*

**By Tamara Dawkins**

This is an enviable chalet. It doesn't have shiny Ledgerrock floors, and you'll find no stainless steel appliances anywhere. No recessed lighting, no second bath, no media room.... but there is a well-stocked bar that appears to date back at least 40 years.

In fact, Louis Gasparini – the current owner's grandfather – built the bar, along with the impressive stone fireplace and the rest of the chalet, around 1953 with help from his friends in the Austrian Ski Club. In those days, before the establishment of Beaver Valley Ski Club, visitors were obliged to hike up through the bush. Someone installed a primitive rope tow at one point. Even well after the current Club's establishment, chalet owner Desiree Fegan used to bushwhack through the undeveloped south section and scale down a cliff until her grandfather pushed to incorporate this area into the resort.

In his mid-eighties, Louis Gasparini still races Masters today in Italy.

The back half of the chalet used to be divided into two distinct sides for sleeping: one side for women and children, the other for men. A few of the army surplus iron bunks from that time still survive, now painted red.

The main living room is a study in unreconstructed retro chic. "My grandfather cut the valances, and my mother handpainted them in the Austrian style," says Desiree. "I couldn't change it; it would break my heart. And my grandmother's 1960 orange-flowered wallpaper? It just can't get removed. It would be wrong..."

The chalet stands in the middle of a ski trail, and it is ski, snow-machine, mountain bike and foot-access only. In the winter the snowcat drivers bring the owners their groceries. This is a place built by skiers, for skiers.

When we prepared to enter the chalet for our tour, we started to unbuckle our ski boots. "What are you doing?", Desiree asked.

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# Transformed

*Hiking transforms us. For those who hike regularly, this statement may sound surprising. How does such a humdrum activity transform us?*



DAVE BARNES ILLUSTRATION.

By William Shelley

Stuart Phillips, a professor in the Kinesiology Department of McMaster University and a keen Bruce Trail hiker, says that hiking can transform human health. "As we hike, we gear our bodies for physical work, which is (for most of us) a drastic change from our everyday jobs. The increased mechanical work that our heart has to do and the changed blood flows have an enormously positive impact on our health." Phillips and his colleagues in McMaster's Exercise Metabolism Research Group, whose laboratory includes mass spectrometers and Doppler ultrasound detectors, have found that just a small amount of moderate exercise can significantly reduce blood pressure and build muscle. Armed with insights from Phillips and other kinesiology experts, I recently went out on the trail in an attempt to "prove" the validity of hiking's transformations.

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*"The evidence is mounting that moderate cardiovascular exercise such as hiking can increase energy, slow the aging process, and improve overall cognitive function."*

possessing the Apo E4 gene does not mean symptoms will appear; and moderate exercise is proven to reduce Apo E4 levels.

Can hiking sharpen your mind? New research not only supports this claim but suggests that exercise can even grow your brain. A recently identified protein called BDNF (Brain-Derived Neurotrophic Factor) develops nerves associated with learning and memory in infants. As we age, BDNF levels tend to decrease. But the evidence is mounting that cardiovascular exercise such as hiking, by increasing BDNF levels, can boost energy, slow the aging process, and improve overall cognitive function. Harvard psychiatrist John Ratey, author of the book *Spark: The Revolutionary New Science of Exercise and the Brain*, writes: "even moderate exercise will supercharge mental circuits to beat stress, sharpen thinking, enhance memory, and much more." Boosting BDNF through exercise, Ratey continues, "encourages nerve cells to bind, which is the cellular basis for logging new information."

As the trail entered the Petun Conservation Area and we passed Osler Bluff, we began to descend the boulder-strewn Escarpment edge, overshadowed by old cedars and beech. I kept one eye on my father as we approached a muddy section of trail. "Careful here, Dad," I said, just before I slipped and fell. As my father helped me up, I remembered what another professor in McMaster's Kinesiology Department, Steven Bray, told me: "Hiking may also help older adults preserve balance, which is protective against falls and fall-related injuries."

After hiking for about half an hour, I suddenly found both my physical state and my mood transformed. Why? By stimulating the cardiovascular system, aerobic activity such as hiking delivers hormones via the bloodstream to our cells to optimize our metabolic activities. Hiking also jumpstarts our nervous system, which sends out messenger molecules known as neurotransmitters. One such neurotransmitter, serotonin, has an extremely positive impact on our mood. The billion-dollar pharmaceutical industry offers a growing number of antidepressant drugs to provide more serotonin to the brain's neurons but exercise also boosts serotonin – prescription-free.

The experts I spoke to and my research focused on physical transformations. But after our hike I realized that hiking can transform both body and mind. McMaster's Steven Bray reminded me of the World Health Organization's definition of health: "a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity." Bray continued, "what sets hiking apart from more mundane activities is that it offers many benefits that can raise one to a better level of health (according to the WHO definition) rather than just help one avoid disease and malfunction."

Maybe this is why many of us choose the Bruce Trail over the gym. Steven Bray: "To me there would be no contest between a hike for an hour or riding as hard as I can on a stationary bike on-and-off for 20 minutes. The evidence suggests that either is good, but I'm pretty sure what my preference would be." ■



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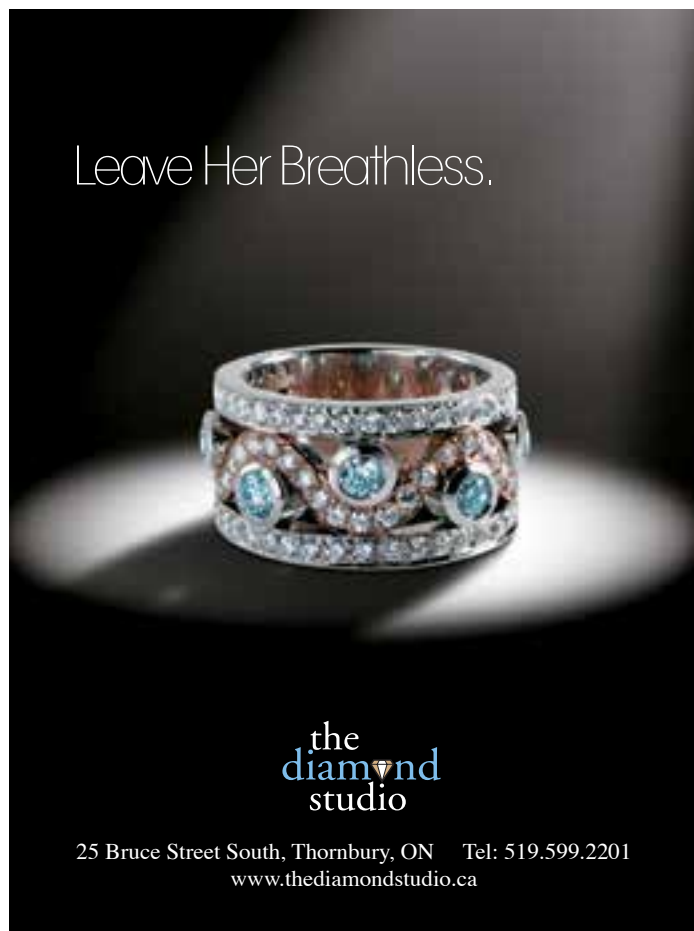
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# THE JOY OF TREMBLANT

*A father revisits the legendary Quebec mountain to schralp the turns of his youth with his young son*

By Colin Field

It was over 30 years ago that I first visited Tremblant. I have vague recollections of skiing faster than I'd ever skied in my life – all five long years of it. And I remember yelling in terrified joy with my best friend at the time. It's the first time I recall really falling in love with skiing. The freedom those skis gave me was unlike anything else; it was the beginning of a lifelong obsession.

