



TRAVEL GUIDE 2024

Experience the Canadian Rockies,
Fernie Style.



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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 adrenaline 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 the best of 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.

Front Cover
Powder Skiing at Island Lake Lodge
Photo by: Matt Kuhn

This Page
Cross-country skiing at the Fernie Golf Course
Photo by: Beartooth Media

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 pillow soft snow that we call champagne powder. Celebrate the best of winter at the annual Griz Days winter festival.

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.

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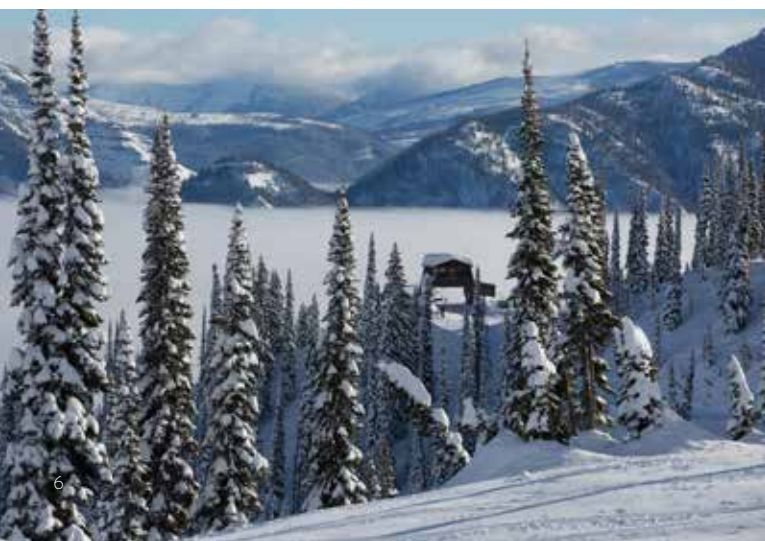
Fernie Alpine Resort

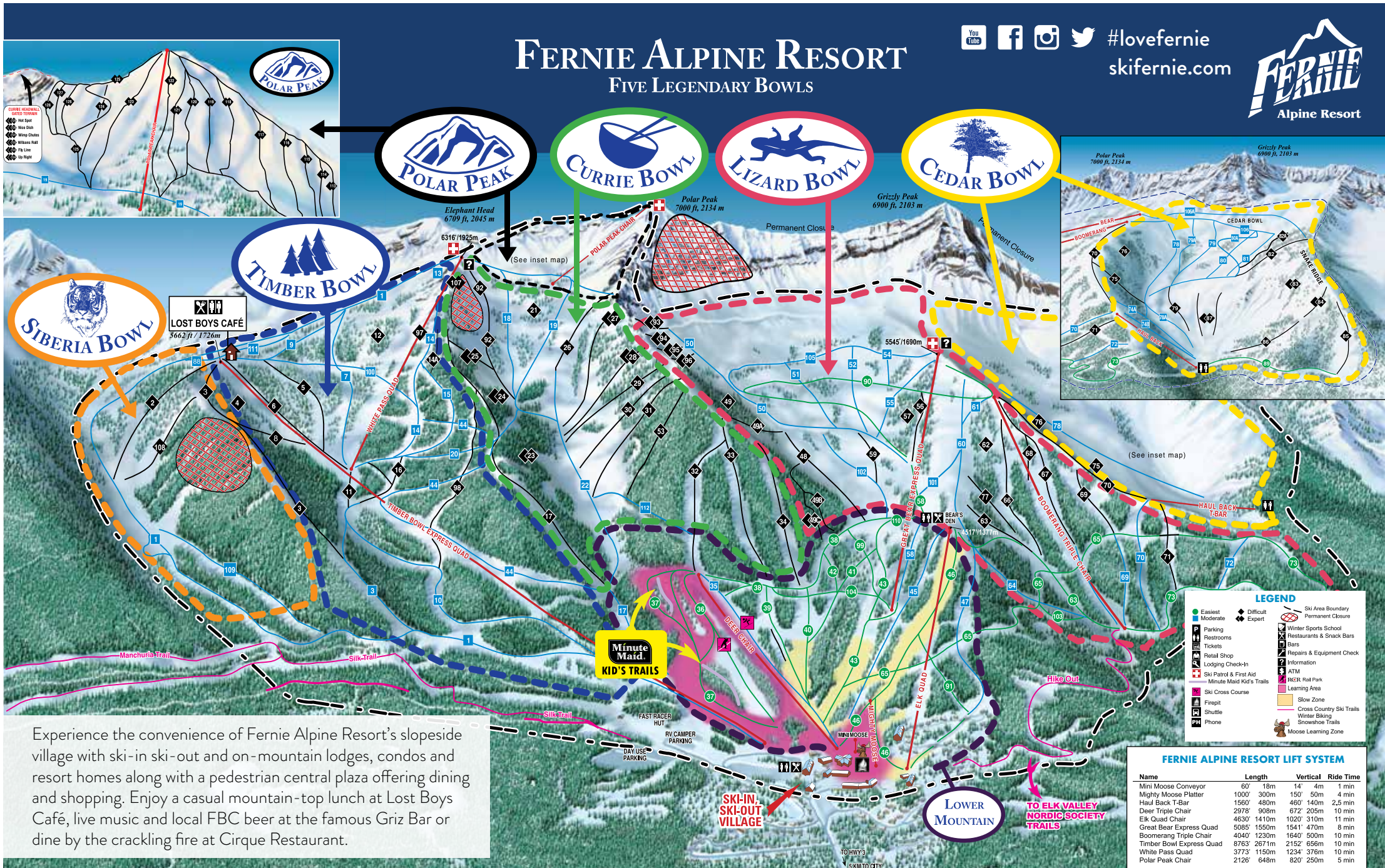
Situated on the Powder Highway, Fernie Alpine Resort benefits from the best of the northwest weather effect known locally as the ‘Fernie Factor’. The encircling mountains create a microclimate – bringing wave after wave of fresh white powder snow and turning each day into a thrilling new adventure of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

