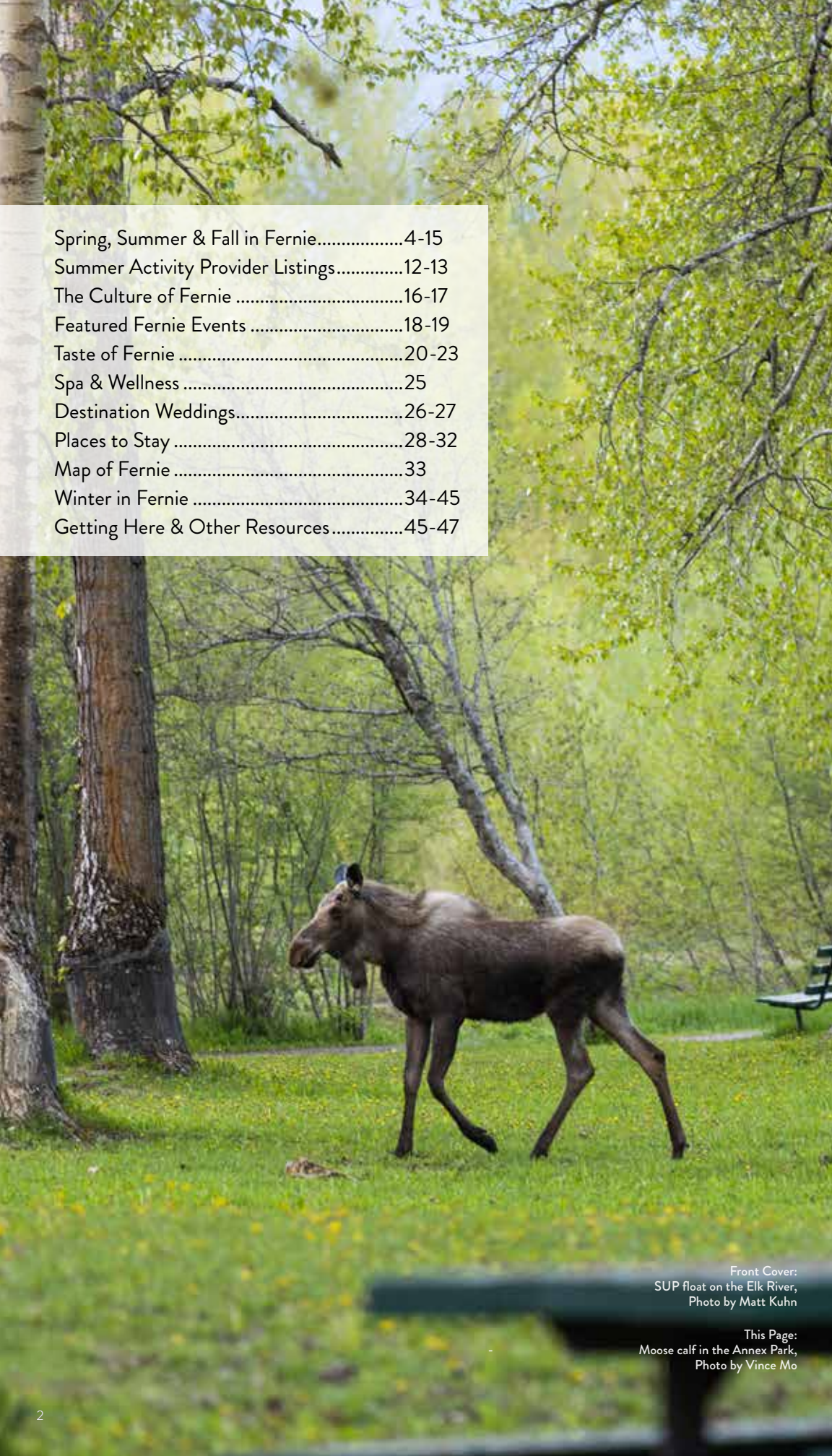




TRAVEL GUIDE 2024

Experience the Canadian Rockies,
Fernie Style.





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Front Cover:
 SUP float on the Elk River,
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 Moose calf in the Annex Park,
 Photo by Vince Mo



Adventurous at heart. Friendly by nature.

The dramatic peaks of the Canadian Rocky Mountains completely encircle the charming community of Fernie, a world class outdoor adventure destination with a vibrant arts and culture scene.

Historic Downtown Fernie, with its century-old brick and stone architecture is a hub of boutique shopping, cafés, galleries, and historical buildings. From the snowy slopes to the tranquil cedar and pine forests, Fernie offers a multitude of options to relax, explore and find your adrenalin fix with acres of mountain trails and year-round activities and events.

For over 100 years, Fernie has welcomed visitors. A range of accommodations from camping and tiny homes to luxurious resort chalets and full service hotels are the perfect base for you and your family and friends to enjoy the best experiences in comfort. Distinctive dining includes international influences and locally inspired farm-to-fork cuisine.

98% of surveyed visitors say they would recommend Fernie as a travel destination to friends and family.

Plan your trip today, visit tourismfernie.com.

Spring, Summer & Fall in the Rockies

The warmer months in Fernie bring abundant opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. Beneath swaying cottonwoods and the soaring peaks of the surrounding Canadian Rockies, mountain trails reach out on both sides of the valley beginning with gentle riverside nature walks and expanding to exhilarating adventure routes for biking, hiking, and running.

The cool, clear waters of the Elk River offer world-class fly fishing, tranquil floats and exhilarating whitewater.

Enjoy the colours of the changing seasons as carpets of summer wildflowers make way for the vibrant oranges and reds of fall foliage. Stroll Historic Downtown Fernie and browse boutique stores and galleries, people-watch from flower-laden streetside patios and discover Fernie's burgeoning public art scene.

Relax in inspiring natural surroundings this summer. Breathe the clean air and enjoy the uncrowded atmosphere. Spend quality time with family and friends.

tourismfernie.com | [#ferniestoke](https://twitter.com/ferniestoke)



KEEP IT WILD ~ KEEP IT SAFE



Fernie is within the **WILD**. We must all do our part to keep it that way and play **SAFE**. Plan ahead, take only photographs, leave no trace, and make many memories. Be an **AMBASSADOR!** Plan and travel with care and respect. Protect the land, water, wildlife, plant life, your fellow recreationalists, and our communities as you adventure in the **WILD**.



Plan Ahead & Be Prepared.

TIP! Complete and share your trip plan with family/friends – Use the AdventureSmart Trip Plan App.

Respect Wildlife & River Life.

TIP! Know what to do when you encounter wildlife. Keep your distance. When fishing practice proper fish handling.

Travel on Trails. Camp Responsibly.

TIP! Stick to designated trails and camping areas to reduce impact on the land.

Minimize Campfire Impacts.

TIP! Check for any fire bans first. Avoid campfires in the alpine.

Dispose of Waste Properly.

TIP! Know before you go how to dispose of human waste and garbage and plan accordingly.

Leave What You Find.

TIP! Respect natural settings and leave plants, rocks and other objects as you find them.

Prevent the Spread of Invasive Species.

TIP! Help protect our land and waters, read up on local details by visiting EKISC.com.

Be Considerate of Others.

TIP! Be mindful of others enjoying the area. Excessive noise, poor behaviour, and uncontrolled pets take away from everyone's experience.



Trail Life – hike, walk & run.

Inspiring alpine and valley views only become more spectacular as you gain elevation on the Rocky Mountain trails encircling Fernie. A half-day hike on Mt. Fernie is quickly rewarded with incredible scenery. For a full-day adventure, hike the ridge to Polar Peak, summit Three Sisters Mountain or take Heiko's Trail to Island Lake Lodge or Mt. Fernie.



Official Ambassadors visit a variety of popular front-county and back-country locations around the Fernie area throughout the summer season to support clean-up, maintenance, and projects, to connect with visitors and local recreationalists to promote safety and ethical outdoor practices, and to collect data and monitor activities that can support long-term sustainability, planning & decision-making.

Learn more, be an Ambassador & get involved:



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AmbassadorWILD.com

Recommended hiking trails:

Trail Name	Distance	Difficulty
Fairy Creek Falls	5 km return	●
Montane Hut	7 km return	●
Mt Fernie	8 km return	■
Mt Proctor Trail	20 km loop	◆
Old Growth Magical Forest	1 km round trip	●
Skeleton Flats	1.5 km one-way	■
Megasaurus/Bike Thief	4.5km one-way	■◆
Lake & Fir Trails	2 & 5 km loop	●
Old Growth to Lodge	2.3 km one-way	■
Spineback-Goldilocks	10 km return	◆

Fernie Alpine Resort

Island Lake Lodge

For a gentler tour, community trails offer scenic nature walks and riverside running routes dotted with shaded parks, picnic spots and picture-perfect viewpoints. The Fernie Valley Pathway links the Visitor Information Centre and Maiden Lake through Annex Park to the Mount Fernie Provincial Park with 5.3km of paved, inclusive trails suitable for all users. Easy Beaver – The Adaptive Trail, located in the Montane area, is a gentle grade route for walking and biking and is suitable for strollers and wheelchairs with sturdy tyres. Stop by the Visitor Information Centre for maps and more information. Download the Trailforks app to access offline trail maps.