Which means I've visited Tremblant repeatedly since. And every single visit is a blast: the Quebecois *joie de vivre* makes the après as good as the skiing itself.

*“These days, as a family man with a little boy of my own, my days of drinking until last call at Le P'Tit Caribou are over. But there's still something for me: Kids Club.”*

But when you live in the GTA, getting to Tremblant presents one major obstacle: the drive. The epic, windshield-washer-fluid-guzzling drive through winter roads, dark nights and cold temperatures. Traffic jams in Montreal and icy road conditions tend to be a major memory of a trip to Tremblant. But it's no longer necessary: Porter Airlines now eliminates this major gripe.

From downtown Toronto you can be at Tremblant in an hour. So why wouldn't you fly?

As far as eastern resorts are concerned it's tough to beat Tremblant. Situated in the Laurentian Mountain range, the quaint, scenic village retains some of its original charm, and the old-school, classic chalets can still be found at the base of the south side, the north side and even at the top of the gondola at Le Grand Manitou. Not to mention the 645 metres of vertical drop.


These days, as a family man with a little boy of my own, my days of drinking until last call at Le P'Tit Caribou are over. But there's still something for me: Kids Club. The wonderful, bilingual daycare/ski school, where you can confidently leave your kids with amazing daycare professionals and instructors.

And when the snow is good, the skiing at Tremblant is awesome. Personally I can't get enough of the tree skiing (or sous-bois as the French call it) over on the North Side, off runs like Haute Tension and Action, or CBC. Steep, hopefully deep and full of well-spaced hardwood tree-runs are tough to find in the east, but Tremblant is full of them. And they are a damn good time.

For the kids with more technical skill (and more rubbery skeletons) than myself, there are three terrain parks catering to everyone from the total newbie to the pro-level hucker.

And with 95 trails (654 acres of terrain) there are groomers galore for every level of skier. Two gondolas and a range of chairlifts help the resort move up to 27,230 skiers per hour. And the nearly four metres of annual snowfall, along with 1066 snowguns, means there's plenty of snow to go around.

If it is too cold to ski, as sometimes happens in Tremblant, there is still plenty to do. The Village has something for everyone; from La Diable Brewpub, to the Puesta Del Sol Mexican restaurant, a toy store, a movie theatre and the Aquaclub water park. There are cross-country ski trails, snowmobiling and dog-sledding operations as well. You'd be hard pressed to be bored here. And the bus system makes a daytrip into St-Jovite easy. Or head to the original Scandinave Spa (where the cold plunge pool is literally an icy river), for an afternoon of perfect tranquility. And there is free tubing every evening on St. Bernard.

I will go back to Tremblant. Because when I skied down La Passe and Nansen Bas with my son after his day of lessons, he was hooting and hollering about how fast he was going. And he was going fast for his size. And his age. And some kind of nostalgia for my own youth combined with memories of my many visits to this mountain town and filled my heart with joy. It sounds cheesy, but it's true. Tremblant just gained one more lifelong addict. We'll be back over and over again. And we'll fly there. 





Heading for the sous-bois. PHOTO COURTESY MONT TREMBLANT.

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# DARK WOODS & ROUGE RIVERS

## CANADA, EXPLORED

Ontario-born photojournalist and explorer Bruce Kirkby's lens finds extreme beauty in Canada's far-flung and precious wild spaces

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*Captions and photos by Bruce Kirkby*

### HEIGHT OF THE ROCKIES

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Set on the banks of Maiyuk Creek in Height of the Rockies Provincial Park, B.C., a teepee casts a faint glow across the burnt survivors of a forest fire. Weighing less than five pounds, and complete with a collapsible wood stove, a teepee – even during -25C snaps – is remarkably civilized. On this week-long trip, we followed the tracks of a wolverine over the pass beyond into Forsyth Creek, eventually finding signs of its kits, and a den. That such ghostlike creatures still exist amongst us – even here in the southern reaches of Canada – is a source of great hope for me.



## AXEL HEIBERG ISLAND

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Nestled in the lee of Ellesmere, in Canada's high Arctic, Axel Heiberg is the world's third-largest uninhabited island. When I joined a team trekking across Axel Heiberg in the summer of 2010, we were the only four people on an island half the size of Iceland. Along the way we passed azure lakes, thousand-foot cliffs, deep canyons with echoing whitewater, glaciers, jagged peaks, Peary caribou, wolves and muskox. We also happened upon this lovely blue stream, cutting through the sedimentary rock.







## ALSEK LAKE

A raft drifts past enormous icebergs in Alsek Lake – part of the Yukon's grand Tatshenshini/Alsek River system. Situated just 20 kilometres shy of the Pacific Ocean, in the shadow of Mount Fairweather, three immense glaciers calve into the waters of this magical, silent lake. And boats must keep their distance from the bergs, which can roll violently, and without warning, exposing the 90 percent lurking beneath the surface.





## SPAWNING BULL TROUT, CHEAKAMUS RIVER

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Found sparsely across western Canada, the legendary bull trout – migrates from deep cool lakes to the headwaters of high mountain streams each fall. When a fishery biologist in Salmo, B.C. called to say the “bulls were building redds” (or nests) I drove all night to join him, finding the shallow stream clogged with these colourful members of the char family, many the size of a baseball bat. This one fell in love with my underwater housing, and for 15 minutes returned again and again to rub against it.





## PURCELL MOUNTAINS

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After moving to the little town of Kimberley, B.C., my wife and I decided we needed to know the new neighborhood a little better. So hoisting packs, we walked out the backdoor, into the forest, and for 12 days followed game trails, logging roads, and alpine ridges to cross the Purcell Range and reach Crawford Bay on Kootenay Lake. We had our two-year-old son Bodi with us, and I took this picture on the shores of a high alpine tarn, on the third day, near the headwaters of Boulder Creek.





## DARKWOODS

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Sun rises over the mysterious Darkwoods property in B.C. Once the private domain of a German duke, this 55,000-hectare chunk of the southern Selkirk Mountains became the largest privately held conservation property in Canada in 2010 and the flagship of the Nature Conservancy of Canada. Home to threatened populations of caribou, grizzly and wolverine, Darkwoods spreads over 15 watersheds, holds over 50 alpine lakes, and rises from the shores of Kootenay Lake to peaks of 2400m.







## ROUGE NATIONAL URBAN PARK

For decades a network of grassroots volunteers has worked to protect the deeply incised valleys of the Rouge and Little Rouge Rivers, a region of extreme biodiversity hidden amid the suburbs of Metropolitan Toronto's East End. In 2012, the federal government pledged \$143 million to the creation of Canada's first national urban park. During the snowstorms of February, I spent two days hiking and camping among these last remaining stands of Carolinian forest, within sight of the downtown core. I was struck by the number of others I found using the wildlands. If the Rouge National Urban Park works, it could change our country's relationship with national parks; and at a time when 82 percent of Canadians live in urban centres, that is a sign of hope. ■

*For more of Bruce Kirkby's wild Canada, check [gb.mountainlifemag.ca](http://gb.mountainlifemag.ca)*





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# FORGOTTEN FARMS



*Rural exploration reveals a shattered but  
richly evocative mosaic of the past*

Words and photos by Michelle Ward



*It always takes a few moments for my heart to stop racing, for my breathing to steady through the respirator, and for my eyes to adjust to the dim interior light. The familiar smell of mould, dust, and decay hits my nostrils and I stand quietly for a moment to sort out my bearings... I am in.*

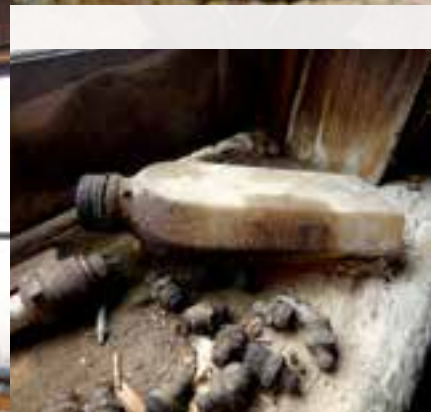
I find it fascinating to explore abandoned homes and photograph what the people who once lived there left behind. I feel compelled to gather up these moments and through the release of my shutter, preserve some of the past before it disappears.

