

Fernie 2020-2021 Winter Trail Map

(Non-Motorized)



This map, and the enhanced multi-use trail grooming and access to parking and washrooms is unique for this winter season. It is the result of a new Winter Trails Collaborative focused on addressing the increase in trail usage due to COVID-19 and the increased desire to be outdoors. It has been made possible by the work and funding from multiple partners, the Resort Municipality Initiative and Columbia Basin Trust. To support these enhancements for future winter seasons please support and buy the FERNIE TRAILS PASS at FernieTrailsAlliance.com



ISLAND LAKE CATSKIING



THUNDER MEADOWS Ski Touring Hut By Reservation



LIZARD LAKE

Trail Use Legend

Nordic Only Trail. No Dogs Allowed	Multi-Use & Motorized
Multi-Use Trail	Groomed Trail
Multi-Use Groomed	Summer trail only
Groomed Inclusive Multi-Use Trail (Easy Beaver)	Doubletrack
May not be groomed	Road
Check TrailForks or FB/FernieFatBike	River

Icon Legend

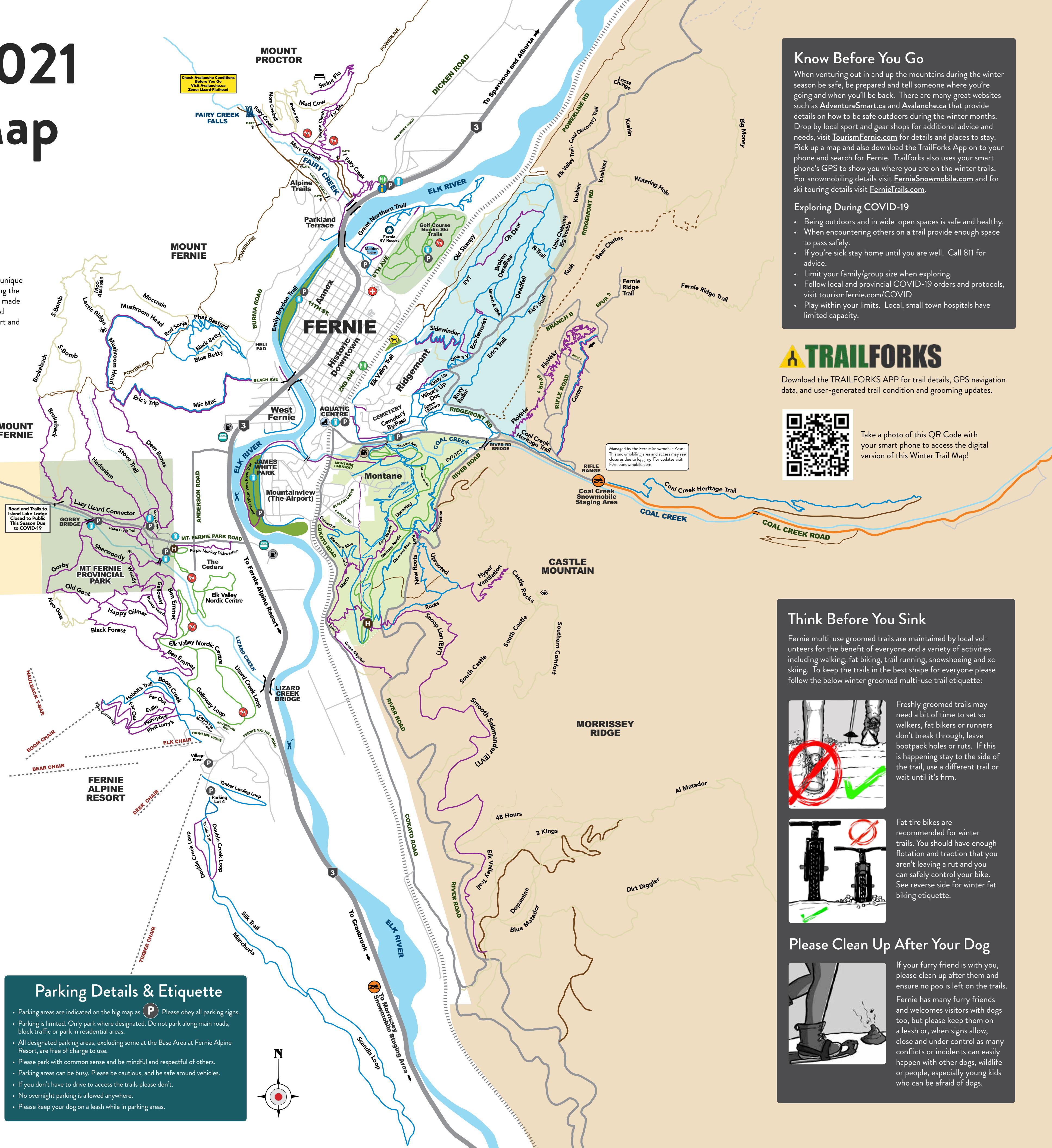
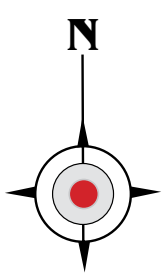
Porta Potty/Outhouse/ Pit Toilet (open 24/7)	Snowmobile Staging Area
Public Indoor Washroom (open hours vary)	Montane Barn
Free Public Parking	Hut
Off-Leash Dog Park	Skating
No Dogs Allowed	Hotel
Visitor Info Centre Open 9am-5pm Monday - Saturday Closed Sunday & Holidays	Gas Station
Hospital	