An average of over 30 feet of snow per season and 147 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.





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, 147 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!
skifernie.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 adventures 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.

Explore 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 adventures and immersive experiences at Fernie Alpine Resort and Mt Fernie Provincial Park, contact Wild Nature Tours.



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 Chocolate, Coffee and Gelato.
- 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.



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.

NOVEMBER

Winter Gear Swap & Sale • Fernie Ski & Board Film Festival • Mogul Smoker • Snowmobile Season Opens

WINTER

Booked! Fernie Writer’s Series • Weekly Guided Fatbike Rides, XC Ski & Snowshoe Tours • Fernie Ghostriders Hockey Games

DECEMBER

Holiday Kick-Off • Fernie Alpine Resort Christmas & New Year’s Events • Family Snowmobile Ride & BBQ • Christmas Craft Fair

JANUARY

Reel Canadian Film Festival • Fernie Fat Bike Day

FEBRUARY

Fernie Mountain Film Festival • Junior Freeski • Vintage Snowmobile Event • Silk Trail Slide

MARCH

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

APRIL

Fernival • Slopesoaker • Powder, Pedal, Paddle Relay

MAY

Mother’s Day Craft Fair • Fernie Golf Club Opens • White Water Rafting Season Starts • Bi-weekly Classic Car Town Cruise (May-Sept) • Fernie Disc Golf Tournament

JUNE

Island Lake Lodge Opens • Fernie Alpine Resort Opens • National Indigenous Day Celebrations • Fly Fishing Season Opens • Fernie Raft Race

JULY

Fernie Gravel Grind • Canada Cup DH Dunbar Series Race • Elk Valley Ultra • Canada Day Celebrations • Fernie Golf Open Tournament • Trans BC Enduro

AUGUST

Wapiti Music Festival • Fernie Show n’ Shine

JULY & AUGUST

Wednesday Concert Series • Sunday Mountain Market • Historical Walking Tours • Weekly Bike Rides & Guided Hikes

SEPTEMBER

Wam Bam Dirt Jump Jam • Singletrack 6 Mountain Bike Race • Lone Wolf Race • Demolition Derby • Fernie Chautauqua • Fall Fair • Elk Valley Pride Festival • P9 MTB Race • Dirt Diggler MTB Race • High Roller MTB Race • Fall Craft Fair • Start of the Ghost rider Hockey Season

OCTOBER

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



Winter Activity Providers

Fernie has plenty of activity providers to help you make the most of your winter days! From a quick spin on the outdoor skating rink to a week exploring the big mountain snowmobile trails, we've got all the gear, services, and instructors you'll need to develop your confidence, increase your abilities, and make the most of our mountains!

Ascent Helicopters

Soar above the Canadian Rocky Mountains on a scenic flight or charter tour. Wedding photo shoots, anniversary flights, backcountry drop-offs and wildlife viewing.

Ascenthelicopters.ca | 250-423-1443



College of the Rockies

9-month Mountain Adventure Skills Training course, winter recreational programming and Indoor Climbing Wall.

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



Elk Valley Snow Shepherds

Snowmobile guiding, instruction, ride clinics, women-only sessions and Avalanche Safety Training courses. Two-stroke, cold smoke, sledding stoke in the Fernie backcountry.