My love for this kind of photography began when I was 17 and my father gave me his old rangefinder camera. He loved photography and we would often head out to rural locations and shoot landscapes and abandoned houses. These father/daughter outings ignited my interest and got me hooked on abandoned exploration photography.

There is sacredness about entering the realm of someone else's personal space, even if they have long since left. People leave an imprint and if you stay still long enough you can sense it and capture it in a photograph. Some homes feel good and these are often the ones I will linger in to squeeze out every last photograph that I can. Others are more precarious, and leave me feeling uneasy. It is in these spaces that I often get the sense that the final chapters written into the fabric of the home may not have been happy ones.

It often amazes me to see the items that get left behind when a home is vacated. I refer to these objects as "small," but what they reveal about the history of a place is immense. I become a storyteller by allowing my imagination to run wild using only the clues left behind, scattered around on counters, tables and floors. I let these objects speak to me and I hope that through my photographs a story of the past will emerge. There was once a rich history attached to these items and homes and my hope is that my intervention gives them new life and meaning.

The winter is my favourite time of year for this type of shooting, as it brings with it a certain kind of quiet that no other season provides. When it's -20C and the wind is whistling, I can't help but be consumed by the unanswered questions of why a place was abandoned. The silence of these moments creates a delicate space where I can draw closer to myself as an artist and begin the task of taking pictures.





There are many abandoned properties throughout this region. People always ask me how I find them. It's really just a matter of keeping your eyes open and scanning left and right as you drive down rural county roads. I never give away the addresses of the properties that I find, as I feel protective of these locations; they are a direct link to the past. Not everyone is as respectful as I am and it breaks my heart to see these places vandalized or looted. I follow a strict set of rules when exploring and my philosophy is simple: leave no trace, enter with my camera and leave only with photographs. 📷

*Michelle Ward lives in Meaford, Ontario with her husband and two sons. She is slowly amassing an image portfolio of abandoned farms and outbuildings from throughout the Blue Mountains region and hopes to one day publish a book that showcases these mysterious and beautiful properties.*

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## MICHELLE WARD'S APPROACH TO RURAL EXPLORATION:

- Always wear a respirator mask when exploring interiors.
- Obtain permission where possible.
- Only enter homes that are "open" for exploring.
- Do not disclose your locations to the general public.
- I make every attempt to not explore alone, but if I do, I make certain to inform a loved one beforehand and provide them with the location and contact them when I am done.
- Never take anything from a property or damage the space in any way.
- I know there is a risk involved in this kind of photography, so I use common sense and manage the risks, and if something looks unsafe, I assume it probably is; my gut is always right.
- Most important of all, respect these locations as places where someone once lived and loved a long time ago.



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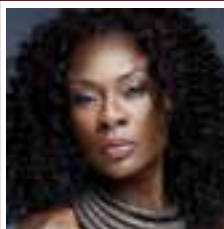
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# Green Mountain State

*Vermont leads with options for eco-conscious skiers and boarders*

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**By Tim Shuff**

When my friends and I set out to make our annual ski trip as eco-friendly as possible, our line of thinking went like this: ski travel is sort of like air conditioning. In climate change terms, burning more energy to crank the AC, travelling farther in search of good snow – these are not good long-term solutions. But short of staying home, is there such a thing as an environmentally friendly ski trip?

We decided to try Vermont. Living in Southern Ontario, we figured the Green Mountains qualify as local. And even though flying has a massive impact, the 500-kilometre flight from Toronto to Burlington, Vermont, is shorter than most – just 70 minutes on Porter Airlines' relatively fuel-efficient Bombardier Q400 turboprop. And from Burlington you can shuttle to four area resorts, making the trip completely car-free.

*Guests go home inspired to make a difference. I know that's how we felt, especially after taking in the après-ski farm-to-table scene, which Vermonters have made into something of a religion.*

When the biggest snow dump in five years arrived on the eve of our departure, cancelling our flights, it brought an unexpected bonus. Carpooling is a lot more fuel-efficient than flying. A desperate overnight road trip cut our trip's carbon emissions in half (the same effect it had on the length of our first ski day).

Fly or drive, with vertical to rival the West, three times as much natural snow as home (less energy running snow guns), and less than a fifth the travel distance of a trip to the Rockies, Vermont seemed like a good compromise.

We weren't disappointed. While ski resorts everywhere are trying to lessen their environmental footprint, those independent-minded Vermonters go the extra mile to make sustainability a way of living and doing business.

At Stowe, our first stop, we found the new Spruce Peak base development is the world's first mountain resort to earn Audubon International's Green Community Award. Our hotel, Topnotch Resort & Spa, started a program for area hotels to donate one dollar per night's stay to the Stowe Land Trust, which has preserved 3,500 acres around Stowe. From its indoor and outdoor hot tubs with bar service you can unwind and enjoy the view of the majesty you're helping to preserve.



TOP: Fresh corduroy, Smuggler's Notch. DENNIS CURRAN PHOTO.  
 BOTTOM: Powadise, Sugarbush Mountain. PHOTO COURTESY SUGARBUSH.

Down the road in the Mad River Valley it's much the same. Sugarbush is one of three Vermont resorts to join the National Ski Areas Association's voluntary Climate Challenge program, taking concrete steps to inventory and reduce its greenhouse gas emissions.

The ski industry is progressive on climate change because it's got a lot to lose. A University of New Hampshire study found that every bad snow year costs the U.S. ski industry \$800 million. During the winter of 2012, the fourth-warmest on record, skier visits were down 15 percent nationwide. All this is propelling some remarkable innovations – like Killington's recent announcement that it's powering one of its lifts with cow manure.

Smugglers' Notch, the last resort we visited, showed the most environmental leadership.

Dan Maxon, manager of the resort's environmental initiatives, spoke frankly about the downsides. For snowmaking alone they burn through two 7,000-gallon tanker trucks of diesel a week. But he was also proud of what they've accomplished – like making more snow than ever with less power.

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ABOVE: The Killington lift that runs on cow manure. BELOW: The cow. PHOTOS COURTESY KILLINGTON.



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since 1996, and has been an early adopter of everything from recycling to biodiesel and solar power. It even operates a RideShare website.

All operations are guided by an environmental policy, which includes a commitment to raising the environmental awareness of guests through programs like nature walks, moonlight snowshoe hikes and zipline tree canopy tours.

Guests go home inspired to make a difference. I know that’s how we felt, especially after taking in the après-ski farm-to-table scene, which Vermonters have made into something of a religion.

They should call it farm-to-pint-glass, too. Vermont is one of the few states where it’s legal to taste and purchase alcoholic beverages at farmer’s markets. Microbreweries and distilleries abound, with 15 craft distilleries and counting, processing everything from local sugar beets to honey and maple syrup into spirits of distinct *terroir*.


