

## **DRIVING TO MOUNT CAIN**

### **BEFORE TRAVELING**

- For Mount Cain road updates, call Mount Cain snow phone (250-949-7669)
- For local weather report, click on <http://www.theweathernetwork.com/weather/CABC0227>

### **GETTING TO MOUNT CAIN**

<b>From/To</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Approximate Driving Time</b>
Nanaimo to Campbell River	153 km	1.5 hours on Inland Hwy
Campbell River to Sayward	73 km	45 minutes
Sayward to Mt. Cain turnoff	75 km	45 minutes
Highway turnoff to Mt Cain	16 km on gravel road	30 minutes

When traveling from the south and see the Highways sign saying "Woss 14 km" you are then about 6 km south of the Mount Cain turnoff. Next watch for the blue sign: "Mt. Cain Ski Area."

Mount Cain's unpaved turnoff road is on the west side of the road, and is about 200 meters north of the "Mt. Cain Ski Area" sign.

### **ARRIVING ON FRIDAYS**

On the first Friday of Christmas break and on every Friday after January 1st, drive up the Mt Cain road **AFTER 3:00 p.m.** Each week's accumulated snow covers the road such that the road is often not passable, even with chains. Sometimes you cannot even see the road until the snow is cleared. MCAPS equipment operators need to clear snow from the road and parking lot without the hazard of sharing the road with private vehicles.

### **SAFE DRIVING ON THE MOUNT CAIN ROAD**

Drive with HEADLIGHTS ON at all times.

Drive SLOWLY at blind corners and single lane sections, which is most of the road.

When meeting other vehicles, the vehicle climbing the hill to Mount Cain has right of way.

The vehicle descending the mountain and traveling to the highway must STOP and move out of the way and to the right.

On any day when the ski hill is open,

- Uphill/climbing traffic only from dawn until 1:00 p.m.
- Downhill/descending traffic only from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### **CHAINS ARE MANDATORY**

**Chains that fit, Chains that you know how to use, Chains that you intend to use**

Chains are mandatory for going both up and down the access road.

Make sure your chains are the right size for your vehicle, are in good repair, you know how to install them, and you are READY to install them. Actually putting tire-chains ON the tires is often REQUIRED FOR ALL VEHICLES, including 4x4's with good snow tires. Unprepared drivers put other drivers and their passengers at risk.

TOWING SERVICE IS NOT AVAILABLE.

Heed this important safety message: **Chains are mandatory.**

When road conditions are poor, all vehicles will be stopped and checked for correctly fitting chains, and vehicles without chains will be denied access.

### **BUNGEEES, and a SHOVEL**

Use two strong, short bungee cords at each tire to tighten the chains. Also, carry a shovel. Mount Cain often receives 2 to 5 feet of snow overnight, and you will need to dig your own car out of the snow. Needing a shovel on the Mount Cain road is also always a possibility.