Fernie 2025-2026 Winter Trail Map

(Non-Motorized)

This map is part of the community **Winter Trails Collaborative** and has been made possible by the work and funding from multiple partners including Tourism Fernie and the Resort Municipality Initiative. Support the local trail groups who maintain grooming and access throughout Fernie! These include Fernie Nordic Society, Fernie Trails Alliance, Coal Creek Heritage Society and Fernie Snowmobile Association.

Check Avalanche Conditions Before You Go
Visit Avalanche.ca
Zone: Lizard-Flathead

Know Before You Go

When venturing out in and up the mountains during the winter season be safe, be prepared and tell someone where you're going and when you'll be back. There are many great websites such as AdventureSmart.ca and Avalanche.ca that provide details on how to be safe outdoors during the winter months. Drop by local sport and gear shops for additional advice and needs, visit TourismFernie.com for details and places to stay. Pick up a map and also download the TrailForks App on to your phone and search for Fernie. Trailforks also uses your smart phone's GPS to show you where you are on the winter trails. For snowmobiling details visit FernieSnowmobile.com and for ski touring details visit FernieTrails.com.

TRAILFORKS

Download the TRAILFORKS APP for trail details, GPS navigation data, and user-generated trail condition and grooming updates.

Download for free the **Nordic Pulse App** from Apple App Store or Google Play to track the grooming on Fernie winter trails!

DISCLAIMER: Winter grooming is done by local non-profit groups when snow conditions allow. Many trails may not be groomed consistently, or daily or weekly. Please respect the hard work of the groomers and ***'THINK BEFORE YOU SINK'***

Lodge Not Open to Public in Winter.

ISLAND LAKE CATSKIING

Dem Bones, Stove Trail & Hedonism are regularly snowshoe groomed for multi-use non-motorized recreation.

Lodge and facilities not open to the public in the winter. Road/trails to Island Lake used frequently by snowmachines. Please yield.

THUNDER MEADOWS HUT
Managed by the Fernie Trails & Ski Touring Club. Book the hut at FernieTrails.com

LIZARD LAKE

CAUTION: Possible construction traffic, please respect signs.

The Fernie Snowmobile Association (FSA) manages all the snowmobile grooming and access. Visit FernieSnowmobile.com for details. Other winter trail users can use these groomed trails by purchasing an FSA trail pass or membership.

Trail Use Legend

- Nordic Only Trail
- Non-Groomed Multi-Use Trail
- Multi-Use Groomed
- Groomed Easy Beaver Multi-Use Trail
- Snowshoe Groomed Only When Able
- Plowed to pavement trail
- Multi-Use & Motorized Groomed Trail
- Groomed for Fat Biking, Nordic Skiing & Snowshoeing only No foot traffic
- Summer trail only
- Doubletrack
- Road
- Road Closed to motorized traffic

Icon Legend

- Porta Potty/Outhouse/ Pit Toilet (open 24/7)
- Free Public Parking
- Hospital
- Public Indoor Washroom (open hours vary)
- Off-Leash Dog Park
- No Dogs Allowed
- Snowmobile Staging Area
- Montane Barn
- Hut
- Visitor Info Centre *Open 9am-5pm Monday – Saturday Closed Sunday & Holidays*
- Hotel
- Gas Station
- Gate
- Information Kiosk

Call 911 for any emergencies
Please Obey All Posted Signage

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Land Boundary Legend

PRIVATE
- Island Lake Lodge
- Galloway Land
- Fernie Ridge Land
- Parastone Land
- NCC Land

PUBLIC
- BC Provincial Park
- Provincial Public Land

Parking Details & Etiquette

- Parking areas are indicated on the big map as (P) Please obey all parking signs.
- Parking is limited. Only park where designated. Do not park along main roads, block traffic or park in residential areas.
- All designated parking areas, excluding some at the Base Area at Fernie Alpine Resort, are free of charge to use.
- Please park with common sense and be mindful and respectful of others.
- Parking areas can be busy. Please be cautious, and be safe around vehicles.
- If you don't have to drive to access the trails please don't.
- No overnight parking is allowed anywhere.
- Please keep your dog on a leash while in parking areas.