The *Boston Globe* recently named Waterbury, the town we dined in near Stowe, the “best beer town in New England,” though it might be the best in the world. Prohibition Pig, a southern-barbecue themed joint downtown, credits its source farms right on the menu. Like many of the good restaurants and inns, it’s a member of the Vermont Fresh Network, which promotes local food.

On tap are the famous beers of The Alchemist, the Waterbury brewery whose Heady Topper IPA was ranked the world’s third-best beer, and Hill Farmstead, a converted woodshed in nearby Greensboro that was recently named the best brewery in the world by *Ratebeer.com*.

If you want to buy Hill Farmstead beer outside of the few restaurants that serve it, you have to go to Greensboro, refillable growler in hand, and get in line at the tap before they sell out.

“We are part of a neo-American ideal, which is the opposite of infinite, boundless growth,” mused the cerebral brewmaster Shaun Hill in an interview with *Vanity Fair* last spring, capturing in one sentence why he doesn’t just grow his business to satiate demand, and why his product is so damned good.

Hill’s philosophy sums up the zeitgeist we encountered in restaurants and lift lines all over northern Vermont – a celebration of place and realignment of life’s priorities along the lines of: Ski, eat, drink and live.

It’s a lesson hard to quantify in tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>, but a step in the right direction, and one worth travelling for. 

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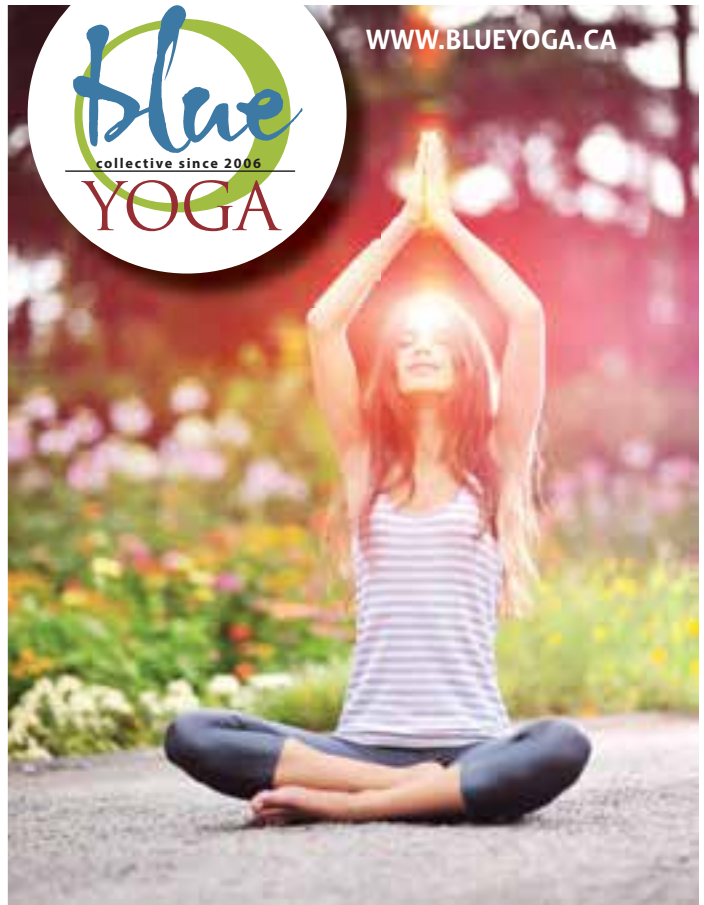


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Fall colours dot the islands in this aerial photo of Massasauga Provincial Park near Parry Sound on eastern Georgian Bay.  
ETHAN MELEG PHOTO.









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The Fall Stage at  
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Melanchthon  
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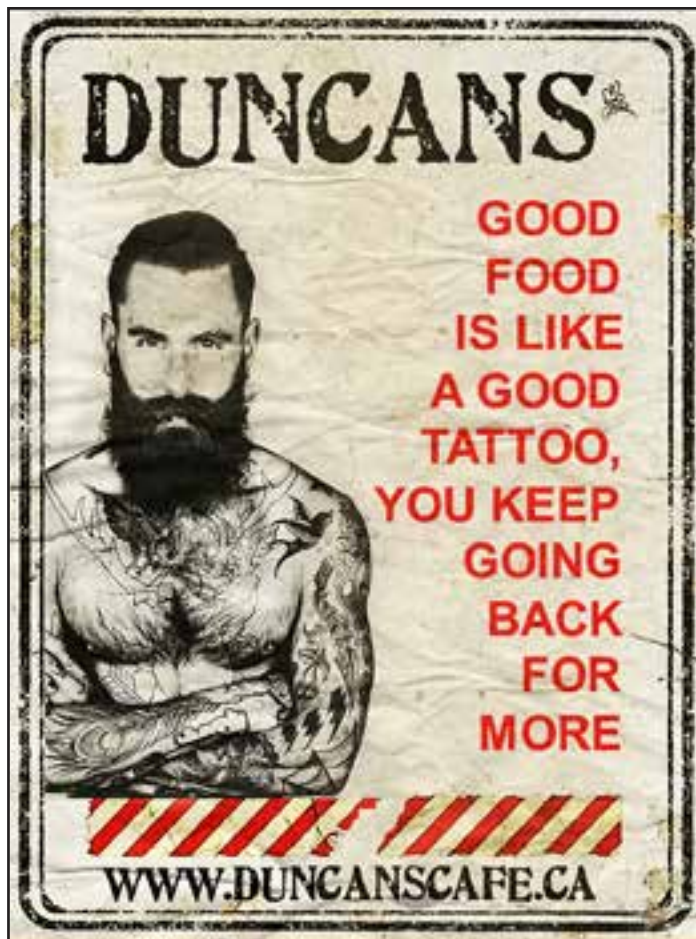
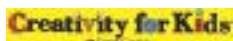
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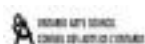
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What's the best way to take advantage of the winter? Planning and preparation. Here's our guide to some of North America's best ski/snowboard experiences so you don't waste any time this winter wondering where to ride.

## *Blue Mountain*



With 720 feet of vertical drop, more terrain and amenities than anywhere in Ontario, and a village nightlife that rivals anything Toronto can offer, Blue Mountain is Ontario's resort king. The Niagara Escarpment offers a variety of terrain and inspires dedication from riders and staff alike. With a terrain park that rivals any in the East, and 64 new acres of terrain added this year, Blue Mountain is your best chance at a mountain holiday in Ontario.

<b>RUNS</b>	42	<b>AVG SNOWFALL</b> snowmaking
<b>LIFTS</b>	11	<b>SEASON</b> Mid Dec. to late March
<b>VERTICAL DROP</b>	720 ft	<b>WEBSITE</b> <a href="http://bluemountain.ca">bluemountain.ca</a>
<b>TERRAIN</b>	364 acres	<b>PHONE</b> 1-877-445-0231

## *Le Massif*



An hour east of Quebec City, Le Massif is legendary for its East Coast powder days. The height of the Massif and its proximity to the Saint Lawrence River lead to incredible snowfall; an incomparable nine metres fell during a recent season. This is the place for Eastern pow hounds. When there's more than two feet of snow, grooming is forbidden, meaning those that run the resort are as stoked on powder as you are.