Trail Life – mountain biking & gravel biking.

Spanning the valley around Fernie is a network of hundreds of trails from gentle valley rides to fun and challenging cross-country routes and thrilling downhill adventures. Fernie is known for its great singletrack trails, most rideable from town. Whether you're looking for a quick fitness lap, technical XC loop, exciting descent or a social trail to explore with friends, Fernie has it all. Add the Dirt Jump & Skills Park – great for everyone from pros to little tykes on run bikes – and the lift-access bike park at Fernie Alpine Resort for even more options. Need a bike, tune up or intel? Stop by one of the many bike shops.



Hit the greens.

Fernie boasts a professional 18-hole golf course in one of the most spectacular settings in the Rockies. Noted for its 360° mountain views and playability, Fernie Golf Club offers luxurious greens, moulding silica sand bunkers and varied terrain. It is well suited for the low handicapper as well as beginners. Open to public and members from early May to mid October.

The Clubhouse offers Indian fusion and Western dining from Bayleaf Restaurant and a wraparound patio with spectacular views.



Locals' recommended routes:

- **The Easiest Stuff:** Fernie Valley Pathway, Easy Beaver and the Montane Green circuit
- **Beginner Singletrack:** Cemetery Bypass-> Kiddy Up -> Rainer's Way-> Cemetery Bypass
- **XC Favourite:** Lazy Lizard or Cemetery Bypass-> Rainer's Way -> Queen V-> Eco-Terrorist/Boardwalks-> Deadfall-> Broken Derailleur-> Sidewinder
- **Quick Techy Power Trip:** Swine Flu or Hedonism-> S-Bomb-> Brokeback
- **FBC's Trail to Ale Challenge:** Ride within 24 hours – Project 9, Swine Flu & Hyper Vent/Hyper Ext
- **Black & Blue All Mtn Combo:** Phat Bastard-> Mushroom Head-> Eric's Trip
- **Up, Down & Around in Mt Fernie Prov. Park:** Gorby-> Old Goat-> Happy Gilmar-> Galloway-> Ben Emmett-> Sherwoody
- **DH Classics:** Contra, Fernie Alpine Resort





Fly fishing in Fernie Trout Town.

Truly one of North America's best fly-fishing destinations. Enjoy easy access to a host of mountain lakes and the clear freestone waters of the Elk River and its many tributaries—home to one of the largest remaining populations of wild, pure-strain Westslope Cutthroat Trout and an abundance of monster Bull Trout. Guided fly-fishing is the difference between a great day and a perfect day. Tailored to every level of ability, choose from guided float trips, walk and wade, or learn-to-fish tours from experienced local guides at Elk River Guiding, Fernie Wilderness Adventures, Kootenay Fly Shop & Guiding, or Andres Fly Fishing.



Paddling adventures.

A whitewater rafting or inflatable kayaking trip with Canyon Raft Co. or Tunnel49 is your ticket to adventure. A full day on the lower Elk River features big canyons, cliff jumping for the wild-at-heart and plenty of big water action. Get even closer to the action on a mammoth raft as you rocket high over waves!

For a gentler river experience, take a scenic float tour or a lesson in stand-up paddle boarding (SUP); or put your teamwork to a test on a giant inflatable SUPSquatch. Watch for wildlife on the water's edge including eagles, blue herons and beavers, and maybe even glimpse a stately elk or black bear.



Pick up a copy of the Elk River Map showing all paddle sport locations, put-ins & take-outs, and more. Fernie is a gateway to many area rivers and lakes for the self-guided explorer to experience. Connect with local sports & guide shops for top tips and safe practices.



Spring, Summer & Fall Activity Providers

Fernie has plenty of activity providers to help you make the most of your days in the outdoors. From a scenic chairlift ride to a week perfecting your golf swing or trail technique, we've got the instructors and gear so you can achieve your goals, develop your confidence and enjoy your time in Fernie

Ascent Helicopters

Scenic flights & charter tours. Wedding photo shoots, anniversary flights, back-country drop-offs and wildlife viewing.

ascenthelicopters.ca | 250-423-1443



Andres Fly Fishing

A decade of local fishing and guiding experience. Walk & wade and float trips on local rivers, streams and lakes.

andresflyfishing.com | 250-430-2870



Bow River Guiding Company – Horseback Riding

Over 20 years of guiding in Western Canada. Horseback trail rides near Fernie and in the Flathead Valley, 2.5 hours from Fernie.

bowriverguidingcompany.com | 250-423-5887



Bull River Adventures – Horseback Riding & Hiking

Horseback riding and hiking in the South Country and Fernie; tour scenic alpine meadows and spectacular alpine passes.

bcrec.com | 250-887-3444



Canyon Raft Co

Exhilarating whitewater rafting on the Elk & Bull Rivers, scenic float trips and stand-up paddleboarding adventures.

canyonraft.com | 250-423-7226 | 1-888-423-7226



College of the Rockies

9-month Mountain Adventure Skills Training Course starting in September, seasonal programming, and Indoor Climbing Wall.

cotr.bc.ca/fernie | 250-423-4691 | 1-866-423-4691



Elk River Guiding

Fly fishing float trips & walk'n'wade trips on the Elk River and regional rivers. Fly Shop with gear for all your adventures.

elkriver.ca | 791 7th Ave | 250-423-7239



Elk Valley Adventure and Dirt Riders Society

Info about Adventure & Dual Sport touring in the Elk Valley and the official dirtbike single-track trail networks near Fernie.

evadsr.ca



Fernie Alpine Resort

Scenic chairlift rides, alpine hiking, mountain biking, Mountain Bike Park, on-mtn dining and lodging. Instruction, camps, interpretive hikes, events & competitions, and NEW Elk Grove Forest Playground.

skifernie.com/summer | 250-423-4655



Fernie Golf Club

18-hole, Par 70, championship course next to the Elk River with stunning mountain views. Driving range and putting green; golf pro and instruction available for all ages. Bayleaf Restaurant.

golffernies.com | 250-423-7773



Fernie Wilderness Adventures

Fly fishing float and walk-and-wade trips on the Elk River and other local rivers and lakes.

ferniesadventures.com | 250-423-6704 | 1-877-423-6704



Hike Fernie

Local, knowledgeable ACMG accredited hiking guides with a passion for Fernie trails and adventures.

hikeinfernies.com | 250-531-0027



Island Lake Lodge

An off-grid, mountain resort in spectacular old-growth cedar forest. 30-min drive from Fernie, offering hiking, gourmet dining and spa. Please check website before visiting.

islandlakelodge.com | 250-423-3700 | 1-888-422-8754



Kootenay Fly Shop & Guiding

Fly fishing float and walk-and-wade trips on the Elk River and other local rivers and lakes. Learn to Fly Fish courses for all ages. Boat and gear rentals. Fly shop open year-round.

kootenayflyshop.com | 250-423-4483



Mantra Spirit Studio

A unique Reiki inspired Yoga studio. Empowering the mind, body and spirit with vital life force energy to promote new levels of growth, expansion and healing.

mantraspiritstudio.com | 591C 2nd Avenue | 250-430-2266



Ridetheory – Mountain Biking

Master Fernie's trails with professional, diverse instruction and coaching for all ages and skill levels. Kids programs; enduro-specific women's and co-ed courses.

ridetheory.ca | 250-278-9300



Stag Leap Running Co

Local non-profit offering races, events, and a free weekly run club – Thursdays at 6pm, year-round.

stagleaprunning.com | @stagleaprunningco



Tunnel49

Whitewater rafting and inflatable kayaking tours, mammoth rafting, scenic float trips, stand up paddleboarding and SUPsquatch 8-person tours, e-bike rentals. Airport and private charters.

tunnel49.com | 802 Hwy #3 | 250-423-5008



Mountains of Fun for the Whole Family!

Take to the mountains and breathe the summer air. Explore hundreds of kilometres of trails, the cool, clear waters of the Elk River, or immerse yourself in the soul-restoring sanctuary of an old-growth forest.

Spend a day or more at one of our mountain resorts. Island Lake is open mid-June to mid-September for hiking, canoeing and nature walks. Massive log lodges offer sublime accommodations, award winning dining and a mountain inspired spa. Fernie Alpine Resort is open late June to early September with a bike park, hiking, and scenic chairlift rides. Resort-style accommodation and dining options make this a perfect getaway spot.

Fernie has a great selection of parks, trails and leisure facilities that are easy to access and free or inexpensive to experience. Playgrounds, water features and sporting areas are connected by community pathways and trails for countless hours of self-powered fun.

Take a scenic trail riding adventure on horseback with Bull River Adventures or Bow River Guiding Company. Explore alpine meadows, wade through clear rivers and streams, and ride through forests and mountain passes. Get back to nature with gentle and sure-footed back-country horses and experienced host guides.