Elkvalleysnowshepherds.com | 250-531-0703



Fernie Alpine Resort Early December, 2023 – Mid April 2024

2,500 acres and an average of 30ft of snow for your best ski, snowboard, fatbike, Nordic and snowshoe adventures!

Full service resort, see P6-9 for details.

Skifernie.com | 250-423-4655



Fernie Curling Club

Drop-in curling from January – March for all abilities. 4 sheets of ice and lounge bar, private bookings available.

Ferniecurling.com | 961 6th Ave | 250-423-6553



Fernie Memorial Arena

Home of the Fernie Ghostriders – Fernie's own KIJHL ice stars! Regular home games and limited public skating.

Fernie.ca | 961 6th Ave



Fernie Nordic Society

Manages 22km of trails for classic and skate skiing at the Elk Valley Nordic Centre and Fernie Golf Course, plus warming hut, lessons and events.

Fernienordic.com | 250-531-0690



Fernie Outdoor Skating Rink

NHL-sized outdoor ice rink adjacent to the Fernie Aquatic Centre. Floodlit and free to use as winter conditions allow. See online rink schedule for use.

Fernie.ca | 250 Pine Ave



Fernie Snowmobile Association

Manages trail grooming, signage, warming huts and events at Coal Creek, Morrissey, Corbin & Hartley Pass. Day use and season passes available.

Ferniesnowmobile.com



Fernie Wilderness Adventures

5,000-acre private day Catskiing property for strong intermediates and above. Special small-group and early and late-season rates. Rustic lodge for groups.

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



Hike Fernie

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

Hikeinfernien.com | 250-531-0027



Island Lake Lodge

Exclusive multi-day all inclusive Catskiing vacations with gourmet dining and mountain lodging. Fully booked for winter 2023-2024. Waitlist available.

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



Mountain Addicts

All terrain ski touring with ACMG guides – travel safely and get the most from the mountains! Avalanche Skills Training I & II courses.

Mountainaddicts.ca | 250-531-0618



Nonstop Ski & Snowboard

Expert coaching and CSIA level 1-3 ski instructor training camps from 2 weeks up to 5 months. Fun, social atmosphere, meals and accommodation at Red Tree Lodge.

Nonstopsnow.com | 778-806-4883



Ridetheory

Fatbiking instruction and tours to help you get the most out of Fernie's winter trails – solo, group and customized sessions for all ages and abilities.

Ridetheory.ca | 250-278-9300



Weir Boondocking

Snowmobiling fundamentals clinics and 'Follow Me' rides. Gain the confidence you need to master the mountain on your sled.

Weirboondocking.com | 250-423-9034





Historic Downtown & Awesome Après.

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.

Historic Downtown is just a quick shuttle from the Resort with an inviting collection of charming stores, cafes and spa retreats offering gourmet gifts and delicacies. Explore gear shops where you'll find service and advice from the people who live the way you play. Fernie's 7th Avenue offers more eclectic restaurants and the newest additions to the shopping scene: Cannabis culture. Drop by Earth's Own Naturals for a wide range of product for smoking and vaping plus edibles, oils, capsules, accessories, and knowledgeable advice in a spirited atmosphere.

Picturesque heritage buildings house busy bars serving up local Fernie Brewing Company beers and handcrafted pub food. Keep an eye on our events calendar and watch for winter favourites including the Reel Canadian Film Festival in January and Griz Days in March, plus live bands and entertainment at a variety of venues.

Explore downtown and surrounding areas with self-guided walks, 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.
- Stop by Fernie Distillers, Fernie Brewing Co, Beanpod Chocolate, Coffee & Gelato, Fernie Alpine Springs, or Rooftop Roasters to sample locally made products and learn about their artisan production.
- Take a Heritage Walking Tour and see historic buildings including the Heritage Library, The Fernie Livery and 1911 Fernie Court House.
- 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 outdoor gear shops to get the inside scoop on trails and activities.
- 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 mountain lifestyle fashion at Freyja Kootenay Boutique or Ghost rider Trading, or shop for Canadian-made brands at Coal Town Goods.

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



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

Eclectic dining is offered in every corner of Fernie. 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.