<b>RUNS</b>	52	<b>AVG SNOWFALL</b> 630 cm
<b>LIFTS</b>	3	<b>SEASON</b> Mid Dec. to late March
<b>VERTICAL DROP</b>	2,526 ft	<b>WEBSITE</b> <a href="http://lemassif.com">lemassif.com</a>
<b>TERRAIN</b>	410 acres	<b>PHONE</b> 1-877-536-2774



## Jay Peak



A legend of the east, Jay Peak has it all. Backcountry, terrain park, tree skiing and epic snowfall, there's a reason everyone heads here. The famous gondola has been a legend in the east since its inception and as the resort itself continues to grow, so too do the offerings. Add to all that the Pumphouse, the region's largest waterpark and this is a resort that will easily keep the whole family entertained.

<b>RUNS</b>	76	<b>AVG SNOWFALL</b> 907 cm
<b>LIFTS</b>	8	<b>SEASON</b> Early Dec. to mid April
<b>VERTICAL DROP</b>	2,153 ft	<b>WEBSITE</b> jaypeakresort.com
<b>TERRAIN</b>	385 acres	<b>PHONE</b> 1-800-451-4449

## Smugglers' Notch



No matter what your skill level, you'll love all the skiing and snowboarding Smuggs' three big mountains have to offer. They boast terrain for all abilities, ranging from gentle cruisers to more advanced trails, all the way to the East's only triple black-diamond trail, The Black Hole, for the most experienced skiers and snowboarders. It's nestled right in the heart of Vermont's Green Mountains, surrounded by more than 3,000 acres of pristine forest, mountain vistas, and postcard-perfect scenes just waiting for you to discover.

<b>RUNS</b>	78	<b>AVG SNOWFALL</b> 762 cm
<b>LIFTS</b>	8	<b>SEASON</b> Late November to mid-April
<b>VERTICAL DROP</b>	2,610 ft	<b>WEBSITE</b> smuggs.com
<b>TERRAIN</b>	1000+ acres	<b>PHONE</b> 1-800-6419-4615

## Stowe



Home to Burton Snowboards and Vermont's highest peak, Stowe is a mainstay of the northeastern US scene with an average snowfall of 845 cm. With a vertical drop of 3050 feet, three terrain parks and 32 lifts, this place is as big as it gets in the east. The Gondola offers a chance to hike up to the infamous Chin, a backcountry area that is big enough to justify a guide, and rad enough to offer face shots on big dumps.

<b>RUNS</b>	166	<b>AVG SNOWFALL</b> 845 cm
<b>LIFTS</b>	13	<b>SEASON</b> Mid Nov. to mid April
<b>VERTICAL DROP</b>	2,360 ft	<b>WEBSITE</b> stowe.com
<b>TERRAIN</b>	485 acres	<b>PHONE</b> 1-800-253-4754

## Mont-Sainte-Anne



Only 30 minutes from Quebec City, the ski slopes rise up from the shores of the Saint Lawrence River. Mont-Sainte-Anne boasts an impressive trail network across three sides of the mountain. Renowned for impeccable snow conditions and host of many World Cup events, the skiable terrain includes 66 trails and three snow parks. After sundown, 17 trails remain floodlit and offer the highest vertical drop for night skiing in Canada. Non-alpine activities for the whole family include cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, paragliding and dogsledding.

<b>RUNS</b>	67 day/19 night	<b>AVG SNOWFALL</b> 518 cm
<b>LIFTS</b>	11	<b>SEASON</b> Mid-Nov. to end of April
<b>VERTICAL DROP</b>	2,050 ft	<b>WEBSITE</b> mont-sainte-anne.com
<b>TERRAIN</b>	526 acres	<b>PHONE</b> 1-888.827-4579

## Mont Tremblant



A gem of the Laurentians, a visit to Tremblant is a rite of passage for the eastern skier/snowboarder. The ever-expanding village has a lovely feel to it during the day and an epic joie-de-vivre feel at night. If you can't have a good time here at night, then you may just be an uptight a-hole. Of course, what everyone is really here for is the skiing. And the mountain is awesome. With a vertical drop of 2116 feet it feels like an actual mountain, not just a glorified hill.

<b>RUNS</b>	95	<b>AVG SNOWFALL</b> 382 cm
<b>LIFTS</b>	9	<b>SEASON</b> Mid-Nov. to mid April
<b>VERTICAL DROP</b>	2,216 ft	<b>WEBSITE</b> tremblant.ca
<b>TERRAIN</b>	630 acres	<b>PHONE</b> 1-866-356-2233

## Stoneham



Roughly twenty minutes from downtown Québec City, local and visiting skiers and snowboarders can enjoy themselves in the 39 trails, the Olympic halfpipe, and four snow parks – including a 17-foot wall superpipe, a wall ride, plus many rails and obstacles – spread across three mountains. Offering one of the largest night-skiing spreads in the country, Stoneham is also renowned for the vibrant atmosphere of the Bar Le Quatre-Foyers and the delicious fare served at the Feu-Follet Restaurant. The perfect combination: easy access, epic riding, and fabulous après-ski.

<b>RUNS</b>	39 day/19 night	<b>AVG SNOWFALL</b> 392 cm
<b>LIFTS</b>	7	<b>SEASON</b> End of Nov. to early April
<b>VERTICAL DROP</b>	1,380 ft	<b>WEBSITE</b> ski-stoneham.com
<b>TERRAIN</b>	326 acres	<b>PHONE</b> 1-800-463-6888

## Kimberley



Kimberley is known for light fluffy snow, short lift lines, and an abundance of sunny days – BC's sunniest ski resort. Skiers and riders of all abilities will find fun and excitement with rolling, groomed runs dispersed throughout North America's largest gladed terrain, featuring the Black Forest, where powder stashes last for weeks. With a unique Bavarian-themed downtown and a grand assortment of on-mountain and ski-in/ski-out accommodation, including Trickle Creek Lodge located directly at the main lift base, the hardest decision is just when to visit.

<b>RUNS</b>	80	<b>AVG SNOWFALL</b> 500 cm
<b>LIFTS</b>	5	<b>SEASON</b> Early Dec. to mid April
<b>VERTICAL DROP</b>	2,465 ft	<b>WEBSITE</b> skikimberley.com
<b>TERRAIN</b>	1,800 acres	<b>PHONE</b> 1-800-258-7669

## Whitewater



If you're searching for winter's soul, and an authentic vacation destination, there is a place. Located along the Powder Highway, Whitewater boasts a dry snowfall that totals over 12 metres a season. Combine that with world-renowned food and the new Glory Ridge chair that nearly doubles the terrain, Whitewater offers the truest mountain skiing experience. The resort is just a 15-minute drive from Nelson, B.C., a city that features over 40 restaurants, an abundance of accommodations, hot springs, cat and heli-skiing. Whitewater is pure, simple and real ... DEEP.

<b>RUNS</b>	76	<b>AVG SNOWFALL</b> 1,200 cm
<b>LIFTS</b>	3+	<b>SEASON</b> Early December to April
<b>VERTICAL DROP</b>	2,044 ft	<b>WEBSITE</b> skiwhitewater.com
<b>TERRAIN</b>	1,184 acres	<b>PHONE</b> 1-800-666-9420



## Fernie



Blessed with the ideal mix of elevation and temperatures, south-eastern BC's Fernie gets an average of 29 feet of snow each year. Fernie boasts 107 marked runs, but the big reason to return year after year is to experience the 5 huge bowls. This one-of-a-kind mountain gives riders of all ages and skill levels the chance to criss-cross the face carving a path completely their own. More experienced skiers and snowboarders can ride the spines and choose their chutes. Fernie was recently named in the Top 25 Ski Towns in the World by National Geographic.