Call 911 for any emergencies
Please Obey All Posted Signage



Parking Details & Etiquette

- Parking areas are indicated on the big map as **P**. Please obey all parking signs.
- Parking is limited. Only park where designated. Do not park along main roads, block traffic or park in residential areas.
- All designated parking areas, excluding some at the Base Area at Fernie Alpine Resort, are free of charge to use.
- Please park with common sense and be mindful and respectful of others.
- Parking areas can be busy. Please be cautious, and be safe around vehicles.
- If you don't have to drive to access the trails please don't.
- No overnight parking is allowed anywhere.
- Please keep your dog on a leash while in parking areas.



Know Before You Go

When venturing out in and up the mountains during the winter season be safe, be prepared and tell someone where you're going and when you'll be back. There are many great websites such as [AdventureSmart.ca](#) and [Avalanche.ca](#) that provide details on how to be safe outdoors during the winter months. Drop by local sport and gear shops for additional advice and needs, visit [TourismFernie.com](#) for details and places to stay. Pick up a map and also download the TrailForks App on to your phone and search for Fernie. Trailforks also uses your smart phone's GPS to show you where you are on the winter trails. For snowmobiling details visit [FernieSnowmobile.com](#) and for ski touring details visit [FernieTrails.com](#).

Exploring During COVID-19

- Being outdoors and in wide-open spaces is safe and healthy.
- When encountering others on a trail provide enough space to pass safely.
- If you're sick stay home until you are well. Call 811 for advice.
- Limit your family/group size when exploring.
- Follow local and provincial COVID-19 orders and protocols, visit [tourismfernies.com/COVID](#)
- Play within your limits. Local, small town hospitals have limited capacity.



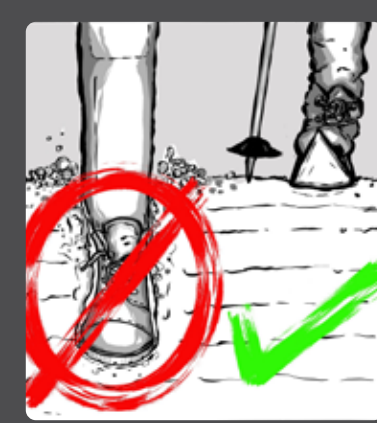
Download the TRAILFORKS APP for trail details, GPS navigation data, and user-generated trail condition and grooming updates.



Take a photo of this QR Code with your smart phone to access the digital version of this Winter Trail Map!

Think Before You Sink

Fernie multi-use groomed trails are maintained by local volunteers for the benefit of everyone and a variety of activities including walking, fat biking, trail running, snowshoeing and xc skiing. To keep the trails in the best shape for everyone please follow the below winter groomed multi-use trail etiquette:



Freshly groomed trails may need a bit of time to set so walkers, fat bikers or runners don't break through, leave bootpack holes or ruts. If this is happening stay to the side of the trail, use a different trail or wait until it's firm.



Fat tire bikes are recommended for winter trails. You should have enough flotation and traction that you aren't leaving a rut and you can safely control your bike. See reverse side for winter fat biking etiquette.

Please Clean Up After Your Dog



If your furry friend is with you, please clean up after them and ensure no poo is left on the trails. Fernie has many furry friends and welcomes visitors with dogs too, but please keep them on a leash or, when signs allow, close and under control as many conflicts or incidents can easily happen with other dogs, wildlife or people, especially young kids who can be afraid of dogs.

Elk Valley Nordic Centre



- Managed by Fernie Nordic Society. Membership or day pass required. Visit FernieNordic.com
- Only XC skiing. No dogs, walking, snowshoeing, walking or fat biking.