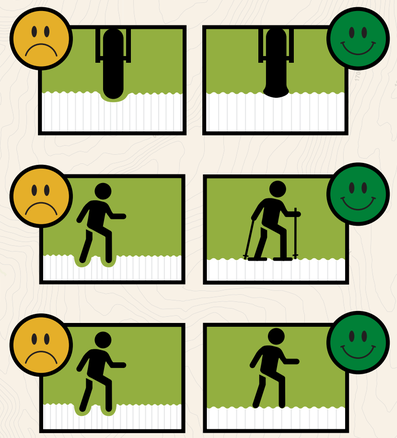
Scan this QR Code with your smart phone camera to access the digital version of this Winter Trail Map!

Trails LOVE Snowshoers!

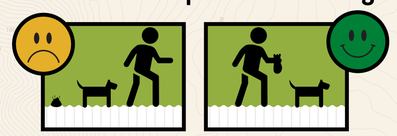
Be a Part of the Grooming Effort.

Think Before You Sink

Groomed trails are maintained by local non-profit groups for the benefit of everyone. Freshly groomed trails after a snowfall can be soft initially and are sensitive to impacts and ruts that can make the next users experience a less happy one, and also puts a lot of extra work on the groomers. To keep the trails in the best shape for everyone please see below visuals and follow the 'Etiquette on Groomed Trails' information on the reverse side of this map.