Explore all corners of Fernie and the surrounding area to enjoy local flora, fauna and geography at your own pace. Pick up maps and information at the Fernie Visitor Centre or the Fernie Museum. Download the free Iconic Fernie mobile app for self-guided themed tours!



Must-do activities and attractions for everyone

- Take a gentle river float and spot beavers, herons, eagles and more wildlife along the riverbanks.
- Take a scenic chairlift ride at Fernie Alpine Resort and enjoy 360° views, the NEW Elk Grove Forest Playground, and take a complimentary daily hike back to the base area.
- Pump your wheels at the Dirt Jump Park, Bike Skills Loop or the newly redeveloped Fernie Skate Park.
- Take a nature walk to Fairy Creek Falls, follow the Coal Discovery Trail through the Coal Creek Valley or explore the new Fernie Valley Pathway.
- Sign up for a workshop, camp or craft class at The Arts Station.
- Visit the Montane Barn to meet miniature ponies, fainting goats and heritage breed chickens.
- Rent a canoe at Island Lake lodge and paddle one of the most scenic lakes in the Rockies.
- Discover the unique fun of a SupSquatch or Mammoth Raft River Tour.
- Cool off at the Splash Park, Aquatic Centre or catch minnows at Maiden Lake.
- Rent e-bikes or townie bikes and cruise the newly-paved inclusive Fernie Valley Pathway along the Elk River.
- Visit the Fernie Museum for heritage and history and pick up a Heritage or Art Walk Map and discover Fernie's unique architecture, 'ghost signs' and public art.
- Try fun challenges and story time for toddlers at Fernie Heritage Library.
- Relax beneath the trees with a gentle round of disc-golf or energetic game of tennis at James White Park.
- Enjoy a movie at the Vogue Theatre or rent the private video game arcade – ideal for groups.





Discover the Culture of Fernie.

The heart and soul of Fernie is the camaraderie and goodwill of a shared experience. Naturally understated but essentially gregarious, Fernie is small-town charming and big-resort energetic.

Stroll the wide boulevards of Historic Downtown Fernie and discover an eclectic collection of boutiques, galleries, creative dining options and attractions. Pick up a hearty bagel or locally roasted coffee to go or relax on a streetside patio for lunch. Gourmet gifts, local arts and crafts and great gear with personalized service can be found in a range of charming stores.

7th Avenue is Fernie's up & coming hub of welcoming restaurants and various small businesses, including Earth's Own Naturals offering Cannabis products and education.

Picturesque heritage buildings house everything from The Fernie Arts Station, Museum, and Library, where you can find creative and interpretive options to beat the summer heat or the occasional downpour, to local bars and restaurants offering up local Fernie Brewing Company beers and handcrafted pub food. Discover the packed events calendar and revel in live music and entertainment on patios and at venues all summer long.



Explore downtown and surrounding areas with self-guided themed walks – download the free Iconic Fernie mobile app or pick up brochures at the Fernie Museum or the Visitor Centre on Hwy #3.



Great ways to explore Fernie's culture and vibe:

- Discover history and heritage at the Fernie Museum and the Miner's Walk at City Hall.
- Visit the Fernie Arts Co-op to see and purchase local and regional art.
- Stroll through the Mountain Market at Rotary Park, held every Sunday through summer, or seek out craft fairs held throughout the year.
- Stop by Fernie Distillers, Fernie Brewing Co, Beanpod Gelato and Chocolate, Le Bon Pain bakery, or Rooftop Roasters to sample locally made products and learn about their artisan production.
- Take a Guided Interpretive Walking Tour with the Fernie Museum or pick up the Art and Heritage Walking Tour Brochures for self-guided tours.
- Visit the Arts Station to enjoy inspired local art, connect with local artists and learn new skills.

- Chat with the pros in one of Fernie's bike, ski, fishing or motorsport shops to get the inside scoop.
- Experience Fernie's food truck scene on HW #3, featuring a pleasant open-air dining area. Miner's Mud will fuel your adventures with freshly brewed coffee and baked goodies or sample Vietnamese fusion at The Chopstick Truck.
- Balance your chakras with a meditation, chanting, or yoga class at Mantra Spirit Studio in the heart of Historic Downtown.
- Pick up the latest in the mountain lifestyle fashion at Freyja Kootenay Boutique or Ghost Rider Trading, or shop for Canadian-made brands at Coal Town Goods.
- Dance to local live bands, check out art exhibits, get creative at a workshop or sign up for a race or contest. Find details at tourismfernie.com/events.

For more cultural content, pick up the *Fernie & Elk Valley Cultural Guide* and visit elkvalleyculture.com



Featured Fernie Events

For a small mountain community, Fernie sure knows how to put on excellent entertainment for all ages and interests. No matter the time of year, there's always something fun happening – here are the highlights we typically look forward to each year. For the full calendar and details, visit tourismfernie.com/events. Events are subject to change.

MAY

Spring Craft Fair • Community Yard Sale • Fernie Golf Club Opens • White Water Rafting Season Starts • PDGA Disc Golf Tournament • Bi-weekly Classic Car Town Cruise (May – Oct)

JUNE

Spring Choir Concert • Wam Bam Dirt Jump Jam • Sparwood Coal Miner Days • Island Lake Lodge Opens • Fernie Alpine Resort Opens • Wheels in the Valley Poker Run • Fly Fishing Season Opens • National Indigenous Peoples Day • Fernie Raft Race 8 • Concert for NICU • Elkford Wildcat Days

JULY

Canada Day Celebrations • Fernie Gravel Grind • NADGT Disc Golf Tournament • Golf Open • Canada Cup DH Mountain Bike Race • Trans BC Mountain Bike Race • Elk Valley Ultra & 15K Race • Splish Splash Sploosh Children's Party

AUGUST

Wapiti Music Festival • Show n' Shine • Columbia Basin Culture Tour

JULY & AUGUST

Wednesday Concert Series • Sunday Mountain Market • Heritage Walking Tours • Weekly Bike Rides and Races • Scheduled Guided Hikes

SEPTEMBER

Tears & Gears Duathlon • Demolition Derby • Fernie Chautauqua • Fall Fair • Elk Valley Pride Festival • Mountain Market • P9 MTB Race • Dirt Diggler MTB Race • Lone Wolf Endurance Race • High Roller MTB Race • Fall Craft Fair • Start of the Ghost Rider Hockey Season

OCTOBER

Half Marathon, Relay & 10K • Ironman Open & Tombstone Golf Tournaments • Thanksgiving at the Barn • Pumpkin Hunt • Cemetery Tours • Dash in the Dark • Halloween Parties

NOVEMBER

Downtown Holiday Kick-Off • Winter Gear Swap & Sale • Fernie Ski & Board Film Festival

DECEMBER

Fernie Alpine Resort Opens • Christmas & New Year's Celebrations • Family Snowmobile Ride & BBQ • Christmas Craft Fair • Christmas Choir Concert • Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides

JANUARY

Reel Canadian Film Festival • Fernie Fat Bike Day

FEBRUARY

Fernie Mountain Film Festival • Junior Freeski • Family Day Celebrations • Cross Country Ski Community Race

MARCH

Griz Days Festival • Dirty Dancer Snowboard Slalom Race • Retro Ski Days • IF4 Fly Fishing Film Festival • Stokefest • Judgement Night Boxing Tournament • Flying Viking Cross-Country Ski Challenge

APRIL

Fernival • Slopesoaker • Easter Celebrations





A Taste of Fernie. Dine-in, Take Out, Delivery & More!

For a community of just over 6,300 residents, visitors continually rave about the abundant dining styles and options available. Indulge in fresh BC and farm-to-table cuisine. Discover authentic international fare and taste Fernie's unique locally made creations.