Beanpod Chocolate, Coffee & Gelato
One of only a handful of traditional bean-to-bar chocolate makers. Chocolate, truffles, hot beverages, summer gelato and sweet treats.
beanpod.ca | 691 2nd Ave | 778-519-5008 | DOWNTOWN

Bear’s Den Snack Bar
Tasty snacks and hot and cold drinks to fuel you up right on the slopes at the top of the Elk Quad Chairlift. SEASONAL
skifernie.com | 250-423-4655 | ON MOUNTAIN

Big Bang Bagels
Fresh bagels baked in-store daily, over 18 varieties to choose from! Speciality coffee, smoothies and cookies.
fb/BigBangBagels | 502 2nd Ave | 250-423-7778 | DOWNTOWN

Blue Toque Gastro Diner
Cozy diner serving world flavours and re-imagined classic brunch favourites. Offering locally roasted coffee as well as a craft cocktail menu and mimosas.
bluetoquediner.com | 601 1st Ave | DOWNTOWN

Bramasole Restaurant & Wine Bar
BC wines starting from just \$6; Mediterranean inspired small bites menu. Regular live music and special tasting events.
bramasole.ca | 851 7th Ave | 250-430-0526 | OFF HWY #3

Brickhouse
Cool urban bar in a former bank featuring BC wines & beers. Food served all day. Occasional live entertainment.
thebrickhousefernien.com | 401 2nd Ave | 250-423-0009 | DOWNTOWN

Bridge Bistro
Riverside location with huge outdoor patio & full bar with sport TVs. Canadian & international menu with kids favourites and daily specials.
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.
chilangofernien.com | 1302B Hwy #3 | ON HWY #3

Cirque Restaurant & The Ice Bar
Casual upscale dining & cocktail restaurant with a Mediterranean-inspired menu. Huge fireplace, patio, spectacular Ice Bar attraction & mountain views.
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.
fb/dqfernien27369 | 1610 McDonald Avenue | ON HWY #3

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 Alpine Springs
Handcrafted probiotic kombucha created with clean, clear alpine water, fresh herbs and natural flavours. Open-air tasting & refill bar.
fernialpinesprings.com | 1501 10th Ave | 450-771-8658 | IN TOWN

Fernie Brewing Company
Large tasting room and retail store featuring over a dozen regular and seasonal products to sample and purchase.
ferniebrewing.com | 26 Manitou Road | 250-423-7797 | OFF HWY #3

Fernie Catering Co
Red Seal Chef offering bespoke catering for special events. Full menu available for purchase online or from Local Store.
ferniecateringco.com | 250-531-0905 | IN TOWN

Fernie Distillers
Tasting room and lounge featuring gin, vodka and liqueurs made in house and crafted into award-winning cocktails. Occasional live entertainment.
ferniedistillers.com | 531 1st Ave | DOWNTOWN

Freshies Café
Delicious home baking, breakfast and lunch. Speciality coffee and tea menu. Now serving charcuterie platters and cocktails. Open daily.
freshiesfernien.com | 601 2nd Ave | DOWNTOWN

Griz Bar
Lively après-ski location with outdoor deck. Share stories about your day on the mountain over ice cold beer and piled-high nachos. WINTER ONLY
skifernie.com | Fernie Alpine Resort | 250-423-4655 | ON MOUNTAIN

Griz Daylodge and Take Out Window
Fast and efficient hot and cold food and drinks to get you back on the slopes. Dine-in or take out to enjoy in the plaza or on the go. WINTER ONLY
skifernie.com | Fernie Alpine Resort | 250-423-4655 | ON MOUNTAIN

Happy Cow Ice Cream
Handmade icecream, sorbets, ice-cream sandwiches and ice-cream cakes featuring local ingredients including Fernie beer, honey, and berries.
Happcowicecream.ca | 561B Hwy #3 | 250-423-8381 | OFF HWY #3

House of Gato
A tiny space offering big style. Classical French treats including sweet and savoury pastries, gourmet cakes, breads and sandwiches to go. Limited hours.
housegato.com | 601C 2nd Ave | DOWNTOWN

Himalayan Spice Bistro

Authentic, fragrant south Asian cuisine including house speciality tandoori kebabs cooked over hot coals.

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



Kodiak Lounge

Friendly ski bar serving craft beer, localized cocktails & Après snacks. Free pool, regular live music, 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 | 250-278-0109 | 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



Little Griz Take-out Window

Hot & cold food and drinks served up fast to enjoy in the resort plaza or to-go. SEASONAL

skifernie.com | 250-423-4655 | ON MOUNTAIN



Loaf

Casual and contemporary dining including pizza, pasta and speciality desserts. Full coffee and bar service and regular live music on Fridays.

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



Lost Boys Café

Fernie's highest eatery! Daytime mountaintop dining with spectacular views for skiers, riders and summer hikers. SEASONAL

skifernie.com | Fernie Alpine Resort | 250-423-4655 | ON MOUNTAIN



Lunchbox

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

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

Mobile coffee cart open regularly off Hwy #3 in West Fernie. Organic fairtrade coffee & fresh treats baked including gluten free options.