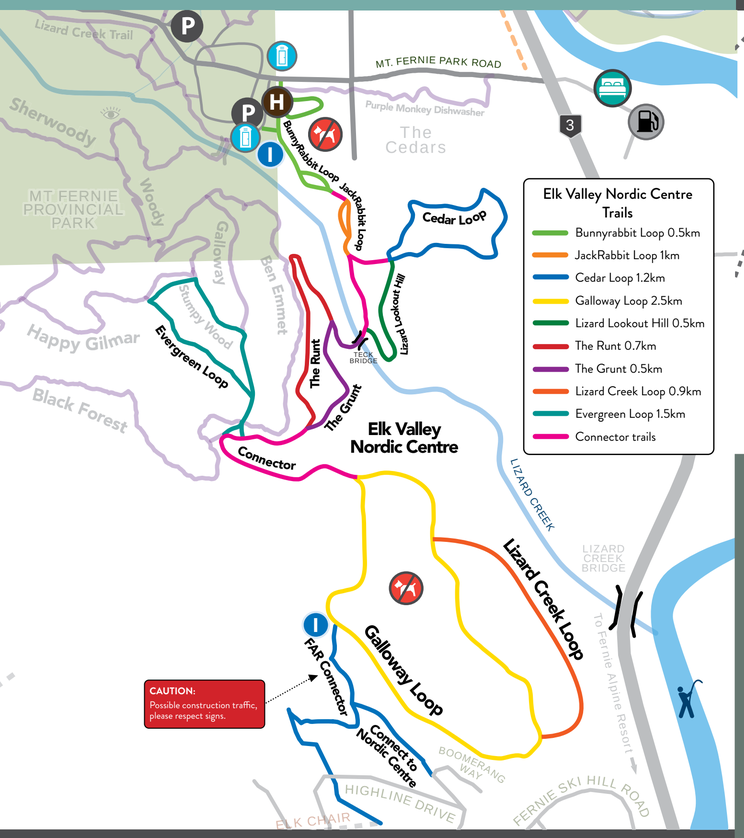


Please Clean Up After Your Dog



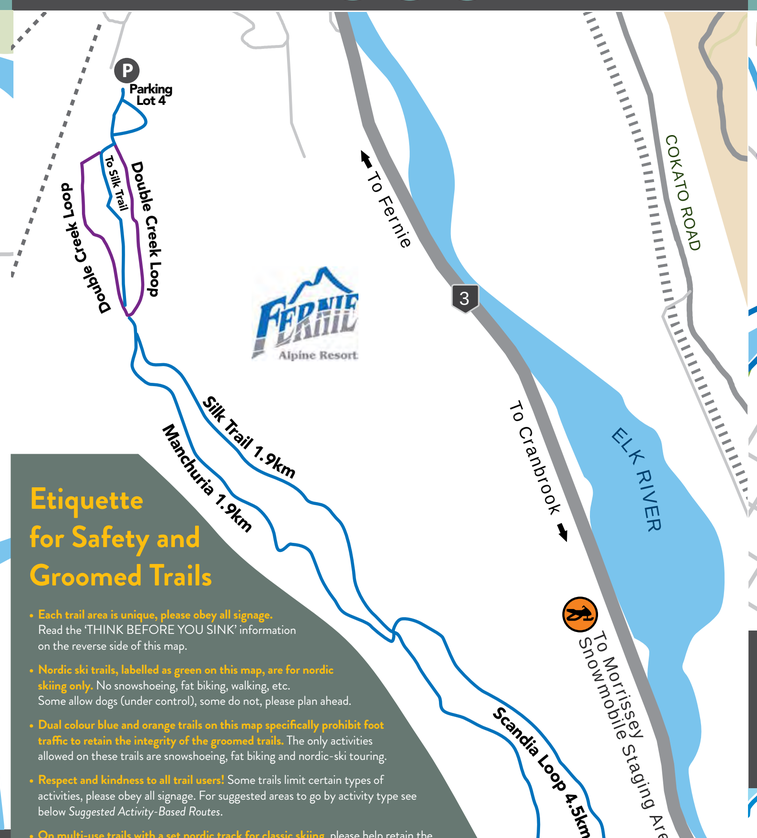
Elk Valley Nordic Centre

- Managed by Fernie Nordic Society. Membership or day pass required. Visit FernieNordic.com
- Only XC skiing. No dogs, running, snowshoeing, walking or fat biking.



Fernie Alpine Resort Multi-Use Trails

- Silk, Manchuria and Scandia Trail are groomed and track set for skate and classic skiing. These trails are multi-use as well. Only XC ski in the track.
- Nordic ski, snowshoe and fat bike rentals are available at the base area.



XC Trails at the Golf Course. Managed by Fernie Nordic Society

- Membership or day pass required. Visit FernieNordic.com
- No dogs, walking, snowshoeing, walking or fat biking.

Great Northern & Fernie RV Resort Multi-Use Trails





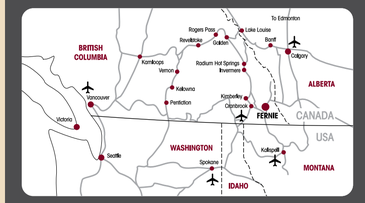


Support Local & Experience Fernie

Fernie is a community full of history, arts, culture, amazing outdoors and great people. Be in the know on everything Fernie by visiting TourismFernie.com. Support local businesses this season and be sure to purchase local trail passes or donate to the various trail organizations.

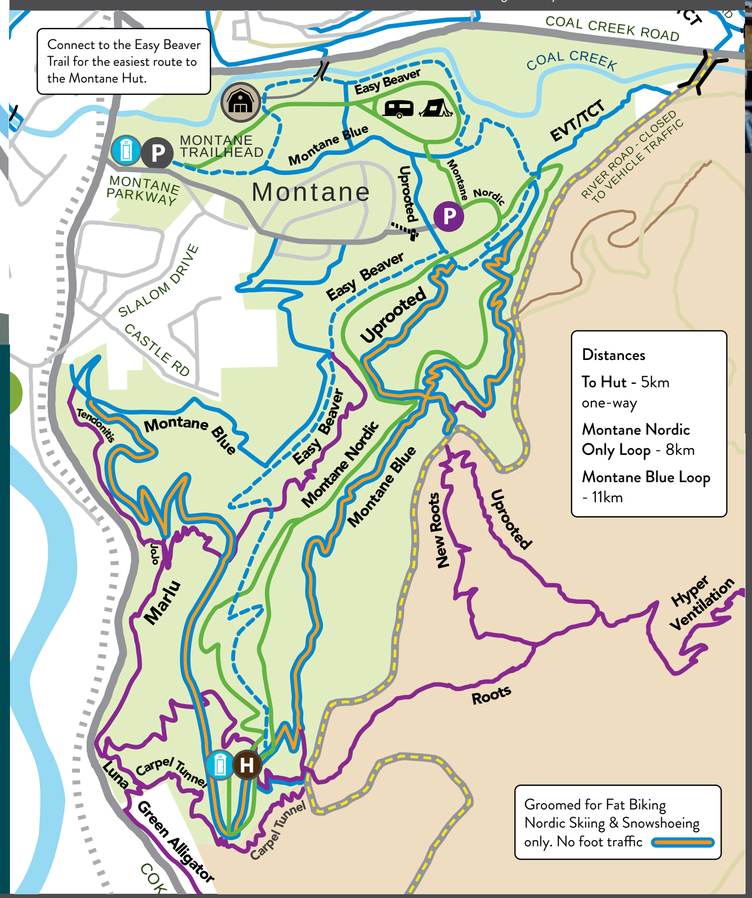


Located in the heart of the Canadian Rockies, Fernie is a small mountain town with big mountain views. Located an hour east of Cranbrook, BC and three hours southwest of Calgary, AB.