Barburrito

Quality Tex-Mex burritos, bowls, tacos and quesadilla to go or dine in. Open daily 11 am – 9 pm.

barburrito.ca | 1791 9th Ave | 780-718-8071 | IN TOWN



Bayleaf Indian Fusion

Authentic Indian, Nepalese, and western cuisine at the beautiful Fernie Golf Course. Full bar service & take-out available. Open daily 10 am – 10 pm.

fernie.bayleafindianfusion.com | Fernie Golf Club | 250-423-4115 | IN TOWN



Beanpod Gelato & Chocolate

Freshly made hand-crafted Italian Gelato and Sorbetto. International award winning bean-to-bar chocolate maker and home of the famous Fernie Bars.

beanpod.ca | 691 2nd Ave | 778-519-5008 | DOWNTOWN



Bear Bistro at Island Lake Lodge

Casual dining on the patio at Island Lake Lodge. Spectacular views and creative cuisine. Limited hours, no reservations. See website before visiting.

islandlakelodge.com | Mt Fernie Park Road | 250-423-3700 | FERNIE AREA



Big Bang Bagels

Fresh bagels baked in-store daily! Speciality coffee, smoothies and cookies. Streetside patio. Online ordering available on website.

bigbangbagels.com | 502 2nd Ave | 250-423-7778 | DOWNTOWN



Blue Toque Gastro Diner

World flavours and re-imagined brunch classics. Mimosa flights, craft cocktails and a dog-friendly patio on sunny days.

bluetoquediner.com | 601 1st Ave | DOWNTOWN



Bramasole Restaurant & Wine Bar

Mediterranean inspired sharing plates, pasta, salads, light bites and dessert. Regular live music in the garden.

bramasole.ca | 851 7th Ave | 250-430-0526 | ON HWY #3



Brickhouse

Cool urban bar in a former bank featuring BC wines & beers. Delicious food made in-house from scratch. Streetside patio.

thebrickhousefernied.com | 401 2nd Ave | 250-423-0009 | DOWNTOWN



Bridge Bistro

Scenic riverside location; large patio and fully stocked bar. Serving Canadian and international cuisine. Open daily 9am – 9pm.

thebridgebistro.com | 301 Hwy #3 | 250-423-3002 | ON HWY #3



Chilango

Authentic Mexican cuisine and cocktails including sharing plates, hearty mains and home-made dessert.

chilangofernie.com | 1302B Hwy #3 | ON HWY #3



Chopstick Truck

Fusion Vietnamese street food including fresh rolls, bowls, wraps and beverages. Shady patio and doggie lounge.

thechopsticktruck.com | West Fernie | 250- 946-5000 | ON HWY #3



Cirque Restaurant & The Ice Bar

Casual fine dining & cocktail restaurant with a menu featuring the finest and freshest ingredients. Large patio with stunning mountain views, river rock fireplace and Ice Bar attraction.

lizardcreek.com | 5346 Highline Drive | 250-423-2056 | ON MOUNTAIN



Dairy Queen

All your favourites including blizzards, DQ Cakes, soft serve, burgers and fries. Take out or dine in. Outdoor Patio.

fb/dqfernied27369 | 1610 McDonald Avenue | ON HWY #3



Elk Valley Catering

Customised menus focused on local flavours and ingredients. Red Seal Chef with international experience.

elkvalleycatering.com | 250-430-2433 | IN TOWN



Elk Valley Pizza Shoppe

Pizza made from scratch in house with home-made dough and sauce, and only the finest toppings. Open daily for takeout and delivery.

elkvalleypizza.com | 592 8th Ave | 250-423-0007 | OFF HWY #3



Fernie Brewing Company

Tasting Room, store, and patio. Pints, charity flights, non-alcoholic brews, snacks, and merchandise. Beer and growlers to go.

ferniebrewing.com | 26 Manitou Road | 250-423-7797 | ON HWY #3



Fernie Catering Co

Local catering company providing high quality catering and frozen meals. Chef Barrie is Red Seal Chef and Chopped Canada Champion.

ferniecateringco.com | 250-531-0905 | IN TOWN



Fernie Distillers

Award winning spirits, tasting room and cocktail lounge. Shady patio off street. Distillery tours and occasional live music and events.

ferniedistillers.com | 531 1st Ave | DOWNTOWN



Freshies Café

Delicious home baking, breakfast and lunch. Speciality coffee and tea. Weekly live music and summer BBQ. Huge off-street downtown patio.

freshiesfernied.com | 601 2nd Ave | DOWNTOWN



Happy Cow Ice Cream

Fernie's specialty ice cream shop offering unique locally made flavours as well as traditional favorites and ice cream cakes!

happycowicecream.ca | 561B HWY-3 | 250-423-8381 | ON HWY #3



House of Gato

A tiny space offering big style. Classical French treats including sweet and savoury pastries, plus custom cakes. Limited hours. Take-out only.

housegato.com | 601C 2nd Ave | IN TOWN



Himalayan Spice Bistro

Authentic, fragrant south Asian cuisine including house speciality tandoori kebabs cooked over hot coals. Open for lunch and dinner. Streetside patio.

himalayanspicebistro.com | 301 2nd Ave | 250-430-0399 | DOWNTOWN



Kodiak Lounge

Friendly bar serving craft beer, localized cocktails & snacks. Pool, regular live music, spacious raised covered patio with outdoor fire pits.

ragingelk.com | 892 6th Ave | 250-423-6811 | IN TOWN



Le Bon Pain C'est la Vie Bakery

Traditional French bakery offering a range of sourdough loaves, pastries and specialty items baked fresh in store. Open Wed-Sun.

lebonpainbakery.ca | 792 3rd Ave | 250-430-2021 | IN TOWN



Legends Mountain Eatery

Family-style all-day dining in the plaza. All your favourites, frosty beers and a special menu for kids. SEASONAL

skifernie.com | Fernie Alpine Resort | 250-423-2444 | ON MOUNTAIN



Loaf Italian Restaurant

Authentic Italian cuisine, Neapolitan Pizza, Italian baking & coffee. Patio & happy hour. Dine in, take away & delivery. Open daily 10 am – 10 pm.

theloaf.ca | 641 2nd Ave | 250-423-7702 | DOWNTOWN



Lunchbox

Healthy home-made lunches featuring the freshest ingredients. Specialising in wraps, chilis, salads, soups and smoothies. Streetside patio.

fernielunchbox.ca | 561 2nd Ave | 250-423-4500 | DOWNTOWN



McDonald's

The world's most recognized burger brand serving up all your favourites at a convenient highway location.

mcdonalds.com | 1702 9th Ave | 250-423-5380 | ON HWY #3



Miner's Mud

Coffee trailer located in West Fernie. Organic fair-trade coffee; fresh treats baked daily including gluten free options. Open daily 6am – 1pm.

minersmud.com | 1390 McLeod Ave | ON HWY #3



Mugshots

Friendly café serving all-day breakfast, quality coffee, homemade treats & sandwiches. Dine-in or takeaway. Secluded outside patio for sunny days.

mugshotsfernien.ca | 592 3rd Ave | DOWNTOWN



Nevados

Upbeat Latin-inspired cocktail lounge specializing in tapas options and social dining experiences with an off-street garden patio.

nevados.ca | 531 2nd Ave | 250-423-5566 | DOWNTOWN



Quick Bites at Fernie Alpine Resort

Slopeside Coffee & Deli in the Plaza, Bear's Den at the top of Elk Chair, and Lost Boys Café at the top of Timber Chair.

skifernie.com/discover-fernien/summer-restaurants/ | 250-423-4655 | ON MTN



Rooftop Coffee Roasters Café

Locally roasted small-batch artisan coffee from Rooftop Coffee Roasters. Creative custom brews & sweet and savoury treats. Outdoor seating.

rooftopcoffeeroasters.com | 492 2nd Ave | 778-519-0789 | DOWNTOWN



Royal Canadian Legion Branch 36

Fernie's service club for Canadian Veterans, guests are welcome. Regular special events, free pool & darts. Streetside patio.

fernielegion.weebly.com | 551 st Ave | 250-423-6218 | DOWNTOWN



Starbucks

Convenient highway location offering the ubiquitous coffee menu, sandwiches and treats. Drive-through, indoor & outdoor seating.

starbucks.ca | 1641 7th Ave | 250-423-3681 | ON HWY #3



Sushiwood

Popular Korean BBQ & Japanese restaurant offering dine-in and take-out. Street-side patio and tatami rooms.

sushiwood.com | A-1221 7th Ave | 778-519-5255 | ON HWY #3



Tamarack Dining Room at Island Lake Lodge

Refined dining at Island Lake Lodge. Breathtaking views, indoor and outdoor seating. Cocktail menu and extensive wine library. Reservations required.

islandlakelodge.com | Mt Fernie Park Road | 250-423-3700 | FERNIE AREA



The Bistro at Park Place Lodge

Cosy and inviting family friendly location offering a traditional Canadian buffet breakfast menu.

parkplacelodge.com | 742 Hwy #3 | 250-423-6871 | ON HWY #3



The Central

Full service bar & nightclub. Regular live entertainment & DJ Nights.

thecentralfernien.ca | 301 2nd Ave | 250-430-0399 | DOWNTOWN



The Pub Bar & Grill at Park Place Lodge

Welcoming neighborhood pub with lunch, dinner and appetizer menu. Craft beer selection on tap and full bar. Pool tables, sports TVs and patio.

parkplacelodge.com | 742 Hwy #3 | 250-423-6871 | ON HWY #3



The Fernie Taphouse

A local watering hole since 1909. All day dining and lunch specials. Pool tables and sports on the big screen. Streetside patio & regular entertainment.

thefernie.ca | 691 1st Ave | 250-423-6444 | DOWNTOWN



Yamagoya Sushi

Creative and authentic Japanese dining in a contemporary space. Sushi bar, tatami rooms, full cocktail bar and raised covered patio deck.

yamagoya.ca | 741 7th Ave | 250-430-0090 | ON HWY #3





Explore Fernie's self-guided tours with the free mobile app!



