Fernie Trail Loops
Fernie Main Loop: 14 km: This barrier-free loop offers access to all of the community trail spurs. Providing and easily accessed gravel surfaced trail, it connects the Mountview and Annex areas to the forested areas of Fernie’s eastern slopes.

Great Northern Loop: 5.7 km: This trail offers many opportunities for wildlife viewing around the McDougall Wetland, and Hutchinson Spring areas. Portions of this trail pass through private property and managed forest, please respect this privilege.

Main Town Loop: 7.5 km: This trail circles the downtown and Annex areas of Fernie, and offers excellent access to city amenities, the Historic Downtown, and the Elk River.

Mountview / Cokato Loop, 7.6 km: Take time before departing from the trail hub to view the interpretive panel on the local history of the coke ovens.

This trail also follows part of the Gail Creek Heritage Trail and ends at Fernie’s Aquatic Centre.

Fernie Trails
Trans Canada: Fernie is proud to provide part of the world’s longest continuous multi-use trail system, which connects the East coast with the West coast, some 8600 km. The Trans Canada follows various trail routes and part of the Fernie Main Loop, and is marked by log directional signposts.

Kootenay Elk Heritage: This trail follows an abandoned railway right of way that was never actually constructed. An integral part of the Fernie Main Loop, it passes over a boardwalk crossing a small wetland area, and offers great views of Historic Downtown.

Fernie also has a great network of trails connecting trails of the Fernie Trail System.

Fernie Trail Code of Conduct and Safety
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2. To help ensure that aquatic or terrestrial habitat is not degraded, stay on designated trails, keep pets on a leash, and make as little impact as possible. If you are planning to bike with horses, or family groups will reduce potential user conflicts. You can then take the time to maybe smile and say hello.

Fernie and Area Hiking Opportunities
Fernie offers unsurpassed access to hiking. Popular local hikes include Mt. Fernie, Foxy Creek, Mt. Protector, Mt. Houston, Castle Mountain, Mountain Lakes Trail, and the Lizard Range/Cedar valley. Many hiking trails heads are indicated on this map; for more detailed information, inquire at the Fernie Info Centre, Fernie Alpine Resort, I-30 Lake Lodge or pick up a copy of the Fernie Trail Guide.

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Parks and Public Amenities
Aquatic Centre: Featuring a 6-lane, 25 metre main pool, 150’ waterslide, kids pool, hot tub and steam room. Soak in the hot tub after a day’s adventure or splash and have fun. Call 423-4446 for hours or information.

Skateboard Park: An excellent spot for the skateboarder in your family. The outdoor park features several bowls and streetscapes.

Rotary Park: Essentially the multi-function park of Fernie, Rotary Park features play structures for kids, grass areas, picnic sites, seating areas and a gazebo. It is the perfect place for the kids to have fun or to hold your celebration.

Fernie Memorial Arena: The Fernie Memorial Arena is home to the Fernie Stamps, the Ghostiders, and also offers public skating and drop-in hockey. Skate rentals available.

Fernie Community Centre: Enjoy gymnastics, badminton, floor hockey, teen programs, preschool, and book special events.

Ridgemont Park: Ridgemont Park offers play structures for children, a large field for activities and a beautiful view of the surrounding mountains.

Annex Park: The Annex’s neighbourhood top park, features a play structure for children and a grass area for relaxing.

Mountview Park: Situated alongside the Elk River, Mountview Park provides a beautiful forested area featuring towering pines, mountainscapes and a host of amenities including tennis courts, horseshoe pits, bocci courts, slo-pitch beautiful forested area featuring towering pines, mountainscapes and a host of ornaments and track and field competitions.

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Coal Creek Heritage: This trail takes us through a bit of Fernie’s history, following the former railway line that connected the mines at Coal Creek to Fernie. It also crosses over a remnant of the old coke ovens, ending at the old football field alongside the former townsite at Coal Creek.

Centennial Trail: An important pedestrian link between Fernie’s two district business districts (Highway #3 and Historic Downtown), the trail enables non-motorized movement through the Prentice Park and High School area.

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Mountview: The trail corridor gives access to many of Mountview Park’s quality amenities, while offering secluded forested areas, nature trails and Elk River beach access.

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