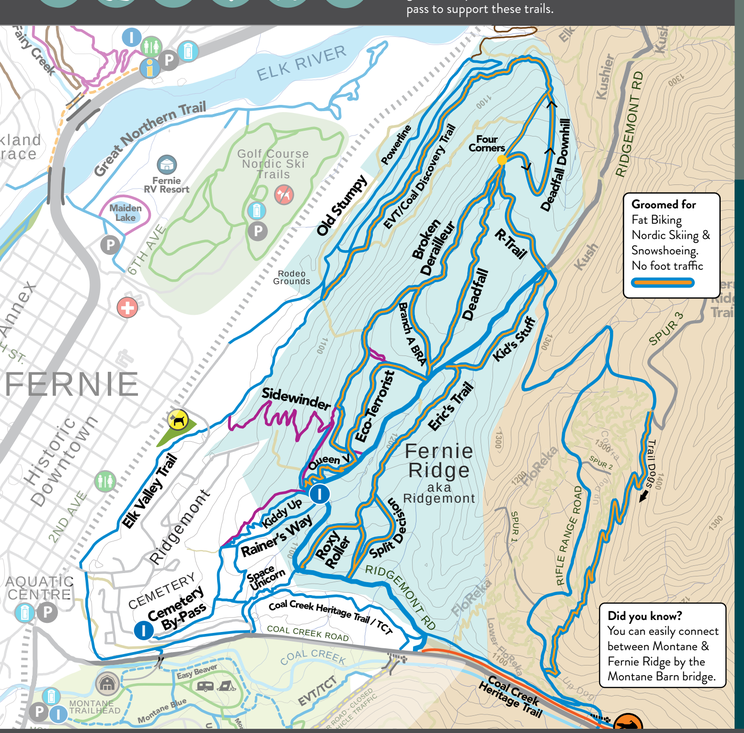
Montane Nordic and Multi-Use

- Trails in the Montane area (shaded green area) are maintained by the Coal Creek Heritage Society. These trails are privately owned trails by Parastone Developments and also supported by the Montane Residential Community.
- Please support trail access, maintenance and grooming by donating to the Coal Creek Heritage Society.



Fernie Ridge Trails

- Trails in the blue shaded area of Fernie Ridge are all on private land and are maintained and groomed by Coal Creek Heritage Society (CCHS). Donate to CCHS to help maintain these specific trails.
- Trails in the white and beige areas are maintained and groomed by the Fernie Trails Alliance. Purchase a trail pass to support these trails.



Etiquette for Safety and Groomed Trails

- **Each trail area is unique, please obey all signage.** Read the 'THINK BEFORE YOU SINK' information on the reverse side of this map.
- **Nordic ski trails, labelled as green on this map, are for nordic skiing only.** No snowshoeing, fat biking, walking, etc. Some allow dogs (under control), some do not, please plan ahead.
- **Dual colour blue and orange trails on this map specifically prohibit foot traffic to retain the integrity of the groomed trails.** The only activities allowed on these trails are snowshoeing, fat biking and nordic-ski touring.
- **Respect and kindness to all trail users!** Some trails limit certain types of activities, please obey all signage. For suggested areas to go by activity type see below *Suggested Activity-Based Routes*.
- **On multi-use trails with a set nordic track for classic skiing,** please help retain the quality of the track by not biking, snowshoeing or walking on the classic XC ski track.
- **Fat bikers, especially when riding down,** please call out to provide early warning of other trail users on the trail and yield to them for safety reasons.
- **If you see a machine groomer (by snowmobile or snowcat)** on the trail please make way for them safely.
- **Dogs are not allowed at Elk Valley Nordic Centre or the Fernie Golf Course.** They are welcome everywhere else but only under full control or on leash, please adhere to signage.
- **Groomed trails love snowshoers** as they help pack down snow on the trails and at a similar width as a machine groomer. If you're keen, borrow (for free!) a pair of snowshoes and the pull groomer to help snowshoe groom key trails. Stop by The Guide's Hut or Gearhub for more details.
- **Fernie is wildlife territory!** Although bears are typically in full hibernation, other wildlife can be seen or encountered such as moose, elk, deer, cats and other. Please be aware of your surroundings and move away from wildlife.
- **For anyone using the trails at night time,** use a headlamp, carry spare batteries and let someone know where you're going and when you plan to return. Be even more aware of your surroundings and wildlife.