Fernie Alpine Resort Multi-Use Trails



- Silk, Manchuria and Scandia Trail are groomed and track set for skate and classic skiing. These trails are multi-use as well. Only XC ski in the track.
- Nordic ski, snowshoe and fat bike rentals are available at the base area.

XC Trails at the Golf Course. Managed by Fernie Nordic Society

- Membership or day pass required. Visit FernieNordic.com
- No dogs, walking, snowshoeing, walking or fat biking.

Great Northern & Fernie RV Resort Multi-Use Trails



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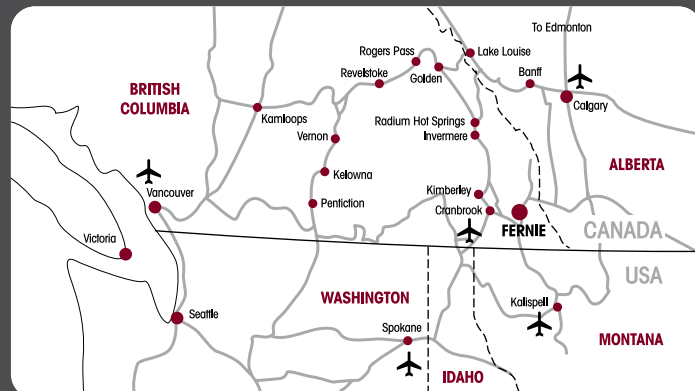


Support Local & Experience Fernie

Fernie is a community full of history, culture, amazing outdoors and great people. Support local businesses safely this season by shopping, dining and supporting local trails by purchasing the Fernie Trails Pass.



Located in the heart of the Canadian Rockies, Fernie is a small mountain town with big mountain views. Located an hour east of Cranbrook, BC and three hours west of Calgary, AB.



FAQ from the Fernie Trails Alliance

Who is the FTA?

The FTA is the umbrella organization representing all trail users in Fernie. As a registered Charity, the FTA work directly with member clubs, supporters, outdoor recreation groups and landowners in order to maintain and enhance Fernie's vibrant trail using community.

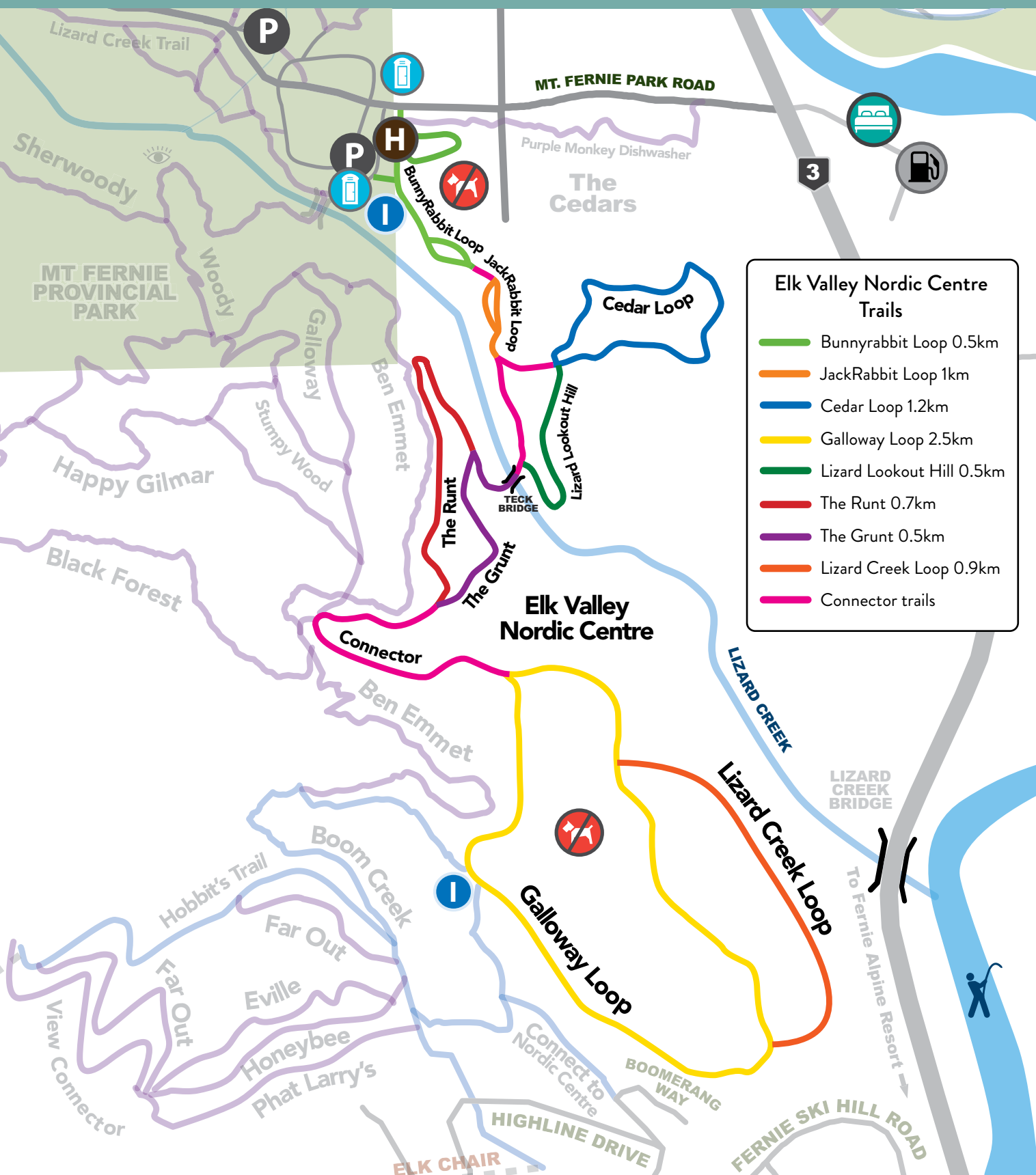
The non-motorized, Fernie trail network requires constant work and funds to maintain, improve and grow. Such invaluable funds are raised via donations, grants and most importantly, the Fernie Trails Pass – which go directly back into the Fernie trail network.