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



Mugshots

Breakfast, lunch, hot drinks and snacks to go or dine in, including home-baked treats, sandwiches and soup.

Mugshotsfernies.ca | 592 3rd Ave | DOWNTOWN



Nevados

Upbeat latin-inspired tequila lounge and restaurant. Speciality tapas, tacos and creative dining and cocktails.

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



Rooftop Coffee Roasters Café

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

rooftopcoffeeroasters.com | 492 2nd Ave | 403-804-6653 | DOWNTOWN



Royal Canadian Legion Branch #36

A service club for veterans with free pool and darts. Regular live entertainment including comedy, theme nights, DJs and live music.

fernielegion.weebly.com | 551 1st Ave | 250-423-6218 | DOWNTOWN



Slopeside Coffee & Deli

Casual lunch and coffee bar at the Resort Plaza. Gourmet eats and treats and full beverage menu. Fireplace. WINTER ONLY

skifernie.com | Fernie Alpine Resort | 250-423-4655 | ON MOUNTAIN



Starbucks

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

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



Sushiwood

Offering an extensive menu of Japanese and Korean dishes including appetizers, sushi, bento & BBQ with full bar and cocktails.

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



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.

thecentralfernies.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 & sport TVs. Closed Mondays.

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.

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



Yamagoya Sushi

Creative and authentic Japanese dining in a contemporary space. Sushi bar, tatami rooms and full cocktail bar with hot & cold sake.

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



Winter Suggested Itinerary.

DAY 1: Welcome! Check in to your accommodation and head out for cocktail hour and a delicious dinner at one of Fernie's locally owned restaurants.



DAY 2: First visit to Fernie? Book a complimentary mountain orientation at Fernie Alpine Resort to learn stories of the mountain and where to find the best grooming or deepest powder. Spend the rest of the day exploring the terrain.

DAY 3: Master the mountain. Now that you know your way around, have fun and enjoy all that Fernie Alpine Resort has to offer. Book a private or a group lesson to elevate your skills or sign the kids up and watch them improve.



DAY 4: Explore Fernie's Historic Downtown. 2nd Avenue is lined with century old heritage buildings, unique shops and cafés. Pick up a copy of the Heritage Walk or Art Walk and immerse yourself in Fernie's vibrant culture.

DAY 5: The gentler side of snow. Explore Fernie's four distinct areas for Nordic skiing or hit the winter trails on a fat bike. Rent all the equipment you need at sports shops in town or on mountain.

Cold Day Tips:

- Pamper yourself with a rejuvenating treatment at one of Fernie's spas.
- Rent the retro Arcade Room at the Vogue Theatre.
- Rent a fondue set and get all the ingredients from Le Grand Fromage to create your own culinary experience.



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. Closed for winter, reopening Summer 2024.

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 Neve Spa at Lizard Creek Lodge.



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 weddingsinfern timer.com for more information and details or follow @fern timerweddings 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 44. 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 | 1-866-887-4237



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

Full-service hotel with standard rooms, suites and function rooms. Adjacent cross-country ski trails, Starbucks, grocery store, Mountain Spirits beer & wine, 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 Canadian Powder Tours Lodge

Either a 5-room/4-bath lodge with gourmet catering and optional guiding or 3-room/3-bath private rental. Backs onto nature with beautiful mountain views.

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



8 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



9 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



10 Falling Star Ski House

Two suites each sleeping 10 or 12 guests at Fernie Alpine Resort. Shared deck with swim spa, BBQ.

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



11 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 winter vacations.

ferniecentralreservations.com | 1-800-622-5007



12 Fernie Fox Hotel

Fernie’s eco-hotel! 52.4kW solar array, energy management system, 2 EV chargers onsite, Tesla Fast-Charging next door, Bike/ Ski storage, Complimentary e-bike use for guests, covered BBQ.

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



13 Fernie Lodging Company, Condos, Homes & Chalets

Private chalets, townhomes and condos. On-mountain, ski-in ski-out or close to town. Great for large or multi-family holidays.

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



14 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



15 Fernie Mountain Sanctuary

Housed in the former 1910 Lutheran Church in the heart of historic downtown Fernie. Unique 3 bedroom, 3 bathroom vacation property with gear room, laundry, kitchen, private deck.

ferniemountainsanctuary.com | 691 4th Avenue | 250-278-8985



16 Fernie RV Resort

Campers experience unparalleled scenery and outdoor recreation from every site, including fully winterized full-service RV sites and tent sites. Facilities include coin operated laundry, free showers and wi-fi. Long term packages are available, open year-round.

