

TIMBER CHAIR HIKING TRAILS

Open on Weekends & Statutory Holidays

Lost Boys Look Out

Difficulty: Easy
Length: 2km / 1 hour round trip
Elevation Gain/Loss: 97m/-55m
The ultimate alpine hike for those short on time! The trail traverses through stunning alpine meadows before reaching the Lost Boys observation deck. Panoramic views southward towards Lake Kooacanusa.

Mammoth

Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 1.75km / 1 hour round trip
Elevation Gain/Loss: 74m/-143m
Accessible via the Lost Boys trail, this hike descends through sub-alpine forest to the massive debris of a very old, large landslide. Explore the towering limestone boulders before a return ascent up the Falling Star ski run.

White Pass

Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 3km / 3 hours round trip
Elevation Gain/Loss: 213m/-29m
This trail is a steady climb up a gravel road, offering spectacular views of the Elk Valley. Often used as an alternate ascent/descent from Polar Peak. Watch for the white mountain goats perched on the limestone headwalls above Currie Bowl.

Pika Pass

Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 0.75km / 1 hour one way
Elevation Gain/Loss: 90m/-23m
This rough trail meanders through winter avalanche deposit zones full of stubby trees and scree slopes below the Timber headwall. Expect snowy patches until early August. Listen for the ‘peeping’ pikas.

Milky Way

Difficulty: Easy
Length: 1km / 1 hour one way
Elevation Gain/Loss: 116m/-14m
Milky Way is a mountain road that gently traverses to a skier’s favorite area ‘Gun Bowl’. This area is frequented by winter avalanches; note two red lift towers which have been re-enforced against the resulting build up and movement of snow.

Polar Peak Ridge Walk

Difficulty: Advanced / Difficult
Length: 5km / 6-8 hours round trip
Elevation Gain/Loss: 464m/-185m
Our ultimate trail for the adventurous and experienced hiker! After a steady scramble up Elephant Head, this rugged alpine trail traverses over a series of small limestone summits. Not for the faint of heart, there are several spots with the feeling of exposure and one descent requiring assistance of a fixed cable. From the peak, return to the top of the Timber Chair via the Polar Road & White Pass Trail (burgundy).

Siberia Ridge

Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 0.84km / 1 hour round trip
Elevation Gain/Loss: 84m/-80m
This rugged trail circles around Siberia Ridge offering views of both the Elk Valley and the Siberia Bowl. A fossil wall at end of trail offers exceptional examples of ancient Devonian sea life.

Lily Loop

Difficulty: Easy
Length: 550m / 0.5 hour round trip
Elevation Gain/Loss: 30m/-28m
A short, gentle stroll from Timber Chair Unload to the Falling Star ski run. Look and listen for the variety of small animals and birds who use the dense alder for food, nests, and protection.

In case of Emergencies, call 250-423-2426



SUMMER HIKING TRAIL MAP

Megasaurus

Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 5km / 3 hours one way
Elevation Gain/Loss: 150m/-509m
This trail begins as a descent down a gravel road before emerging into the Currie Bowl on a wide secluded trail. The trail then traverses across the ‘three fingers’ (ski runs) that are visible from town before descending further into the Lizard Bowl. Bring your buckets to collect wild huckleberries and raspberries!

Peak to Park

Difficulty: Advanced / Difficult
Length: 7.5km / 6 hours one way
Elevation Gain/Loss: 127m/-982m
Descend through four alpine bowls to connect with the provincial park trail system (or stop mid-way at the Elk Chair Unload and catch a ride down to the base area!). Recommended for experienced hikers with good route finding who are prepared for a full day adventure.

BASE AREA HIKING TRAILS

Double Creek

Difficulty: Easy
Length: 3km / 2 hours round trip
Elevation Gain/Loss: 123m/-123m
This multi-use trail offers single-track hiking through mature forest. Several creek crossings provide opportunity to search for long-toed salamanders and other forest creatures. Multi-use trail (hike/bike).

Silk/Manchuria

Difficulty: Easy
Length: 7km / 4 hours round trip
Elevation Gain/Loss: 243m/-262m
These trails make up our winter FAR cross country ski trail network. Excellent cross country mountain biking and an easy hiking loop on wide open trails. Multi-use trail (hike/bike).

Hobbits Trail

Difficulty: Easy
Length: 2km / 1 hour one way trip
Elevation Gain/Loss: 33m/-110m
This popular, wide, multi-use artery trail provides opportunities to connect with both the Fernie Nordic Society Trails, the Fernie Provincial Park system and other Fernie Alpine Resort trails. Expect two-way traffic. Multi-use trail (hike/bike).

Far Out

Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 1km / 1 hour one way
Elevation Gain/Loss: 30/-101m
Multi-use single-track trail, a secluded alternative to the wider Hobbits Trail. Frequent sightings of spruce grouse, calypso orchids, and huckleberries! Multi-use trail (hike/bike).



ELK CHAIR HIKING TRAILS

Open Daily

Summer Road

Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 2.46km / 2 hours one way
Elevation Gain/Loss: 320m/-21m
The sub-alpine forests will thin into alpine tundra as you steadily climb this wide road through the Lizard Bowl. Enjoy premium views from the mid-trail observation deck. A fossil zone at the end of the trail is full of examples of ancient sea life. This trail also makes a great ‘down’ route from the Skeleton Flats trail.

Boom Trail / Peak to Park

Difficulty: Easy
Length: 1.43km / 1 hour one way
Elevation Gain/Loss: 73m/-140m
A great hike on a hot day! This wide multi-use road travels through old growth cedar forest but also offers exceptional views up the Elk Valley. Look for interpretive signage detailing some of the special ecological features that can be found on this trail. Multi-use trail (hike/bike)

Cedar Trail

Difficulty: Easy
Length: 2.69m / 1 hour one way
Elevation Gain/Loss: 49m/-270m
This wide shaded road descends through cedar forest to the base area. The trail passes through several of our best huckleberry and strawberry patches, and also provides opportunities to spot calypso orchids. Multi-use trail (hike/bike).

Old Growth Magical Forest

Difficulty: Easy
Length: 1km / 1 hour round trip from trailhead
Elevation Gain/Loss: 91/-91m
This spectacular, secluded trail meanders through a magical pocket of old growth forest to a notable stand of ancient cedar trees.

Gorbie Loop

Difficulty: Easy
Length: 1.5km / 1 hour round trip loop from trailhead
Elevation Gain/Loss: 69m/-101m
This wide loop road descends through the Cedar Bowl drainage to connect the resort with the Fernie Provincial Park trail network. Watch for moose in the seasonal creek and willow beds to the right of trail. Hike back up or connect with View trail to return to base area. Multi-use trail (hike/bike).

Skeleton Flats

Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 1.5 km / 1 hour one way
Elevation Gain/Loss: 156m/-36m
A stunning alpine hike that climbs through the ‘Dancer’ avalanche path to connect with the Summer Road. This unique ecosystem provides nutrient-rich habitat for wildflowers, moose, and bears. Please stay on trail to protect glacier lilies, blue clematis, and western anemone wildflowers.

View Trail

Difficulty: Easy
Length: 2km / 1 hour one way
Elevation Gain/Loss: 82m/-150m
A beautiful and shady mountain road which provides return access to the base of the resort from the Gorbie Loop / Cedar Bowl area.



Due to fire hazard, smoking is not permitted on Fernie Alpine Resort property.