

splendour IN THE **WOODS**

Nicola Way shussed through some of B.C.'s popular ski resorts to track down a sample of homes built for the ultimate comfort in winter living.

1 REVELSTOKE

1416 - 2950 Camozzi Road,
Revelstoke Mountain Resort

Two-bedroom, two-bath-
room condo

LIST PRICE: \$819,000

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A few new ski tricks on your mind? With 12 to 18 metres of powder a year, the longest vertical descent in North America and lift, cat and heli skiing – the only mountain to offer all three – Revelstoke can help you check them off the list. This spacious, fully furnished condo at Revelstoke Mountain Resort is located in Nelsen Lodge 1. Not only in a prime ski in/ski out location, this home luxuriates in Miele stainless steel appliances, king beds (with sumptuous bedding), soaker tub and separate shower in the master bathroom with Kohler fixtures and radiant heating, iPod-docking stations, gas fireplace, high-speed Internet and large patio decks to enjoy the expansive snowy views. Access to a managed rental pool converts your time away into potential revenue.

These listings were compiled by Nicola Way of
BestHomesBC.com and AssignmentsCanada.ca

2 BIG WHITE

7 - 5088 Snowbird Way,
Big White Ski Resort

Four-bedroom, five-bathroom
chalet

LIST PRICE: \$2,500,000

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riff at Sólido Developments.
Phone: 250-763-8397

With an awe-inspiring 1,000-square-foot main window complemented by a butterfly-style roofline, this unique four-storey slopeside property allows for unobstructed mountain views. It also boasts a bespoke waterfall and wine cellar and is serviced by its own elevator to each of the main floors. The home in The Edge development is geothermally heated with an interior design full of natural materials such as wood, glass, rock and steel. Consistent with the eco-friendly theme, the master bathroom features a chromatherapy steam shower and continuous fresh air circulation. Awards for Big White Ski Resort – including North America's No. 1 family resort – run as deep as the stash of snow (annual average 7.3 metres). The newly opened six-passenger chairlift – the longest in Canada – transports visitors to the crisp champagne powder allowing skiers and boarders alike to drop some serious turns.

3 WHISTLER

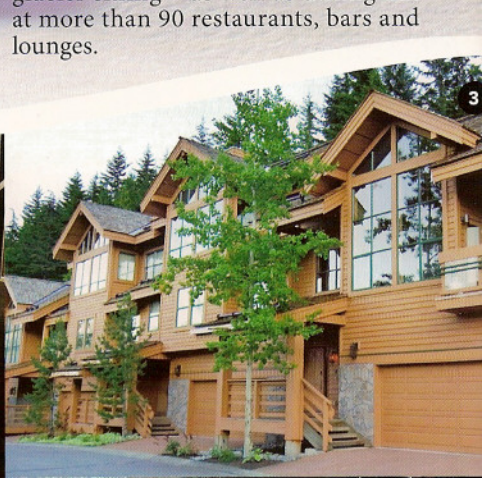
25 - 4150 Tantalus Drive,
Whistler

Four-bedroom, four-bathroom
townhouse

LIST PRICE: \$1,995,000

CONTACT: Ursula Morel at Sea
to Sky Premier Properties.
Phone: 604-935-3635

As testament to the quality of this property, this exclusive three-storey townhome landed a \$50,000 rental deal for the Olympics. Its convenience factor is notable: eight-minute walk to Whistler Village and 300-metre ski to an intermediate run on Whistler Mountain. Located in the Northern Lights complex, the home enjoys a private hot tub, dry sauna and wood-burning fireplace – the perfect reward for muscles aching from a hard day's skiing, dog sledding, zip trekking or any other of the resort's myriad activities. Whistler needs very little introduction: Beyond being home to the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games, it's a four-season destination attracting about the same number of visitors in the summer as the winter for riding, rafting, and even glacier skiing – as well as dining out at more than 90 restaurants, bars and lounges.



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4 KICKING HORSE

1615 Purcell Woods,
Kicking Horse Mountain Resort

Three-bedroom, three-bathroom
detached house

LIST PRICE: \$849,900

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Century 21 Golden Realty Ltd.
Phone: 250-344-0735

This is the quintessential Canadian timber-frame mountain home. Ski to your back door, light up the wood-burning fireplace and enjoy the ambience that comes with vaulted ceilings, timber accents, radiant heating, hot tub and 2,174 square feet of space to lap up. As if there aren't enough pursuits outdoors, a large recreation room ensures the fun continues inside. Enjoying more than 1,200 metres of vertical skiing, Kicking Horse Mountain Resort is located in the Dogtooth range of the Purcell Mountains on the B.C./Alberta border and close to the better-known Banff. It's fast gaining notoriety as a challenging destination with almost half of its 106 runs designed for advanced levels. With names such as Redemption Ridge and Terminator Peak, there's enough, surely, for the adrenaline junkie on the team.

5 FERNIE

No. 27 Polar Peak Lodges, 4576
Timberline Crescent,
Fernie Alpine Resort

Three-bedroom, 2.5-bathroom
townhouse

LIST PRICE: \$739,000

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Weckman at Fernie Vacation
Properties. Phone: 250-423-6873

This distinctively designed mountain home in the aptly named Polar Peak Lodges sits centred on the mountain at Fernie Alpine Resort. Individual floor plans, custom interiors – featuring oversized master bedrooms and bathrooms, and large entertaining areas – and environmentally aware design have been key in the construction of these homes. Triple glazed low-E windows and high efficiency gas furnaces ensure the cold stays on the slopes. Immersed in history and ancient legends, Fernie has a colourful past: Before the lifts were constructed, ski-hungry locals during the Depression capitalized on the astounding 8.8-metre annual snowfall by engineering ski races while being pulled by horses. Now, glades, steeps, powder and bumps are accessible via express quad chairs for truly buttery performances.

6 SILVER STAR

1 - 160 Odin Road,
Silver Star Mountain Resort

Three-bedroom, three-bathroom
detached house

LIST PRICE: \$999,000

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Canada. Phone: 604-306-7742

With front-door access to the champagne powder at Silver Star Mountain Resort, this 3,000-square-foot rustic home luxuriates in heavy fir timber post and beams, radiant heat, slate floors, premium Kitchen Aid appliances, HanStone countertops, Kohler fixtures, custom slate showers and uninterrupted views of the surrounding Monashee Mountains. Silver Star was inspired by Victorian architecture – albeit without the stains of excessive chimney smoke – and is renowned for its brightly coloured storefronts and boarded sidewalks. A year-round destination with summer mountain bikers laying claim to the ski and snowboarding trails. Should you tire of all this activity, get your taste buds working at the Okanagan's world-famous wineries on your doorstep.