Spa & Wellness

Restore mind and body with the ultimate in mountain wellness venues and programs. Plan a girls wellness getaway, a spa weekend with your loved one, or a solo escape. Fernie's spa professionals and pristine, inspiring environment will surpass your expectations.

It's all about you.

Retreat to Historic Downtown Fernie's urban getaway - Spa 901. 6,600 sq ft of bespoke facilities include custom private treatment rooms, spacious outdoor whirlpool, infrared saunas, relaxation rooms and esthetics. Open year-round.



The Spa at Island Lake Lodge is a mountain oasis offering the ultimate in fresh-air inspired wellness in the outdoor cedar sauna and relaxation lounge plus 8 treatment rooms. Open 5 days a week during the 2024 summer season. Check operation details online before visiting.

Fernie has gyms, yoga studios and personal trainers offering everything from meditation to spin cycle to intensive workouts. Join a meditation, stretching, or yoga class at Mantra Spirit Studio to align body and mind. Register for improvement camps and workshops at Fernie Alpine Resort, College of the Rockies or Ridetheory.



Pamper & polish.

Professional estheticians and therapists are also available year-round at Three Sisters Day Spa, Enchanted Esthetics in town, and N ve Spa at Lizard Creek Lodge.

Themes Include:

Taste of Fernie | Family Fun | Nature Walks
Heritage | Best Views | Art Walk

Choose to collect points to redeem for local rewards.



Scan the QR code or visit iconicfernies.com to download the free app.





Boutique Weddings

A four-season destination.

Create the unique mountain wedding of your dreams in any season. Fully encircled by the dramatic peaks of the Rocky Mountains, with tranquil old-growth forests and clear waters of the Elk River, Fernie offers natural beauty and a warm welcome.

Find your perfect match.

Whether you dream of sparkling white snow as your backdrop or walking barefoot through a flower-filled meadow, speaking your vows atop a mountain or beneath ancient old-growth cedars, Fernie has options.

Choose from venues and accommodations to suit your style and budget from spacious resort condos, luxury lodges, boutique hotels, budget motels and camping options. Fernie's photographers, wedding planners, florists, caterers, beauty specialists and transportation providers will ensure that every detail is looked after.



Boutique romance.

Craft the perfect day, whether it's a romantic elopement or with a select group of your most special friends and family. From the stunning scenery to intimate wedding venues, your wedding will be all about you, and not about compromises.

Stags, Stagettes, or Minimoons.

Decadent spa services, gourmet dining and a range of fun activities also make Fernie a great option for small-scale stags, stagettes, or a romantic engagement celebration or minimoon vacation.

Visit weddingsinfernies.com for more information and details or follow @fernieweddings on Instagram for inspiration.



Places to Stay

Fernie's diverse inventory of accommodations ranges from Canada's first Tiny Home Hotel to luxurious condominiums and everything in between. Make new friends around a cosy fireplace or enjoy all the comforts of a 4-star retreat complete with in-house dining and spa facilities. Many accommodations feature in-room kitchen facilities, so the choice is yours to dine in or venture out and discover Fernie's eclectic dining and nightlife scene. Whether you choose in-town, on mountain or tucked away nearby, Fernie has the accommodation to suit your budget and style.

For travel deals and packages visit us online at tourismfernie.com

On Mountain	Restaurant/Dining	Pool	Spa
Ski-in Ski-out	Breakfast Included	Indoor Pool	Fitness Room
Ski-in Only	Kitchen/ette	Sauna/Steam Room	Fireplace
Indoor Parking	Laundry	Hot Tub	Pet Friendly

View map of accommodations on page 33. All properties have wifi and free parking.

1 Alpine Lodge

Spacious 8-room lodge for groups of up to 18. Extensive amenities in a spectacular forest setting. Wedding packages & full catering available.

alpinelodgefernie.com | 5291 Highline Drive



2 Annex House

Spacious, modern, 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom vacation home, sleeps 6. Central location, walking distance to shopping and dining.

snowvalleylodging.com | 741 7th Avenue | 250-423-4421



3 Best Western Plus Fernie Mountain Lodge

A full-service hotel with standard rooms and suites. Located next to Fernie Golf Club, Starbucks, grocery store, beer & wine shop, Boston Pizza.

bestwesternfernie.com | 1622 Highway 3 | 1-866-423-5566



4 Birch Meadows

A beautiful, secluded location west of Fernie with 4 cabins and a small camping area. Host on-site. Wifi in main lodge only.

birchmeadowslodge.com | 4485 Highway 3 | 1-250-423-4236



5 Blackstone Bed & Breakfast

Next to Montane trails, close to Historic Downtown. Minimalist modern décor with exclusive accents and amenities.

blackstonebandb.com | 30 Piedmont Drive | 1-250-425-3637



6 Canadas Best Value Inn

Located in town on hwy 3, this affordable motel offers standard rooms and suites. Subway restaurant on site.

redlion.com/fernie | 401 Hwy 3 | 1-250-423-4438



7 Cornerstone Lodge & Condominiums

Located at Fernie Alpine Resort Village offering 1-2 bedroom condos. Slopeside Café and Legends Mountain Eatery on-site.

cornerstonelodge.ca | 5339 Fernie Ski Hill Road | 1-888-423-6855



8 East Kootenay Motel

Centrally located, comfortable and affordable accommodation for budget travellers. Long stays welcome, easy walking distance to restaurants, parks, and shopping.

Reception open 9am - Midnight | 250-423-9266



9 Elevated Rentals

Various options catering to diverse needs for your vacation or getaway featuring high-end linens and exceptional amenities.

Elevatedrentalsfernie.ca | Various Locations



10 Elk View Lodge

6 guest rooms each sleeping 2-8 guests with private bathroom. Use of shared facilities including family & dining rooms and commercial kitchen.

Elkviewlodge.com | 2934 Cokato Road | 519-701-3821



11 Falling Star Ski House

Two beautifully appointed adjoined suites at Fernie Alpine Resort. Shared deck with swim spa, BBQ, and spectacular views.

fallingstarskihouse.com | 5424 Resort Drive | 1-403-795-8075



12 FantasticStay

Diverse accommodations for every type of stay or vacation, from cozy condos to quirky homes.

fantasticstay.ca | Various Locations | 1-888-508-1908



13 Fernie Central Reservations Luxury Condos and Chalets

Luxury and family-style condos and chalets available on-mountain for intimate getaways, fun family gatherings and amazing summer vacations.

fernieceutralreservations.com | Various Locations | 1-800-622-5007



14 Fernie Fox Hotel

Fernie's most sustainable hotel! Solar powered. 2 EV Chargers on site, Tesla Supercharger next door. Free e-bikes for guests. Guest kitchen, BBQ patio, laundry, ski/bike storage, large outdoor hot-tub.

ferniefoxhotel.com | 2021 Highway 3 | 1-877-447-6788



15 Fernie Lodging Company Private Chalets and Condos

Stand-alone, private cabins, on-mountain or close to town. Spacious family chalets and 1, 2, & 3 bedroom condos.

fernielodgingco.com | Various locations | 1-800-667-9911



16 Fernie Mountain House

Modern, luxurious 7-bedroom lodge with vaulted ceilings, games room, fire pit, boot warmers, huge living/dining & kitchen areas and elevator access.

ferniemountainhouse.com | 5298 Resort Drive, Fernie Alpine Resort



17 Fernie RV Resort

Campers experience unparalleled scenery and outdoor recreation from every site, including fully serviced RV sites, heated yurts and tent sites. Facilities include coin operated laundry, free showers and wifi. Long term packages are available, open year-round.

fernierivresort.com | 2001 6th Avenue | 1-844-343-2233



18 Fernie Slopeside Lodge

Conveniently located in Fernie Alpine Resort Village. Standard hotel rooms, 4-bedroom suite, common area lounge and grocery store.

fernieslopesidelodge.com | 5339 Fernie Ski Hill Road | 1-800-258-7669



19 FWA Backcountry Lodge

Rustic off-grid stacked log lodge, 20 minutes from Fernie. Full lodge available for groups and single-room full-board available for FWA fly fishing guests.