<b>RUNS</b>	145	<b>AVG SNOWFALL</b> up to 1,100 cm
<b>LIFTS</b>	10	<b>SEASON</b> Early Dec. to mid-April
<b>VERTICAL DROP</b>	3,550 ft	<b>WEBSITE</b> skifernie.com
<b>TERRAIN</b>	2,504 acres	<b>PHONE</b> 1-877-333-2339

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<b>LOCATION</b>	Terrace, BC
<b>TENURE SIZE</b>	1.8 million acres
<b>WEBSITE</b>	neheliski.com
<b>PHONE</b>	1-866-619-3184

## Kicking Horse



Nestled between the Rocky, Selkirk and Purcell Mountains, Kicking Horse is the Champagne Powder Capital of Canada. Whitewall, Feuz Bowl, and the new Superbowl are the places to be for advanced skiers on a powder day, and all the chutes tend to get twice as much snow as forecasted. For intermediate and beginner skiers, the Pioneer Chair has many "secret stashes" of powder for days after a dump. You will often see many locals riding the original double chair, as they know the lower mountain has amazing glades and tree skiing, as well as many groomers.

<b>RUNS</b>	128	<b>AVG SNOWFALL</b> 762 cm
<b>LIFTS</b>	6	<b>SEASON</b> Mid Dec. to mid April
<b>VERTICAL DROP</b>	4,133 ft	<b>WEBSITE</b> kickinghorseresort.com
<b>TERRAIN</b>	2,825 acres	<b>PHONE</b> 1-866-ski-kick

## Big White



If you're after fantastic snow, don't look any further than Big White. The Big White Village is the highest base area in BC, sitting at 5706 feet. With lifts that will take you a further 7606 feet, this can only lead to one thing: lots and lots of fluffy white snow. And with an average snowfall of 750 cm, Big White definitely lives up to its name. The village itself is ski-in, ski-out, and offers 118 runs with everything from Alpine bowls to amazing tree skiing. Known as a family resort, Big White also has amenities for kids of all ages.

<b>RUNS</b>	118	<b>AVG SNOWFALL</b> 750 cm
<b>LIFTS</b>	16	<b>SEASON</b> Early Dec. to mid April
<b>VERTICAL DROP</b>	2,550 ft	<b>WEBSITE</b> bigwhite.com
<b>TERRAIN</b>	3,358 acres	<b>PHONE</b> 1-250-765-3101

## Selkirk-Tangiers Heli Skiing



With three decades of experience and over half-a-million acres of terrain, Selkirk-Tangiers attracts skiers and snowboarders from around the world. Based out of Revelstoke, Selkirk-Tangiers offers some of the longest, thigh-burning runs ever. With week-long packages and day skiing, the famed Charity Glacier run offers over 6000 feet of vertical. Based in the Selkirk and Monashee mountain ranges, Selkirk-Tangiers offers everything from high-alpine bowls to glaciers and sub-alpine, gladed tree-skiing. Accommodation is out of a local hotel in Revelstoke making it the perfect place to check out both Revelstoke and heli-skiing on the same trip.

<b>LOCATION</b>	Revelstoke, B.C.
<b>TENURE SIZE</b>	500,000 acres
<b>WEBSITE</b>	<a href="http://selkirk-tangiers.com">selkirk-tangiers.com</a>
<b>PHONE</b>	1-800-663-7080

## Panorama Mountain Village



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<b>RUNS</b>	120	<b>AVG SNOWFALL</b>	479 cm
<b>LIFTS</b>	9	<b>SEASON</b>	Early December to April
<b>VERTICAL DROP</b>	4,000 ft	<b>WEBSITE</b>	<a href="http://panoramaresort.com">panoramaresort.com</a>
<b>TERRAIN</b>	2,847 acres	<b>PHONE</b>	1-800-663-2929

## Red Mountain



DAVE HEATH PHOTO

Red Mountain in Rossland is the ultimate ski destination on BC's Powder Highway. With two peaks to explore, 1,685 skiable acres inbounds, and over 25 feet of snowfall per year, it's no wonder The New York Times rated Red "Top 3". Red's sidecountry adds 2,500 more acres of gladed ski terrain with easy access. Red's lodging offers the finest ski-in/ski-out value and a perfect opportunity to unwind. 88 runs, countless gladed powder stashes, 2,919 feet of vertical, and easy-access backcountry mean Red has something for every skier or snowboarder – without the crowds.

<b>RUNS</b>	88	<b>AVG SNOWFALL</b>	750 cm
<b>LIFTS</b>	6	<b>SEASON</b>	Early December to April
<b>VERTICAL DROP</b>	2,291 ft	<b>WEBSITE</b>	<a href="http://redresort.com">redresort.com</a>
<b>TERRAIN</b>	1,685 acres	<b>PHONE</b>	1-250-362-7384

## Island Lake Lodge



MIKE MCPHEE PHOTO

Amongst skiers and snowboarders in the know, Island Lake Lodge is legendary and the chance to ride here is the gift of a lifetime. With nearly limitless terrain, the people here know where the best snow is and they know how to get you there. This cat-ski operation is a luxury resort if ever there was one. The guides are as passionate about riding great snow as you are, so they don't mess around. And with incredible alpine bowls, unreal tree skiing and world-class cuisine there is nothing about Island Lake Lodge that isn't awesome.

<b>LOCATION</b>	Fernie, B.C.
<b>TENURE SIZE</b>	7000 acres
<b>WEBSITE</b>	<a href="http://islandlakeresorts.com">islandlakeresorts.com</a>
<b>PHONE</b>	1-888-422-8754



## Sun Peaks



ADAM STEIN PHOTO

The resort offers surprising diversity across its three mountains. Gladed areas. Bumps. Steeps. Long cruisers. Alpine bowls. Progressive park. It's all here. Situated right in the heart of the Okanagan, Sun Peaks offers the highest runs in the region and the most terrain. With lots of intermediate runs, and virtually no traverses it's possible to ride the whole mountain in one day. With tons of great tree-skiing, groomers and an easily accessible backcountry, Sun Peaks has it all. Includes a quaint pedestrian village for all your après needs.

<b>RUNS</b>	122	<b>AVG SNOWFALL</b> 559 cm
<b>LIFTS</b>	6	<b>SEASON</b> Late Nov. to mid April
<b>VERTICAL DROP</b>	2,891 ft	<b>WEBSITE</b> sunpeaksresort.com
<b>TERRAIN</b>	3,678 acres	<b>PHONE</b> 1-800-807-3257

## Revelstoke



ROYCE SIHLIS PHOTO

With the longest vertical in North America (5620 feet), Revelstoke has a lot to boast about. Tons of terrain and a consistent pitch from top to bottom – and up to 18 metres of snow yearly – make this one of BC's most exciting new resorts. With ski-in, ski-out style lodging, lift, cat and heli skiing options and a growing après scene, there's a reason skiers and snowboarders from around the world are descending on this small mountain town. Find out for yourself why everyone is stoked on the Stoke.

<b>RUNS</b>	54	<b>AVG SNOWFALL</b> 1,500 cm
<b>LIFTS</b>	3 + gondola	<b>SEASON</b> Early Dec. to mid April
<b>VERTICAL DROP</b>	5,620 ft	<b>SITE</b> revelstokemountainresort.com
<b>TERRAIN</b>	3,032 acres	<b>PHONE</b> 1-866-373-4754

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<b>LOCATION</b>	Panorama Village
<b>TENURE SIZE</b>	370,658 acres
<b>WEBSITE</b>	rkheliski.com
<b>PHONE</b>	1-800-661-6060

## Mica Heliskiing



DAMIEN CROMWELL PHOTO

The Mica Heli lodge is accessible by helicopter only, so you and the 16 other guests are not only guaranteed an intimate lodging experience, you're guaranteed fresh tracks. Their nearly limitless terrain features pillow lines in an area that receives nearly 20 metres of snow annually. The lodge features gourmet food to soothe those aching muscles after the best runs of your life. With a four-to-one skier-to-guide ratio, if you're looking for an exclusive heli experience, Mica is sure to fit the bill.