Who is behind the FTA?

A lot of hardworking volunteers, an active board and a number of FTA Committees, who handle a wide range of topics from trail work to fundraising, Land User Agreements to Infrastructure, to winter grooming. As well as endless volunteers, sponsors and supporters, who tie it all together.

How to support the trails?

Purchase your Fernie Trails Pass from the Fernie Trails Alliance at www.fernietrailsalliance.com, which covers year-round access and maintenance (including winter) – then go join a club, for specific membership perks.

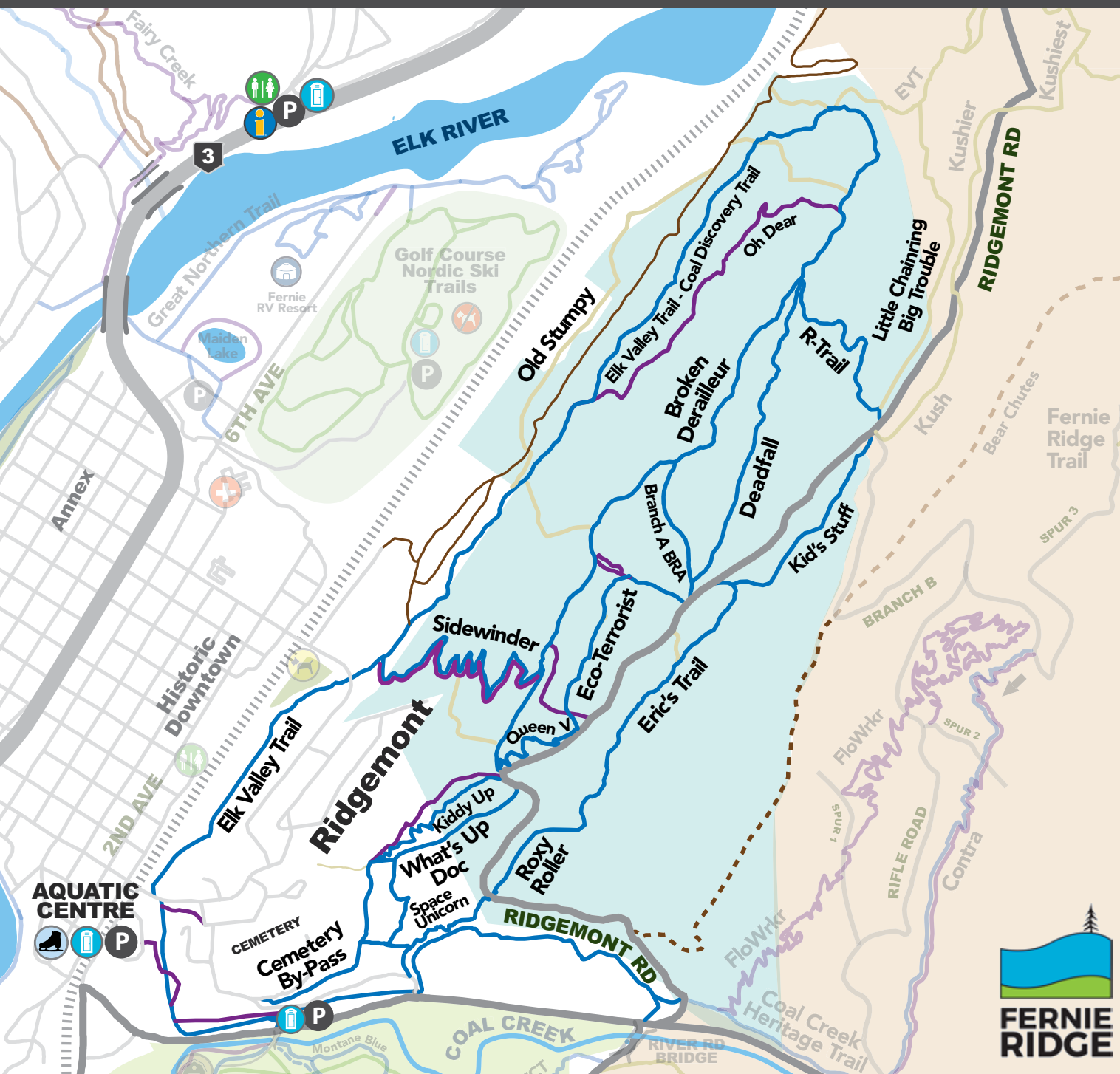


- Elk Valley Nordic Centre Trails**
- Bunnyrabbit Loop 0.5km
 - JackRabbit Loop 1km
 - Cedar Loop 1.2km
 - Galloway Loop 2.5km
 - Lizard Lookout Hill 0.5km
 - The Runt 0.7km
 - The Grunt 0.5km
 - Lizard Creek Loop 0.9km
 - Connector trails

Ridgemont Trails



- Trails in the Ridgemont Area, those within the light blue shaded area, are open for public use. This area is privately owned by Ridgemont Holdings. Please enjoy respectfully.
- Please park in the Aquatic Centre parking lot. The primary trail entry point to this network is via Cemetery Bypass.



Trail Conditions & Grooming Reports:

- FernieNordic.com/grooming
- Trailforks.com or download the App
- Be a trail ambassador by providing trail condition updates during and after using the trails on TrailForks
- Grooming is weather and conditions dependant

Fat Biking Info & Etiquette

Winter Biking Info & Etiquette

Get your Trails Pass from the Fernie Trails Alliance. 90% of trails are groomed by volunteers!

Rentals:

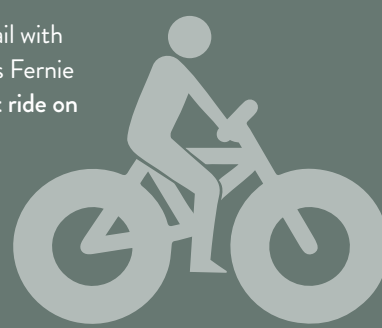