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



17 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



18 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



19 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 resort.

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



20 Island Lake Lodge

Four secluded, luxury log lodges in the Cedar Valley with spectacular views and gourmet dining. Winter season: Catski & stay packages only. Fully booked winter 2023-2024. Summer B&B.

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



21 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



22 Park Place Lodge

Locally owned, full-service hotel with spacious guest rooms and studio suites, function rooms, restaurant, pub and liquor store. Central location near Historic Downtown.

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



23 Powder Mountain Lodge

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

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



24 Raging Elk Adventure Lodging

Private and family rooms with ensuites & new deluxe POD section. Kodiak Lounge onsite serving craft beer from the Kootenays, cocktails & Après style food.

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



25 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



26 Snow Valley Lodging

Canada's first Tiny Home hotel! Boutique lodging in the heart of Fernie. Complimentary fatbike rental and hot tub.

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



27 Stanford Waterslide Resort

On Hwy 3 between town and Fernie Alpine Resort. Rooms, suites, condos and townhomes. Winter spa, 166ft waterslide, games room.

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





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.



Boutique culture. Natural vibe.

A great destination needs great people. Fernie has been built on diversity, hard work, and a playful spirit, evident throughout town. In local businesses from Historic Downtown to the urban atmosphere of 7th Ave, to our specialized resort locations, the welcome is always warm, relaxed, and genuine. The people who work here, play here. Ask your server, guide or host about their favourite activity. Immerse yourself in history at our many heritage buildings. Pick up locally made and inspired crafts, clothing, and produce, or sign up for a class or workshop.

Self-Guided Tours with a Free App!

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



Scan the QR code
or visit [iconicfernie.com](https://www.iconicfernie.com)
to download the free app.



Leave No Trace.

We live within the wild, and it is essential that all who enjoy this environment, keep it pristine. Take only photographs, make only memories, and leave only footprints. We support Leave No Trace, Wildsafe BC and AdventureSmart when helping locals and visitors have a great experience in the outdoors.



Plan Ahead & Be Prepared.

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

Travel on Trails. Camp Responsibly.

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

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.

Minimize Campfire Impacts.

TIP! Check if there are any local area campfire bans before you go.

Respect Wildlife.

TIP! Observe wildlife from a distance so they are not scared, forced to flee or provoked.

Be Considerate of Others.

TIP! Excessive noise, uncontrolled pets and damaged surroundings 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 big valley views. 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.

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.



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	◆
Fernie Alpine Resort	Old Growth Magical Forest	1 km round trip	●
	Skeleton Flats	1.5 km one-way	■
	Megasaurus/Bike Thief	4.5km one-way	■◆
Island Lake Lodge	Lake & Fir Trails	2 & 5 km loop	●
	Old Growth to Lodge	2.3 km one-way	■
	Spineback-Goldilocks	10 km return	◆

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 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.



Locals' recommended routes:

- **The Easiest Stuff:** Fernie Valley Pathway, Easy Beaver and the Montane Green circuit
- **Beginner Singletrack:** Cemetery Bypass-> Kiddy Up -> What's Up Doc-> Cemetery Bypass
- **XC Favourite:** Lazy Lizard or Cemetery Bypass-> What's Up Doc-> 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). 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.





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.



Summer Suggested Itinerary.

DAY 1: Welcome to Fernie. Check in to your accommodation and then head out to explore Historic Downtown Fernie with its century old heritage buildings, locally owned shops, cafés, and restaurants.



DAY 2: Take a hike. Drop by the Fernie Visitor Centre to pick up the latest trail map and chat about recommended hikes and trail conditions. There is plenty to explore, from low-valley family-friendly trails accessible early in the spring, to more challenging and difficult hikes in the alpine accessible later in summer and early fall.

DAY 4: Live your best trail life. Hit Fernie's countless trails on a mountain bike either by yourself or with an experienced local guide. Didn't bring your bike or need repairs? Rent one in town or get the service and gear you need from our local bike shops.

Spend the afternoon immersing yourself in Fernie's arts & heritage. Pick up a self-guided walking tour map and follow the Heritage Walk to discover Fernie's architectural history or the Art Walk to connect with the local community of talented artists and artisans.



DAY 3: Ride the wave! White water rafting is the ultimate adrenaline experience. Set out on the river with experienced professional guides, who will guide your raft through stunning canyons with beautiful views and a chance of spotting local wildlife. Lunch is included. Reward yourself afterwards with a Fernie-made specialty beer, spirit or kombucha.



DAY 5: Before you leave, spend the morning hitting the greens or driving range at one of BC's most scenic golf courses and have lunch on the patio with stunning views of the Rocky Mountains.