Fernieadventures.com | 250-423-6704 | FERNIE AREA



20 Griz Inn RMC Rentals

Located in Fernie Alpine Resort Village by the Elk Chair. Collective group of unit owners offering rentals of 1-3 bedroom condos and compact hotel rooms.

grizinn.com | 5369 Fernie Ski Hill Road | 1-800-661-0118



21 Hideaway Lodge

Private 3 bedroom rental available for B&B or catered stays. Great location for hiking trails, close to town & the Elk river.

canadianpowdertours.com | 1410 McDonald Ave | 250-423-3019



22 Historic 901

Bespoke urban 2-5 bedroom condos with soaring ceilings, gourmet kitchens and fireplaces. Penthouse suites available. Walking distance to downtown, 10 minutes to Fernie Alpine Resort.

fernieceutralreservations.com | 901 - 2nd Avenue | 1-800-622-5007



23 Island Lake Lodge

A secluded, outdoor oasis offering luxury and traditional log lodges with spectacular views, mid-June to mid-September. Reservations required, check website before visiting.

islandlakelodge.com | 12km up Mt Fernie Park Rd | 1-888-422-8754



24 Lizard Creek Lodge & Condominiums

Located at the base of Elk Chair at Fernie Alpine Resort. Studio to 3 bedroom & loft condos. Cirque Restaurant & Bar.

lizardcreek.com | 5346 Highline Drive | 1-877-228-1948



25 Park Place Lodge

Locally owned full-service hotel with spacious guest rooms and studio suites, restaurant, pub and liquor store. Close to Rotary Park and Historic Downtown.

parkplacelodge.com | 742 Hwy 3 | 1-888-381-7275



26 Powder Mountain Lodge

Affordable lodge in town with BBQ and guest kitchen. Economy rooms, kitchen apartments and suites. Long term rates available.

powdermountainlodge.com | 1-250-423-4492 | 892 Highway 3



27 Raging Elk Adventure Lodging

Private and family rooms with ensuites and deluxe POD accommodation. Kodiak Lounge onsite proudly serving craft beer from the Kootenays & bar snacks. Downtown location.

ragingelk.com | 892 6th Avenue | 1-250-423-6811



28 Red Tree Lodge

Standard, deluxe and family rooms. Guest kitchen, BBQ area, movie room, games room, complimentary breakfast snack.

redtreelodge.com | 1101 7th Avenue | 1-250-423-4622



29 Snow Valley Lodging

Tiny Home and dog-friendly options. Beautiful hotel rooms and kitchen suites. Complimentary townie bike rentals for guests.

snowvalleylodging.com | 1041 7th Avenue | 250-423-4421



30 Stanford Waterslide Resort

On Hwy 3 between town and Fernie Alpine Resort. Rooms, suites, condos and townhomes. 166ft waterslide, games room & function room. Tandoor Grill & Restaurant.

ferniestanfordresort.com | 100 Riverside Way Hwy 3 | 1-877-423-5600



This is Fernie!

With Sadie

Watch our new video series with local host Sadie Rosgen as she shares special stories of great people and places all through her passion for Fernie.

Fun and inspiring short vlogs each between 5-8 minutes in length!

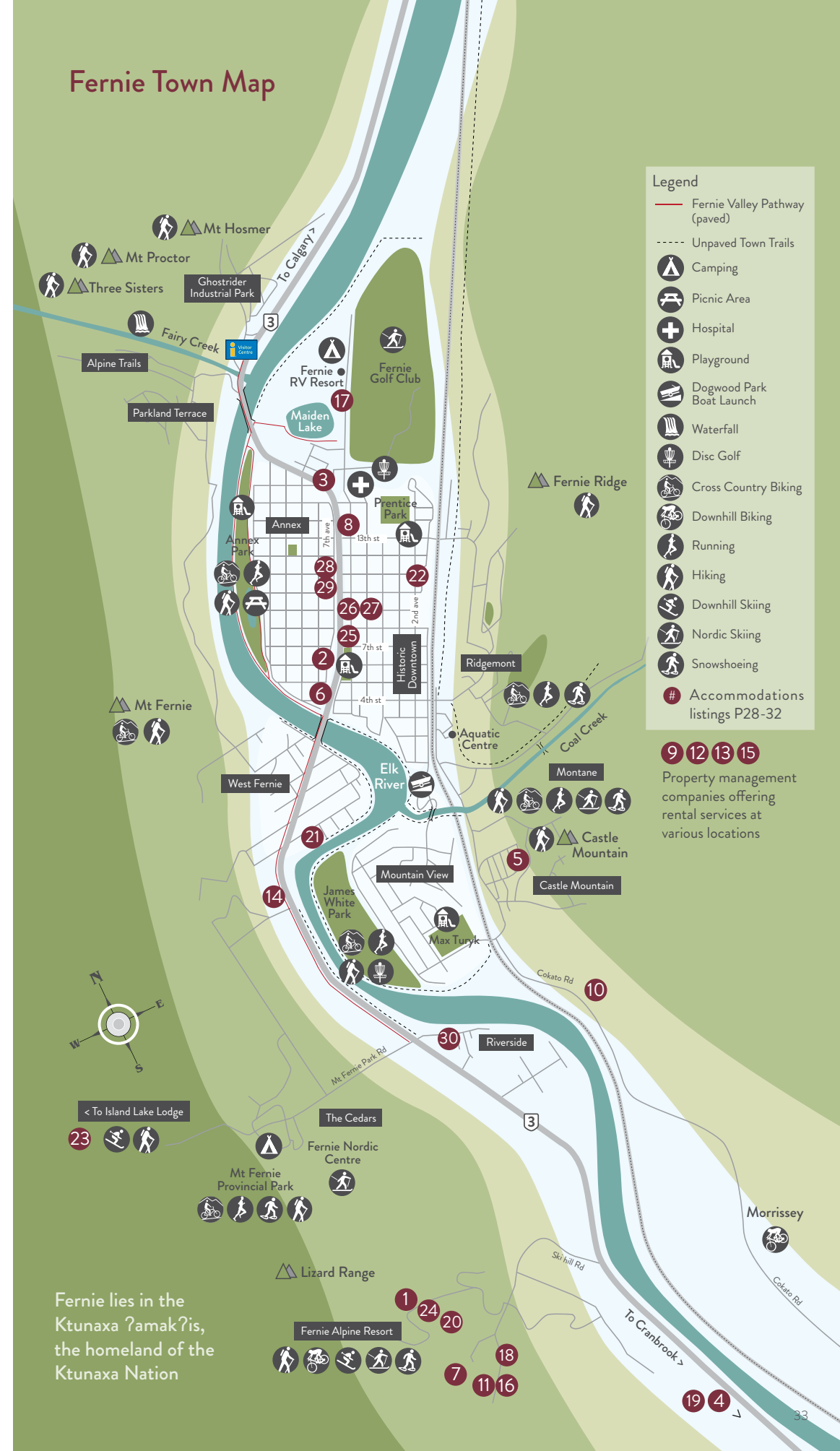
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EPISODES INCLUDE:

Fernie Ghost Tour • It's Ski Season
 Artisan Bakeries • Fernie Griz Days
 The Sounds of Fernie • AmbassadorWILD
 Fernie's Female Riding Scene
 Bloopers Compilation • The Fernie Factor
 Artists and Artisans

[View them all and more!](#)

Fernie Town Map



Winter in Fernie, BC

Winter season is what Fernie is most known for across the globe thanks to legendary annual snowfalls. From November to mid-April, snowy mountains bask in bright winter sun above our welcoming town. Forest trails and alpine bowls create a winter wonderland offering acres of unrivalled adventures and soul-soothing activities.

The very mountains that we play among have inspired the legends that define Fernie, where the mythical Griz brings the pillowy soft snow that we call champagne powder. Celebrate the best of winter at the annual Griz Days winter festival in March.

The winter season has been welcoming and inspiring visitors for decades to enjoy ski slopes at Fernie Alpine Resort, acres of Catskiing in two distinct areas, extensive big mountain snowmobiling terrain, and maintained trail systems for Nordic skiing, snowshoeing and fatbiking. The convenience of ski-in ski-out lodging, a diverse range of on-mountain and in-town dining options and warm mountain hospitality provide guests with a true Canadian Rockies experience.

tourismfernie.com | [#ferniestoke](https://twitter.com/ferniestoke)





Fernie Alpine Resort

Situated on the Powder Highway, Fernie Alpine Resort benefits from the best of the northwest weather effect known locally as the 'Fernie Factor'. The encircling mountains create a microclimate – bringing wave after wave of fresh white powder snow and turning each day into a thrilling new adventure of ever-changing vistas and discoveries.

An average of over 30 feet of snow per season and 146 runs for all abilities would be enough to keep most skiers and riders happy; add to this high-speed quads with virtually no lift lines, five alpine bowls, extensive gladed terrain, plus the joy of skiing without the need to acclimatize, and you may just think you've hit the winter jackpot.

