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A Bear of a Nap

In Metro Vancouver, winter hasn't truly ended until Grinder and Coola emerge from hibernation. These two grizzly bears, who aren't related but who were each orphaned and rescued in 2001, live at the 2-hectare (5-acre) Refuge for Endangered Wildlife on Grouse Mountain (page 49). Every autumn, after steadily gaining weight all summer, the two bear buddies climb into their den to begin several months of snoozing. They usually reappear in April, significantly slimmer but ready to frolic in the snow and sunshine, with easygoing Coola tending to follow high-spirited Grinder's lead. If you can't squeeze in a visit to Grouse—or if you miss the bears after returning home—you can watch all their ursine antics via webcam at www.grousemountain.com/wildlife-refuge/bear-cam. 