

Cross Country Skiing in Fernie

Explore over 42km of groomed cross-country trails over 5 unique areas in Fernie.

From beginner circuits to more advanced, trails are set around Fernie at the Elk Valley Nordic Centre, Fernie Alpine Resort, Fernie Golf Course, Montane, and the Dyke Trail.

Enjoy amazing views of the surrounding mountains and snowy forests while exploring the diverse trails.

Pick up a free Fernie Winter Trail map around town, or online at FernieTrailMap.com or scan the QR code below.



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Dogs allowed

Dogs not allowed



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Trail Etiquette & Safety:

- Tell someone where you are going and when you expect to be back
- Be respectful of other trail users and their enjoyment
- Please keep groomed trails in good condition by adhering to any signs. Most groomers are volunteers working hard so that everyone can enjoy the outdoors
- Be aware of wildlife, keep dogs under control or on leash and clean up after them
- Respect the environment and leave no trace. All garbage must be packed out and deposited in proper receptacle
- Check the weather forecast before you go, plan and dress accordingly
- Bring water and pack snacks for energy
- Support the local trails with a donation or membership
- Stay on designated trails
- Motorized vehicles are prohibited
- Check out AdventureSmart.ca and Avalanche.ca for information on how to stay safe outdoors in the winter

Report Wildlife sightings to WildSafeBC ph: 877-952-7277

Cross Country Ski Rentals:

Fernie Alpine Resort | skifernie.com

Gearhub Adventure Rentals | gearhub.ca

For further information:

Visit TourismFernie.com

Fernie Visitor Centre

102 Commerce Road / HWY 3 | 778-519-0748

Fernie Nordic Society

Fernienordic.com



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5 Great Northern Trail / Dyke Trail

6.5km of maintained multi-use trail



A multi-use family and beginner friendly trail that is groomed, but not track-set. This trail starts at Maiden Lake from where you can ski the dyke around the RV Resort and Fernie Golf Course or head south onto Fernie Valley Pathway all the way to the James White Park Trail.

Location & Details

Park by Maiden Lake. The trail starts behind Canadian Tire.

Trail pass: Free

Trail managed by: Fernie Golf Course Personnel



1 Elk Valley Nordic Centre

10km of groomed & track-set trails
+ warming hut 

Beautiful, sheltered forest surroundings with views of stunning mountain peaks.

Professionally designed trails are groomed and track-set regularly for skate and classic skiing. Trails are for intermediates and above, with some short steep sections and rolling downhills.

Trailhead facilities include a warming hut with seating, maps and information. Knowledgeable trail ambassadors are available on most weekends and holidays.

Trail use fees and membership registrations can be left in the box at the trailhead, or purchased online at fernienordic.com/mobile.


You can extend your adventure and continue all the way to Fernie Alpine Resort from the Galloway Loop onto the FAR Connector trail.

Location & Details

The Elk Valley Nordic Centre is centrally located halfway between Fernie Alpine Resort and the City of Fernie. Turn off from Highway 3 onto Mt Fernie Park Rd, at the big Island Lake Lodge sign. The main parking is at the overflow parking lot at Mt Fernie Provincial Park.

Trail pass: Pass Required
Trails managed by: Fernie Nordic Society
fernienordic.com

2 Montane Nordic & Multi Use Trails

8km Nordic only, 15km of multi-use, plus
Montane warming hut 

The Montane area is just minutes from Historic Downtown Fernie, offering a range of beautiful trails for a variety of uses. The 'green' trails at Montane are winter roads groomed 4m wide for Cross-country/Nordic skiing only. These trails start with a gentle section from the trailhead, leading into more challenging hilly terrain.

There are 8km of groomed ski roads, with a warming hut at the far end of the trail system, 4km from the trailhead. Please be respectful of all other trail users and keep your dog under control or on-leash. Dog waste bins are stocked with disposable bags so you can clean up after your pooch.

Location & Details

From downtown take 4th Street across the train tracks, then turn right on Pine Ave. Continue past the Fernie Aquatic Centre and the bridge across Coal Creek, then turn left onto Montane Parkway. The Montane trailhead will be on your left with ample parking, trail information and porta-potty. Follow the trail and signage to Montane Hut. These trails are within private property with access granted by the Montane landowner, Parastone Developments.

Trail pass: Free, donations much appreciated
Trails managed by: Coal Creek Heritage Society
CoalCreekHeritageSociety.com

3 Fernie Alpine Resort

11km of groomed & track-set trails


The trails at Fernie Alpine Resort are great for both classic and skate XC skiers of intermediate to advanced ability. Offering a short and long loop, this tranquil area features flats and hills amongst big cedar and aspen trees in a peaceful landscape.

Be forewarned that the initial approach from parking lot (approx. 600m) towards the Silk Trail is labeled black due to the steep uphill section.

The trails are open and free to the public every day throughout the winter ski season (Dec-Apr) and are groomed on most days. In lieu of user fees, the resort invites visitors to stay, dine, shop or rent gear at their on-mountain locations.

All these trails are multi-use – XC skis, fat bikes and snowshoes are all welcome. Responsible dog owners are asked to pick up after their dogs and keep them leashed or under voice control.

Sign up for Nordic Sundays! 1.5-hour cross-country tours with professional guides. Rentals available.

Location & Details

Located just off Parking Lot 4 at Fernie Alpine Resort.

Trail pass: Free
Trails managed by Fernie Alpine Resort
SkiFernie.com

4 Fernie Golf Course

8km of groomed & track-set trails


8 km of groomed and track-set trails at the Fernie golf course provide some of the most beautiful views of the Rocky Mountains. This location is ideal for beginner skate and classic XC skiers thanks to very little elevation change on these trails.

The trailhead is at the Clubhouse with ample free parking, and a porta-potty provided by the Fernie Nordic Society. The trails are groomed and track-set on a regular basis by the golf course personnel.

This is also a great area if you want to try cross country skiing at night, as the trails are wide open and level. Don't forget your headlamp!

The trails at the golf course are solely for cross country skiers and do not permit dogs or other activities such as walking, snowshoeing or fat biking.

Trail use fees and membership registrations can be left in the box at the trailhead, or purchased online at fernienordic.com/mobile

Location & Details

Fernie Golf Club, 201 Fairway Dr, Fernie.
Ample free parking available at the Clubhouse.

Trail pass: Pass Required
Trails managed by: Fernie Nordic Society
fernienordic.com