Rainy Day Tips:

- Catch the latest blockbuster movie on a big screen at the Vogue Theatre.
- Swim a few laps at Fernie Aquatic Centre swimming pool or relax in the hot tub.
- Book a rejuvenating treatment at one of Fernie's spas.
- Take a break and sip a beverage on a flower-laden streetside patio.

Mountains of Fun for the Whole Family!

Take to the mountains and breathe the clean 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 late 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.
- Hit the fairways at Fernie Golf Club for 18 or 9 holes. Short on time? Try the 1-hour short loop.
- Take a scenic chairlift ride at Fernie Alpine Resort and enjoy 360° views.
- Pump your wheels at the Dirt Jump Park, Bike Skills Loop or NEW for 2024! 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.



This is Fernie!

With Sadie

In this new travel video series, local host Sadie Rosgen shares local highlights, special stories, great people and places, all through her passion for Fernie.

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

Visit ThisIsFernie.com

- Ep 1 - The Fernie Ghost Tour
- Ep 2 - It's Ski Season
- Ep 3 - Artisan Bakeries
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AmbassadorWILD IS A NEW, AWARD-WINNING, SEASONAL PROGRAM INITIATED IN 2022 TO SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE TOURISM AND RECREATION IN THE AREA.

Hired 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.





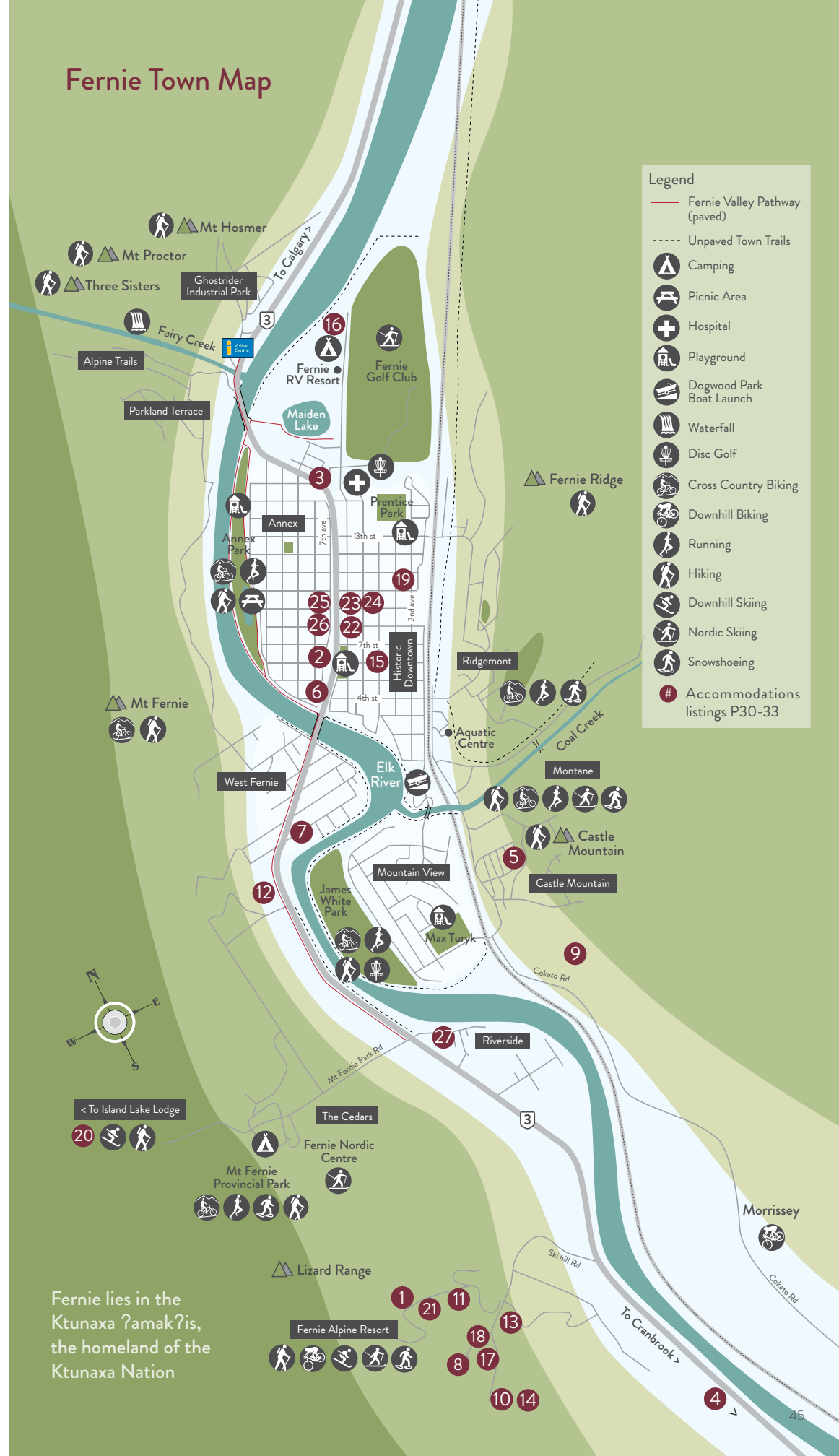






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Getting Here

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

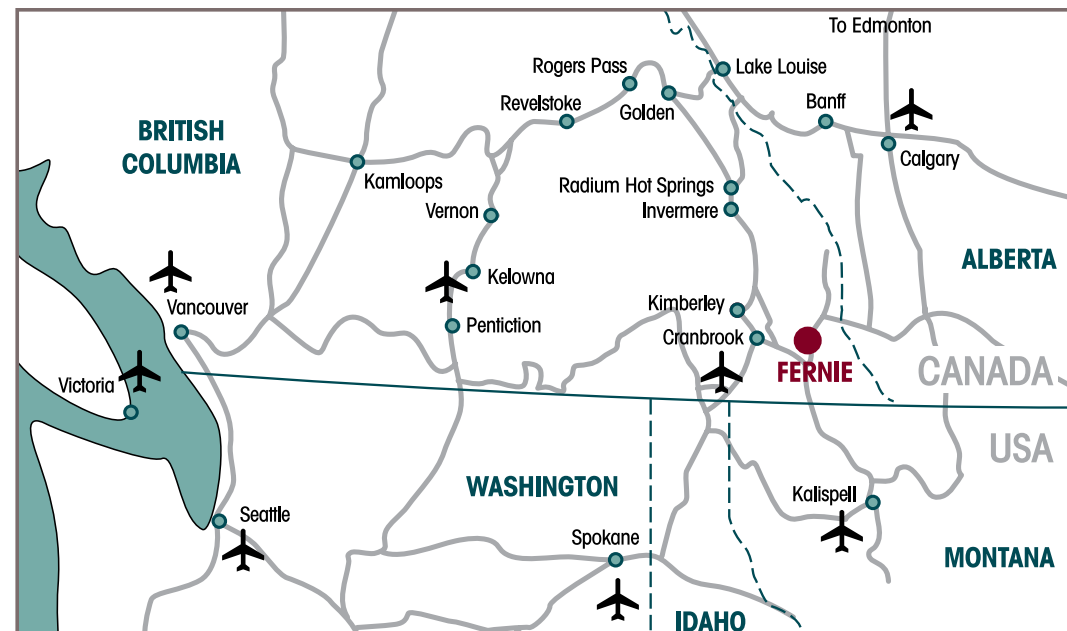
Roosville US Border Crossing, MT: 30 minutes
Kalispell, MT: 2.5 hrs
Spokane, WA: 5 hrs
Yellowstone, WY: 9 hrs
Portland, OR: 11 hrs

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](https://www.plugshare.com) for up-to-date information.

For Public:

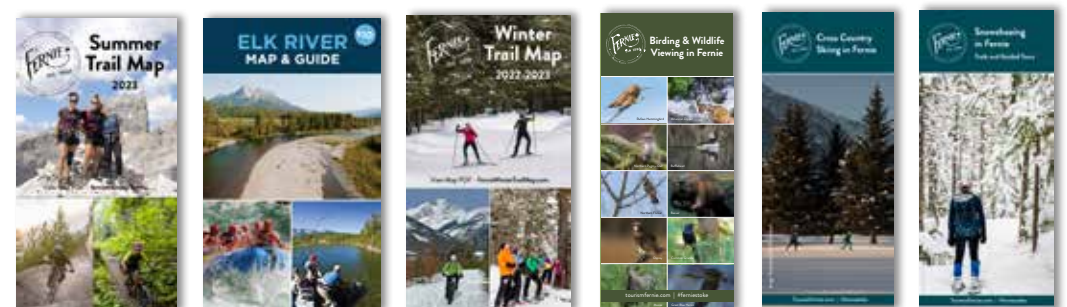
Fernie Visitor Information Centre
Canadian Tire
City Hall & Fernie Senior's Centre
Fernie RV Resort
1501 10th Ave
Jack Carter Northstar GM
Smitty's Restaurant
Legacy Ford

For Accommodation Guests:

Fernie Fox Hotel
Fernie Mountain House

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 tourismfernie.com/maps



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