Suggested Trail Routes by Activity Type

Download the Trailforks App

View all of Fernie trails with this GPS based online map. Track your location, view trail distance and details, elevation gain and loss & more.

Walkers & Trail Runners

(can use only blue labelled trails on this map)

- Fernie Valley Pathway & Great Northern Trail (there and back trail).
- Elk Valley Trail (part of Town Loop) from Skateboard Park in town, past Dog Park to Old Stumpy and the power-line (there and back).
- Up Cemetery Bypass & Kiddy Up then down Rainer's Way & Cemetery Bypass (loop).
- Coal Creek Heritage Trail from the Aquatic Centre (there and back trail).
- Easy Beaver to Montane Hut (there and back trail).
- Silk & Manchuria Trails at Fernie Alpine Resort.

Snowshoers

(can use all trails excepts 'green' nordic only trails)

- Mt Fernie Provincial Park - Sherwoody, Gorby, Old Goat and back.
- Montane - Castle Connector-Tendonitis-Marlu to Montane Hut and back.
- Mt Proctor - Fairy Creek Falls from the Visitor Centre.
- Mt Proctor - From Visitor Centre go up Swine Flu Access to Swine Climb and over to Mad Cow and More Cowbell back.
- Mt Fernie - Up Stove and down Dem Bones, or for a bigger snowshoe take Lazy Lizard Connector, up Brokeback, across the power-line and down Hedonism.

Fat Bikers

(can use all groomed trails except green nordic only trails)

- Easiest for those new to fat biking:
  - Fernie Valley Pathway & Great Northern Trail along the Elk River
  - Easy Beaver to Montane Hut.
- Up Cemetery Bypass-Kiddy Up-Queen V-Eco-Terrorist-Deadfall then down R-Trail-Kids Stuff-Eric's Trail-Roxy Roller-Space Unicorn-Road back to Cemetery Bypass trailhead.
- Montane Blue Loop.
- Coal Creek Heritage Trail to Rifle Range Road, up the road to the top of Trail Dogs, down Trails Dogs.
- The snowshoe groomed trails (not consistently scheduled) in the Provincial Park - Hedonism, Stove, Mushroom, Red Sonyia and Dem Bones.
- Silk & Manchuria Trails at Fernie Alpine Resort (note first section up to Silk Trail is a grunt).

Nordic Skiers - **(can use all trails)**

- Best groomed and track set for nordic - Elk Valley Nordic Centre, Fernie Golf Course and Fernie Alpine Resort nordic trails.
- Montane 'green' nordic only groomed trail to Montane Hut.

Snowmobilers

(only the solid orange marked trails for motorized use)

Visit FernieSnowmobile.com for details on sledding areas available off the map.

Support Winter Trails

With hundreds of trails to explore and winter trail use growing in popularity, maintenance needs of those trails grows too. **Please support winter trail maintenance and grooming by supporting the below organizations:**

COAL CREEK HERITAGE SOCIETY (CCHS)

CCHS manages and maintains the groomed cross-country and multi-use (run, fat bike, walk etc) trails at the Montane Trail Network and the Ridgemont Trail Network. Please donate to help support these trails by using this QR code.

FERNIE NORDIC SOCIETY (FNS)

FNS manages and maintains the groomed cross-country ski trails at the Elk Valley Nordic Centre and the Fernie Golf Course. Membership or trail pass is required to use these trails. Use this QR code to purchase.

FERNIE TRAILS ALLIANCE (FTA)

FTA builds, maintains and enhances trails through land use agreements with Rec Sites and Trails BC, BC Parks, Nature Conservancy of Canada, City of Fernie, Island Lake Lodge and multiple other private land owners to ensure public access year-round. Use this QR code to purchase your Fernie Trails Pass and support the trails the FTA manages.

FERNIE SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION (FSA)

FSA grooms thousands of kms of trails for sledding annually. Scan this QR Code to purchase a FSA trail day pass or season pass to use their groomed trails.

CITY OF FERNIE BRITISH COLUMBIA — fernie.ca

Resort Municipality Initiative — Investing in B.C. Resort Communities

TOURISM FERNIE — tourismfernie.com

FERNIE TRAILS ALLIANCE — fernietrailsalliance.com

COAL CREEK HERITAGE SOCIETY — CoalCreekHeritageSociety.com

FERNIE NORDIC SOCIETY — fernienordic.com

FERNIE SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION — ferniesnowmobile.com

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