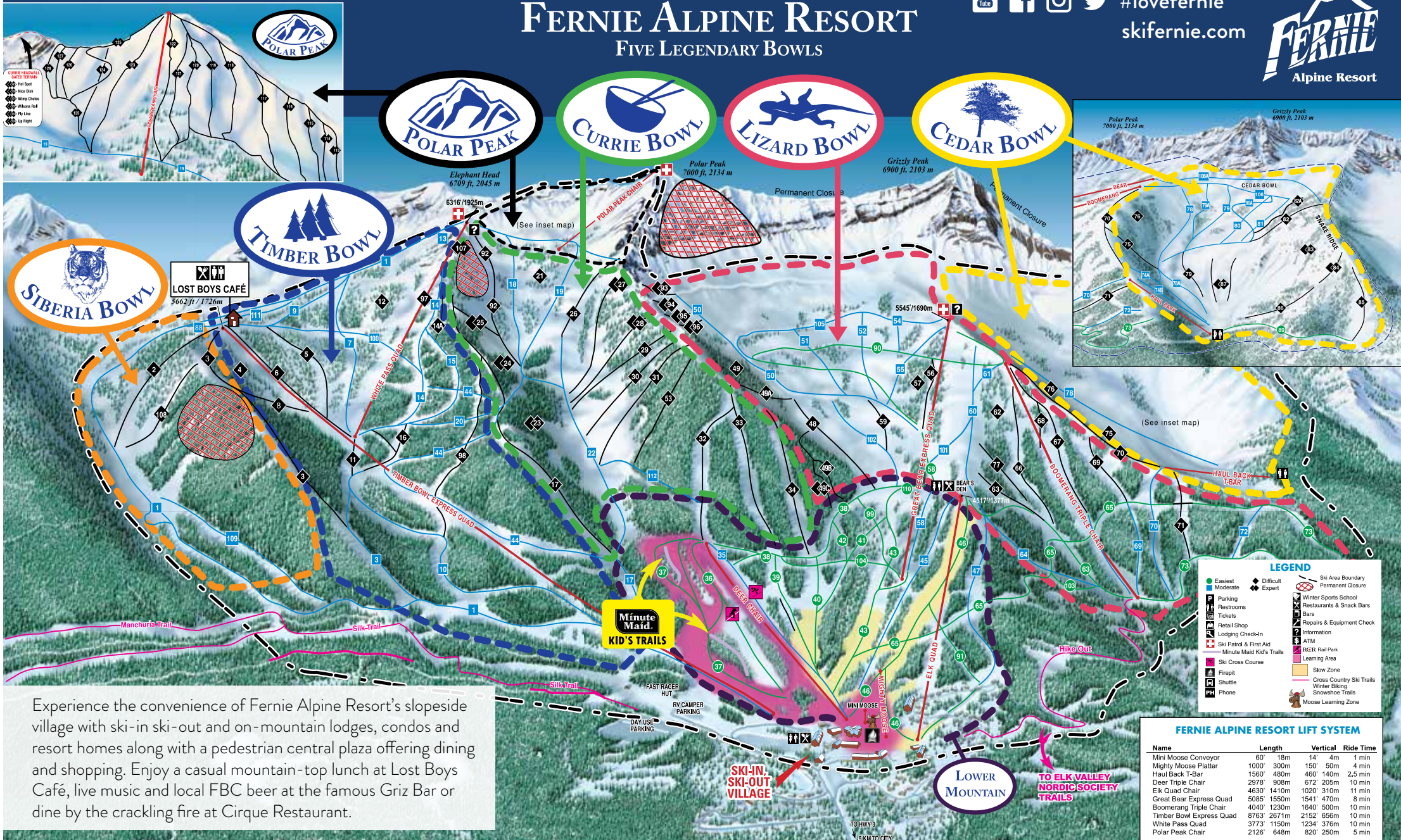
Blue runs offering extensive intermediate terrain conveniently connect to gently graded and immaculately groomed beginner runs. The sheltering ridges of the Lizard Range tower over the expansive glades and open profiles of the alpine bowls at Fernie Alpine Resort's powder-packed upper reaches. Steep, deep and daring advanced terrain is featured across the mountain, with black and double black diamond runs which add challenging aspects and extreme gradient powder runs for confident intermediates and experts.

More than just a ski and snowboard destination, there is a passionate outdoor culture at Fernie Alpine Resort that celebrates the natural beauty of the Rocky Mountain environment and all it offers. Share stories with new friends as you enjoy après drinks and dinner around the resort, hop on the shuttle for a night in town or retreat to your private hot tub to soothe away the day's exertions.



FERNIE ALPINE RESORT

FIVE LEGENDARY BOWLS



Experience the convenience of Fernie Alpine Resort's slopeside village with ski-in ski-out and on-mountain lodges, condos and resort homes along with a pedestrian central plaza offering dining and shopping. Enjoy a casual mountain-top lunch at Lost Boys Café, live music and local FBC beer at the famous Griz Bar or dine by the crackling fire at Cirque Restaurant.

LEGEND

- Easiest
- Moderate
- Difficult
- Expert
- Ski Area Boundary
- Permanent Closure
- Winter Sports School
- Restaurants & Snack Bars
- Bars
- Repairs & Equipment Check
- Information
- Lodging Check-In
- ATM
- RCR Rail Park
- Minute Maid Kid's Trails
- Learning Area
- Slow Zone
- Firepit
- Cross Country Ski Trails
- Winter Biking
- Snowshoe Trails
- Moose Learning Zone
- Parking
- Restrooms
- Trails
- Retail Shop
- Ski Patrol & First Aid
- Minute Maid Kid's Trails
- Ski Cross Course
- Shuttle
- Phone

FERNIE ALPINE RESORT LIFT SYSTEM

Name	Length	Vertical	Ride Time
Mini Moose Conveyor	60' 18m	14' 4m	1 min
Mighty Moose Platter	1000' 300m	150' 50m	4 min
Haul Back T-Bar	1560' 480m	460' 140m	2.5 min
Deer Triple Chair	2978' 908m	672' 205m	10 min
Elk Quad Chair	4630' 1410m	1020' 310m	11 min
Great Bear Express Quad	5085' 1550m	1541' 470m	8 min
Boomerang Triple Chair	4040' 1230m	1640' 500m	10 min
Timber Bowl Express Quad	8763' 2671m	2152' 656m	10 min
White Pass Quad	3773' 1150m	1234' 376m	10 min
Polar Peak Chair	2126' 648m	820' 250m	5 min

Your full service winter resort experience:

- TELUS Winter Sports School – ski & snowboard lessons and family coaching
- First Tracks, Backcountry Basics, Steep & Deep and Big Mountain Clinics
- Fernie Performance Academy with level 3/4 instructors
- CSIA/CASI Instructor Courses
- Complimentary mountain tours
- 10km of groomed cross-country ski, snowshoe & fatbike trails
- Guided snowshoe, cross-country ski & fatbike tours
- Equipment rentals and professional servicing & repair shop
- 7 dining and nightlife options
- Shopping at Sports Alpine Boutique and Mountain Pantry Grocery Store
- Rail park and ski cross course
- Day & evening shuttle between resort and town (5km/3 miles)

Mountain stats & facts:

- Open daily early December to Mid April
- Average annual snowfall: 9m / 30ft
- Base: 1,052m / 3,450ft
- Top: 2,134m / 7,000ft
- Vertical: 1082m / 3,550ft
- Skiable Area: 1,013 Hectares / 2,500+ Acres
- 5 alpine bowls, 146 marked runs plus gladed terrain
- 7 chair lifts, 3 surface lifts
- 15% Novice ● 35% Intermediate ■ 30% Advanced ◆ 20% Expert ◆◆

Ski & Stay Packages
 Book early for the best offers and availability. Professional reservations agents can also book car rental and more!
skiferne.com | 1-800-258-7669

Nonstop Ski & SB Coaching
 Offering all-inclusive improvement camps, instructor training and Rocky Mountain ski and snowboard adventures.
nonstopsnow.com



Catskiing explorations in the backcountry.

For over 30 years, Fernie has set the standard for catskiing and snowboarding. Combining vast terrain blanketed in over 40 feet of untouched powder with professional guiding, catskiing is the ultimate backcountry experience for intermediates and experts. Relax and enjoy the safety and comforts of a snowcat as it delivers you to the start of each new powder run.

For a taste of this epic style of pampered powder skiing and riding, book a single day or two with Fernie Wilderness Adventures; a family-operated catskiing company since 1986. Each day ends at their rustic backcountry lodge to relax with newfound friends and enjoy après ski in front of the fire. For a fully immersive experience, award-winning Island Lake Catskiing offers multi-day all-inclusive catskiing adventures complete with spectacular alpine and gladed terrain, secluded luxury lodging and gourmet cuisine.



Endless snowmobiling adventures.

Venture into Fernie's backcountry and experience some of the best riding in the Rockies. Fernie offers a fantastic combination of regularly groomed trails, fun play areas for all abilities, and some of BC's best technical treeline-style riding.

Convenient staging areas and groomed trails are only minutes from town. The welcoming on-trail facilities of Wranglers Cabin and Rolling Hills Cabin offer a great spot to warm up, meet other sledders and enjoy your packed lunch. The Coal Creek area attracts riders of all abilities, while Morrissey offers exceptional intermediate to advanced riding options. Hartley Lake, Corbin, and Ram Creek provide advanced terrain for experienced riders.

The Fernie Snowmobile Association manages five riding areas in the valley under partnership with private landowners and the government. A trail pass is required to sled the valley and can be purchased online or in person at the trailhead before you ride. Visit ferniesnowmobile.com for details on riding areas, trail maps, passes, grooming and event schedules.

Sled rentals, snowmobile gear and parts are available through Ghost Rider Motorsports; Elk Valley Rentals offer rentals and can assist in organising day trips. Avalanche equipment is available at Gearhub Sports and The Guide's Hut.

