

Avalanche Terrain Exposure Scale

Backcountry

Simple — Class 1

Exposure to low angle or primarily forested terrain. Some forest openings may involve the runout zones of infrequent avalanches. Many options to reduce or eliminate exposure. No glacier travel.

Chester Lake Trail
Fox Creek
Hwy. # 40 to Elpoca
Black Prince Cirque Interp. Trail

Marushka Lake
Valleyview Trail
Rummel Lake
Skogan Pass

Upper Lake Circuit
Watridge Lake
Rawson Trail to Lake
Marl Lake

Sawmill Trails
Karst Springs Trail

Challenging — Class 2

Exposure to well-defined avalanche paths, starting zones or terrain traps; options exist to reduce or eliminate exposure with careful routefinding. Glacier travel is straightforward but crevasse hazards may exist.

Aster Lake (Winter Route)
Birdwood Pass
Black Prince Telemark Slopes
Buller Pass
Burstall Pass
Burstall Pass Common-

wealth Circuit
Hidden lake
Commonwealth Ridge
Dog Leg Slide Path
French Creek to
Toe of Glacier

Gypsum Quarry
Haig Glacier
Headwall Creek to First Lake
West Wind Pass
Mount Allan
Elbow Lake (To Lake)

Highwood Ridge
King Creek
Pocaterra Ridge
Ptarmigan Cirque
Rummel Pass
Smuts Fist Col

Smuts Pass
Snow Peak
Superslope
Arethusa Cirque
Three Isle Lake
Tryst Lake

Shark Trees
Storell Slopes

Complex — Class 3

Exposure to multiple overlapping avalanche paths or large expanses of steep, open terrain; multiple avalanche starting zones and terrain traps below; minimal options to reduce exposure. Complicated glacier travel with extensive crevasse bands or icefalls.

Beatty Glacier
French Glacier
Marushka Valley to Fist / Smuts Col
Mount James Walker
Murray Creek

Mount Joffre
Mount Nestor
North Over Glacier to Aster Lake
Old Goat Glacier
Tent Ridge

Rae Glacier
Robertson Glacier
Spray Range Traverse
Fortress Mountain

Commonwealth Lake Circuit
Canmore Couloir
Heros Knob
Mount Sparrowhawk