<b>LOCATION</b>	Revelstoke, BC
<b>TENURE SIZE</b>	1,000,000 acres
<b>WEBSITE</b>	micaheli.com
<b>PHONE</b>	1-877-837-6191

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<b>RUNS</b>	115 + glades	<b>AVG SNOWFALL</b> 700+ cm
<b>LIFTS</b>	12	<b>SEASON</b> Early Dec. to late April
<b>VERTICAL DROP</b>	2,500 ft	<b>WEBSITE</b> skisilverstar.com
<b>TERRAIN</b>	3,065 acres	<b>PHONE</b> 1-800-663-4431

## BIG 3: Banff, Lake Louise, Sunshine



MALCOLM CARMICHAEL PHOTO

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<b>RUNS</b>	122	<b>AVG SNOWFALL</b> 900 cm
<b>LIFTS</b>	26	<b>SEASON</b> Mid Nov. to late May
<b>VERT. DROP</b>	1,650/3,250/3514 ft	<b>WEBSITE</b> skibig3.com
<b>TERRAIN</b>	Almost 8,000 acres	<b>PHONE</b> 1-403-762-4754

## Whistler Blackcomb



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<b>RUNS</b>	over 200	<b>AVG SNOWFALL</b> 1,192 cm
<b>LIFTS</b>	39	<b>SEASON</b> November to late April
<b>VERTICAL DROP</b>	5,020/5,280 ft	<b>WEBSITE</b> whistlerblackcomb.com
<b>TERRAIN</b>	8,171 acres	<b>PHONE</b> 1-800-766-0449

## Jackson Hole



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<b>RUNS</b>	116	<b>AVG SNOWFALL</b> 1,166 cm
<b>LIFTS</b>	11	<b>SEASON</b> Late Nov. to early April
<b>VERTICAL DROP</b>	4,139 ft	<b>WEBSITE</b> jacksonhole.com
<b>TERRAIN</b>	2,500 acres	<b>PHONE</b> 1-307-733-2292



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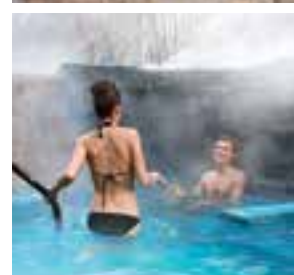
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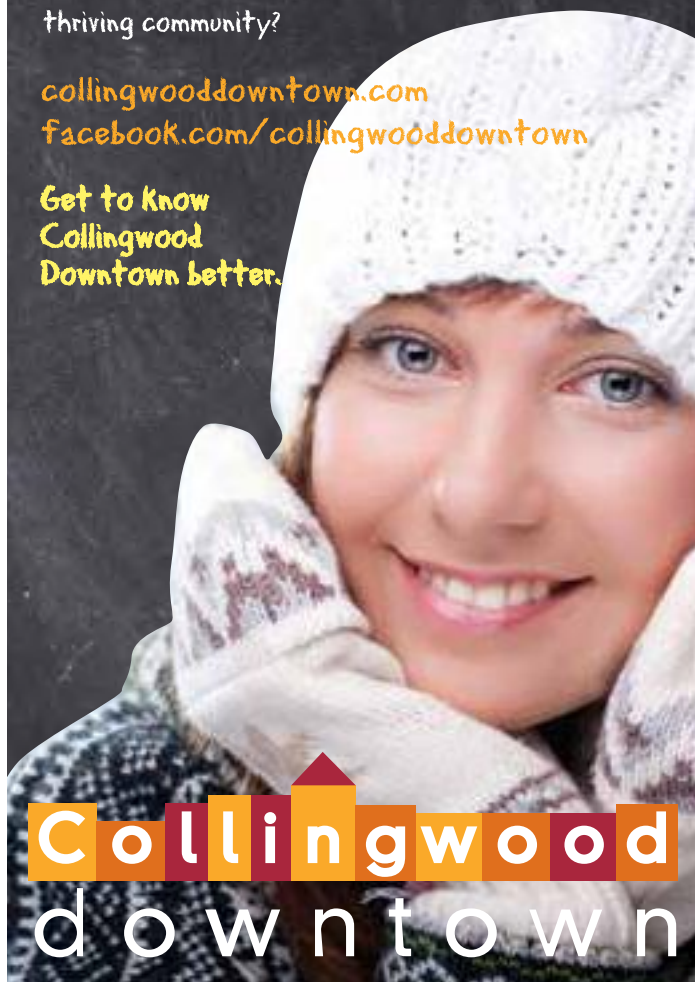
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Kathryn and Chrystle, Teva Canada (tevaonline.ca)

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# A SENSE OF PROMISE

*These days, the chill of autumn brings a new sense of promise.*

*Which board will I ride? Which runs will my little girl master this year?*

*An autumn day hike turns sinister when two inexperienced hikers lose the trail as night falls*

**Text and photo by Allison Kennedy Davies**

Having grown up in a tourist town, my entire life has revolved around the changing weather and the changing reality that accompanies it. I could never live in a country that didn't have four distinct seasons.

As a teenager in Sauble Beach, the end of summer was marked with sadness. All of our cool-kid city friends went home, our summer crushes came to an abrupt end and our world grew much smaller – shrinking to the two hallways of my rural high school.

Winter was admittedly dreary. We cross-country-skied, we went boozogganning, and when we were extremely lucky we got to board the yellow school bus bound for the annual Blue Mountain ski trip.

I remember those first few trips, and I remember the new reality we were introduced to. We quickly learned that there was someplace cool within our reach, someplace that had all the promise and excitement of our summer months:

The ski resort at Blue Mountain.


This introduction to the world of skiing (snowboarding was *just* being allowed on the hill) was the beginning of a new world for me. I still remember my first time snowboarding at Blue. I was wearing steel-toed Sorel boots, with RC power straps to help the inevitable heel lift such work boots provide. Decked out in a plaid flannel coat – belonging to my then boyfriend (and current husband) – I did my best to get down Happy Valley unscathed.

Times have changed since then. With the ski and snowboard industry now a significant part of my life, fall has become a season of excitement, anticipation and planning. Fall is all about positioning, about getting settled and finding the perfect job in the perfect ski town.