Enhance your backcountry sledding experience and safety with professional support. Elk Valley Snow Shepherds offers avalanche courses, guided adventures, and various levels of riding clinics for both snowmobilers and snowbikers. Weir Boondocking offers a variety of coaching and riding clinics.

Self-Powered Trail Adventures.

Clear crisp air, groomed and track-set winter trails and spectacular old-growth forests provide a sublime setting for activities of a self-propelled nature. Pick up the new Winter Trail Map before you go or use the Trailforks App. For guided hiking and backcountry touring, contact Mountain Addicts or Hike Fernie.

Nordic Skiing

Cross-country skiing has become as much a part of the community culture in Fernie as alpine skiing. Over 42km of groomed, track-set trails keep cross-country skiers of all abilities active with magical mountain views to enjoy along the way. For grooming updates visit fernienordic.com/grooming.

The Fernie Nordic Society operates two separate areas each for cross-country skiing only. The Elk Valley Nordic Centre near Mt Fernie Provincial Park features a groomed and track-set loop alongside Lizard Creek which undulates through the forest for gentle challenges and beautiful views ideal for intermediate level skiers. Gentle beginner-friendly loops at Fernie Golf Club offer spectacular big mountain views.

Multi-use trails at Fernie Alpine Resort and Montane are ideal for mixed use and well-behaved pets. Montane also offers a number of ski-only trails and a warming hut with views across the valley. The Town Loop from Fernie RV Resort to James White Park is groomed regularly and popular with all users.



Snowshoeing

Rent or purchase snowshoes in town or at Fernie Alpine Resort. Snowshoeing is a great way for the whole family to enjoy multi-use trails and enjoy the fresh air and abundant open spaces. Explore the trails at Mt Fernie Provincial Park, Fernie Alpine Resort, Montane and the Town Loop along the Elk River. For more adventures, try the Fairy Creek Falls Trail or Ridgemont.

For guided tours and immersive experiences contact Fernie Alpine Resort or Hike Fernie.



Fatbiking

Fernie's coolest winter activity – Fatbiking – takes you along groomed multi-use trails through the trees and up to viewpoints, if you're up for the challenge! Bring your own fatbike or rent or buy one at local bike shops and just go. If you can mountain bike you can fatbike, though it doesn't take much to get a sweat on, even in -10c temperatures. Read the Fatbiking 101 blog on our website.

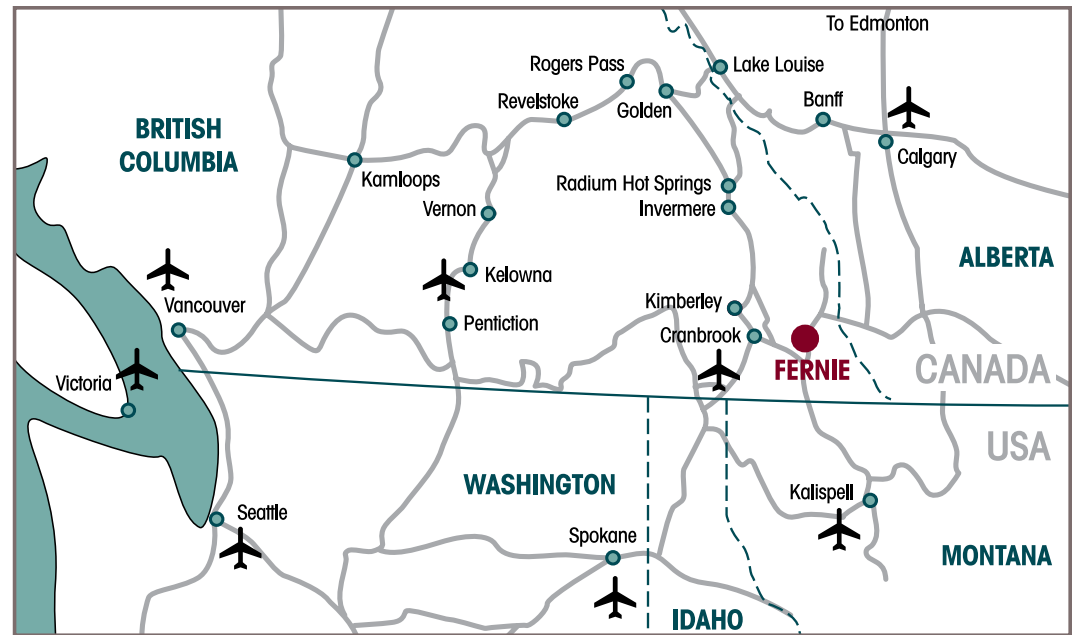
A diversity of trails cater to this great activity. For beginners, practice along the Town Loop then progress to the Adaptive Trail up to Montane Hut. For the more experienced try the new Montane Blue, Lower Ridgemont or Fernie Alpine Resort. More advanced options include Phat Bastard, Mushroom and Red Sonya, Upper Ridgemont or CONTRA.

Learn-to-fatbike and guided tours are offered at Fernie Alpine Resort on the daily-groomed multi-use forest trails and on community trails with Ridetheory. Pick up the Winter Trail Map before you go or use the Trailforks App.



Fun family things to do in winter:

- Learn to skate on the Outdoor Skating Rink or at Fernie Memorial Arena.
- Sip hot drinks and learn about the art of chocolate making at one of North America's only bean-to-bar traditional chocolate makers, Beanpod Gelato and Chocolate.
- Take in a movie at the Vogue Theatre or book the private arcade room if travelling as a group.
- Check out Fernie Heritage Library's programs for kids or storytime sessions.
- Take a self-guided heritage or art walk and spot murals, 'ghost signs' and sculptures along the way. Pick up maps from the Museum or find them online.
- Join in at a fun art session or craft workshop at The Arts Station.
- Warm up with a swim and a splash at the Fernie Aquatic Centre. Check online for hours and special information.
- Stop by the Visitor Centre to see the animal displays, visit the Fernie Derrick, and hike or snowshoe to Fairy Creek Falls.
- Try Saturday night skiing on the Mighty Moose at Fernie Alpine Resort.
- Go tobogganing beside the Fernie Aquatic Centre or at the base of Fernie Alpine Resort.
- Try a round of winter disc golf at James White Park.
- Explore the trails on a family snowshoe or Nordic skiing adventure.



Getting Here

Fernie is situated in the heart of the Canadian Rocky Mountains in south-eastern British Columbia. Self-drive touring holidays are highly recommended along the scenic Crowsnest Highway #3.

By Air: The nearest major airport is Calgary International - YYC. Daily connector flights from Calgary and Vancouver International Airport - YVR are available to Cranbrook Airport (Canadian Rockies International - YXC), located 1.25 hours from Fernie. Visitors can also arrive via Glacier International Airport in Kalispell, Montana or Spokane, Washington and travel to Fernie by rental car.

By Road: Fernie is located on Highway #3. The nearest US border crossing is at Roosville, open 24 hours. Rental car agencies & RV rentals are available at or near all airports.

Airport Shuttle: Scheduled and private charter services are available year-round from Calgary, Cranbrook and Kalispell Airports to Fernie.

Ski Shuttle: All-day #Fernihstoke Ski Shuttle service between Fernie Alpine Resort, Historic Downtown and local accommodations.

Driving times to Fernie

FROM THE WEST, BC

Cranbrook: 1 hr
Cranbrook Airport: 1.25 hrs
Kelowna: 7.5 hrs
Vancouver: 12 hrs

FROM THE SOUTH

Roosville US Border Crossing, MT: 30 minutes
Kalispell, MT: 2.5 hrs
Spokane, WA: 5 hrs
Yellowstone, WY: 9 hrs
Portland, OR: 11 hrs

FROM THE EAST/NORTH

Sparwood, BC: 20 minutes
Crowsnest Pass, AB: 45 minutes
Calgary Airport, AB: 3.5 hours
Banff, AB: 4 hrs
Edmonton, AB: 6 hrs
Saskatoon, SK: 9 hrs
Winnipeg, MB: 15 hrs

Fernie fast facts:

- Established in 1898, population 6,320
- Town elevation 1,010 metres / 3,314 feet
- 375 km / 233 miles of hiking and biking trails
- Annual winter average of over 9 metres / 30 feet of snow

Electric charging stations

Fernie offers charging stations for electric vehicles at multiple locations around town. Visit plugshare.com for up-to-date information.

For Public Use:

Fernie Visitor Information Centre
Canadian Tire
City Hall & Fernie Senior's Centre
Fernie RV Resort
1501 10th Ave
Jack Carter Northstar GM
Smitty's Restaurant
Legacy Ford
West Emerald Creative
North End Court

For Accommodation Guests:

Fernie Fox Hotel
Fernie Mountain House

Coming Soon:

Circle K
Fas Gas

Driving along Hwy #3, additional charging stations can be found in Sparwood and the Crowsnest Pass to the East, and Jaffray to the West.

Town, Trail & River Maps-View online at tourismfernief.com/maps



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