

# westcoastweekend

## Ripping a fresh trail



**WEST COAST OUTDOORS**  
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**T**he Coastal Mountain Range just north of Squamish is some of the most breathtaking terrain anywhere in the world. Discovering this vast area with friends by snowmobile is always an epic adventure filled with amazing views and deep powder snow.

This past weekend, a few friends and I discovered a new area called High Falls, which lies up the Squamish Valley Road. Just driving into this area feels like you are miles away from the big city. After unloading our machines, we snaked up the steep logging roads and crossed several creeks over massive snow bridges before finding ourselves in a deep gorge with mountains all around — it was incredible.

Continuing on through the narrow gorge, it slowly opened up to reveal several huge bowls the size of Whistler/Blackcomb. There



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVE NORONA

Dave enjoys the fresh powder in High Falls, just north of Squamish.

was also untouched one metre-deep powder snow in every direction. It was time to play!

Our sleds floated effortlessly through the powder as we guided them up and down the undulating hillsides. Every few seconds you and your sled would become fully engulfed in powder, which is the best feeling in the world.

After ripping around for hours, we found a nice open spot, shut off our machines and enjoyed a well-deserved lunch. The afternoon sun warmed our

bodies as we fuelled up and enjoyed the spectacular scenery at nearly 2,000 metres (altitude).

Dave has travelled the world to challenge some of its toughest races. He has raced in over 400 events throughout his career, and hopes his passion will excite you to get involved in your own wild adventures. Visit [www.noronalife.com](http://www.noronalife.com) for more info.

### Super Dave fact

- » Check out the Vancouver International Auto Show this weekend at B.C. Place Stadium.
- » [www.vancouverinternationalautoshow.com](http://www.vancouverinternationalautoshow.com)

### » gear guide

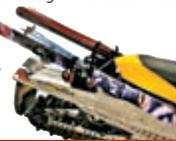
#### BACKCOUNTRY ACCESS TRACKER DTS TRANSCIEVER

**Description:** BCA's DTS transceiver is a must for anyone who wants to explore backcountry and is easy to understand and use — very important if someone is buried. **Price:** \$315 **Where to find it:** [www.backcountryaccess.com](http://www.backcountryaccess.com).



#### CFR SKI RACK

**Description:** Leave the crowds behind using the Cheetah Factory Racing Ski rack and your sled to get in the backcountry. Carries two pairs of skis or two snowboards. **Price:** \$450 **Where to find it:** [www.cheetahfactoryracing.com](http://www.cheetahfactoryracing.com)



## Going Out Friday



### clubs

**9 P.M.** Stereotype: DJs Steve Angello and Sebastian In-grosso play electro and house music. At Celebrities Night Club, 1022 Davie St. Tix: \$35. Info: [blueprint-events.ca](http://blueprint-events.ca).

**9 P.M.** Exotic Night: Sexy dress code with DJs Sherry Friesen, Takin K and Stagger playing sexy house and top-40 music. At Canvas Lounge, 99 Powell St. Tix: \$15. Info: [clubzone.com/events](http://clubzone.com/events).

**9:30 P.M.** Envy Fridays: DJs Rory Quigley, Rolo, and Sean Gallagher playing electro music. At Crush

Champagne Lounge, 1180 Granville St. Info: [crushlounge.ca](http://crushlounge.ca).

**10 P.M.** Sound of Fashion: A B.C. Fashion Week after party, with DJs Kit Kat and Siavash Ashrafinia playing house and dance music. At the Chinese Cultural Centre, 50 E. Pender St. Tix: \$35. Info: 604-658-8850.



**8 P.M.** Legendary violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter returns to Vancouver after a 19-year absence, playing Beethoven's Violin Concerto. At the Orpheum Theatre, 884 Granville St. Tix: \$39.50 and up. Info: [vancouver-symphony.ca](http://vancouver-symphony.ca).

## Going Out Saturday



### clubs

**9 P.M.** Big Up Three-Year Anniversary, Peace Magazine Anniversary Party: With DJs Eleven, A-Trak, Jam, Kid Capri, and others playing hip hop and old school classics. At Plush Nightclub, 750 Pacific Blvd. Tix: \$15. Info: [gmanandrizk.com](http://gmanandrizk.com).

**9:30 P.M.** TV Rock vs. Hook N Sling: Two DJs battle it out, playing funky and vocal electro house music. At Fabric, 66 Water St.

Tix: \$30. Info: [clubzone.com/events](http://clubzone.com/events).



### theatre

**7:30 P.M.** Brave New Play Rites: A festival of 19 UBC creative writing and theatre students. At Dorothy Somerset Studio Theatre, 6361 University Blvd., Tix: \$5-10. Info: [bravenew.ca](http://bravenew.ca).

**8 P.M.** Tesla, An Evening With Genius: on electronic-world hero Nikola Tesla. At Vancouver East Cultural Centre, 1895 Venables St. Tix: \$20-26. Info: [vecc.bc.ca](http://vecc.bc.ca).

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