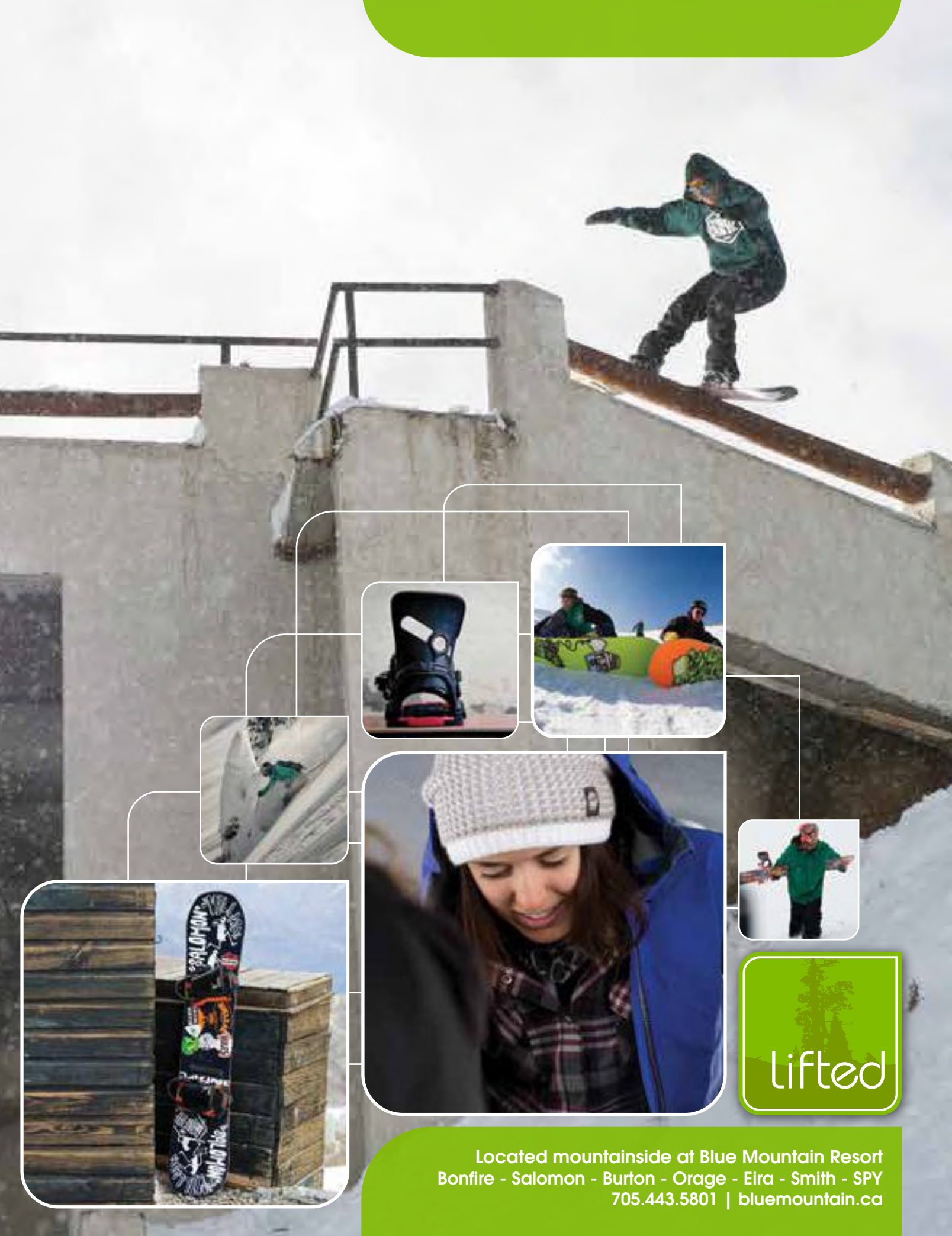
The quest to put myself in the ideal spot for opening day has landed me in some strange circumstances. Why else would anyone live in a tent at the base of the Squamish Chief for three weeks during the rainiest month of the year? There is *no* logical reason... unless you're

trying to land a job at Blackcomb. Using a fake Vancouver address and showering in hockey locker rooms for job interviews, the experience positioned me for an epic BC winter. There were many more autumns spent that way, setting up a base camp and laying the groundwork for an epic winter season, be it in Whistler, Fernie or Collingwood.

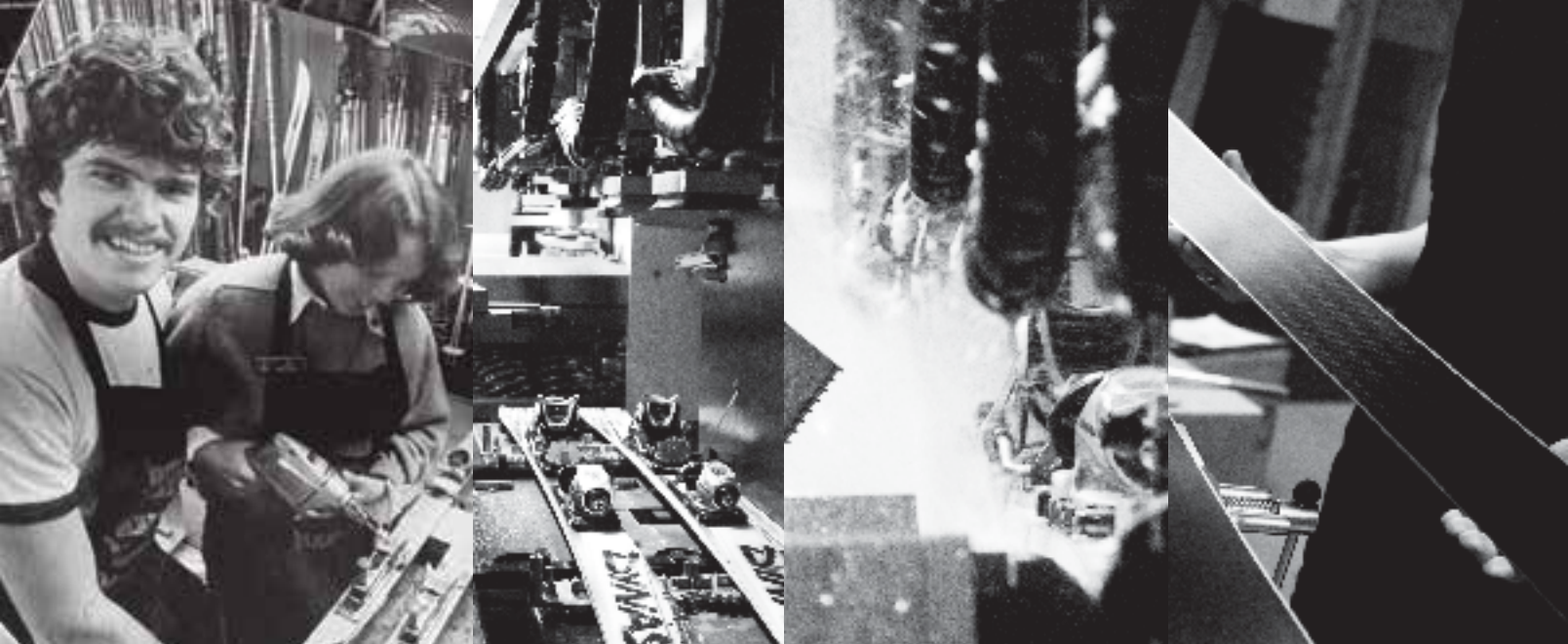
Now settled permanently in Meaford, when the summer winds down, I find myself digging out my Burton hoodie with a smile on my face. I enjoy spring, summer and fall but admittedly, I love winter. These days, the chill of autumn brings a new sense of promise. Which board will I ride? Which runs will my little girl master this year? How many days can I squeeze in before spring?

So this autumn, while you enjoy the crisp fall weather, remember to do whatever it takes to set yourself up for the best winter yet. Whether that's buying new gear, finding a new winter home, or simply picking up your new ski pass, your winter adventure awaits. 





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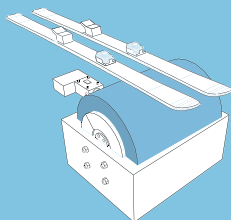
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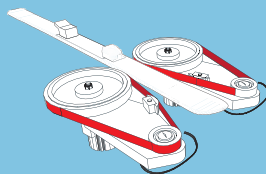


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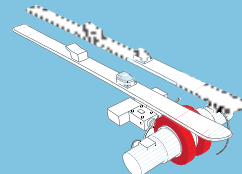
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