

**WHISTLER OLYMPIC PARK AND CALLAGHAN COUNTRY
ANNOUNCE SEASON PASS PRICING:**

Pass discounts and the return of the Tri-Area pass offer value to Nordic skiers

WHISTLER, BC – Callaghan Country Wilderness Adventures and Whistler Olympic Park (WOP) have unveiled the details of their season pass campaign and as in previous years, skiers will be able to enjoy both trail networks in the Callaghan Valley with the purchase of a single season pass. Pass prices have been discounted by 25% from last season. The early bird price for a Callaghan Valley season pass is \$169 for adults (19+), \$102 for youth (13 – 18), \$85 for children (6 – 12) and \$338 for families. Skiers wishing to ski at Lost Lake Park as well can do so by purchasing a Tri-Area pass, providing access to more than 100 kilometers of cross country ski trails at all three areas. Also discounted this season, the early bird price for a Tri-Area pass is \$299 for adults, \$179 for youth, \$150 for children and \$598 for families. Callaghan Valley passes are available from Callaghan Country and WOP; tri-area passes are available from all three ski areas. Early bird passes are on sale beginning Monday, October 5 through Saturday, December 5.

“The excitement is building as we get closer to welcoming the world next February and March for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games,” says John Aalberg, VANOC’s General Manager of Whistler Olympic Park. “We’ve had to make some modifications to our operation due to Games preparations and delivery, but we believe the pass prices this year offer great value and we hope that skiers will join us for what promises to be a fantastic season.”

About 30 kilometers of the WOP trail system and all of Callaghan Country’s 42 km of trails will be open, giving skiers access to more than 70 kilometers of groomed cross country ski trails along with more than ten kilometers of snowshoe trails. The WOP Olympic competition area, including day lodge, main entrance road and parking lots, Olympic competition trails, and biathlon and ski jumping facilities will not be open to the public this winter. Access to all of the Callaghan Valley’s recreational trails will be via the Callaghan Country base where skier services such as lessons, rentals, tours, a warming hut and full-service ski shop will also be available, provided by the team at Cross Country Connection.

Opening Day is scheduled for Saturday, November 21st but trails will open earlier if weather permits. Public skiing will continue until January 31, 2010 and will resume again on March 1. The final day of skiing at Whistler Olympic Park will be April 18 with the Callaghan Country trails

staying open until May 2, 2010, weather permitting. Callaghan Country's ski in (12.5 km) Nordic facility, Callaghan Lodge, will be open right through the winter, including the month of February, making it possible for overnight guests to enjoy the upper valley trail system and backcountry terrain throughout the Olympic period. Callaghan Country will also be offering a daily on-snow shuttle service from the lodge from February 12 – 28, 2010 enabling Nordic event ticket holders to stay overnight at Callaghan Lodge.

For more information on the 2009-2010 Callaghan Valley Nordic experience or to purchase a season pass, please visit www.callaghancountry.com or www.whistlerolympicpark.com.

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