You can rent a fat bike from a variety of bike shops in town or at Fernie Alpine Resort.

Suggested Multi-Use Groomed Trails:

- For beginners, start with wide, flat trails such as Emily Brydon Trail, Great Northern Trail, Easy Beaver or Coal Creek Heritage Trail.
- For intermediate or advanced fat bikers, try Ridgemont area, Montane Blue, Roots, the Provincial Park, Fernie Alpine Resort or Phat Bastard.

Winter Biking Trail Etiquette:

- Respect and kindness toward all trail users. All trails in Fernie, except Nordic/Cross-Country Skiing dedicated, are multi-use and for all types of non-motorized activities.
- Do not bike on GREEN trails. These are dedicated to Cross-Country Skiing only.
- You should have enough flotation so you can travel over snow without leaving a rut.
- You should have sufficient traction that you are able to safely control your bike and ride in a straight line.
- Fat tire bikes are recommended on winter trails.
- For the best flotation and traction, it's all about tire pressure! Tire pressure should usually be between 4-6 PSI for winter biking and sometimes lower. A good practice is to start off each ride with a little more air in your tires than you think you'll need and let air out on the trail depending on the conditions.
- If you are riding a multi-use trail with classic XC ski track set, such as Fernie Alpine Resort XC trails, do not ride on or in the track.
- Yield to all other users. Other users don't have brakes, but you do!



Where Should I Go?

To View Trails & Map Online:

Download the Trailforks App. You can also view and download a PDF of this map at FernieWinterTrailMap.com

Recommended by Locals!!

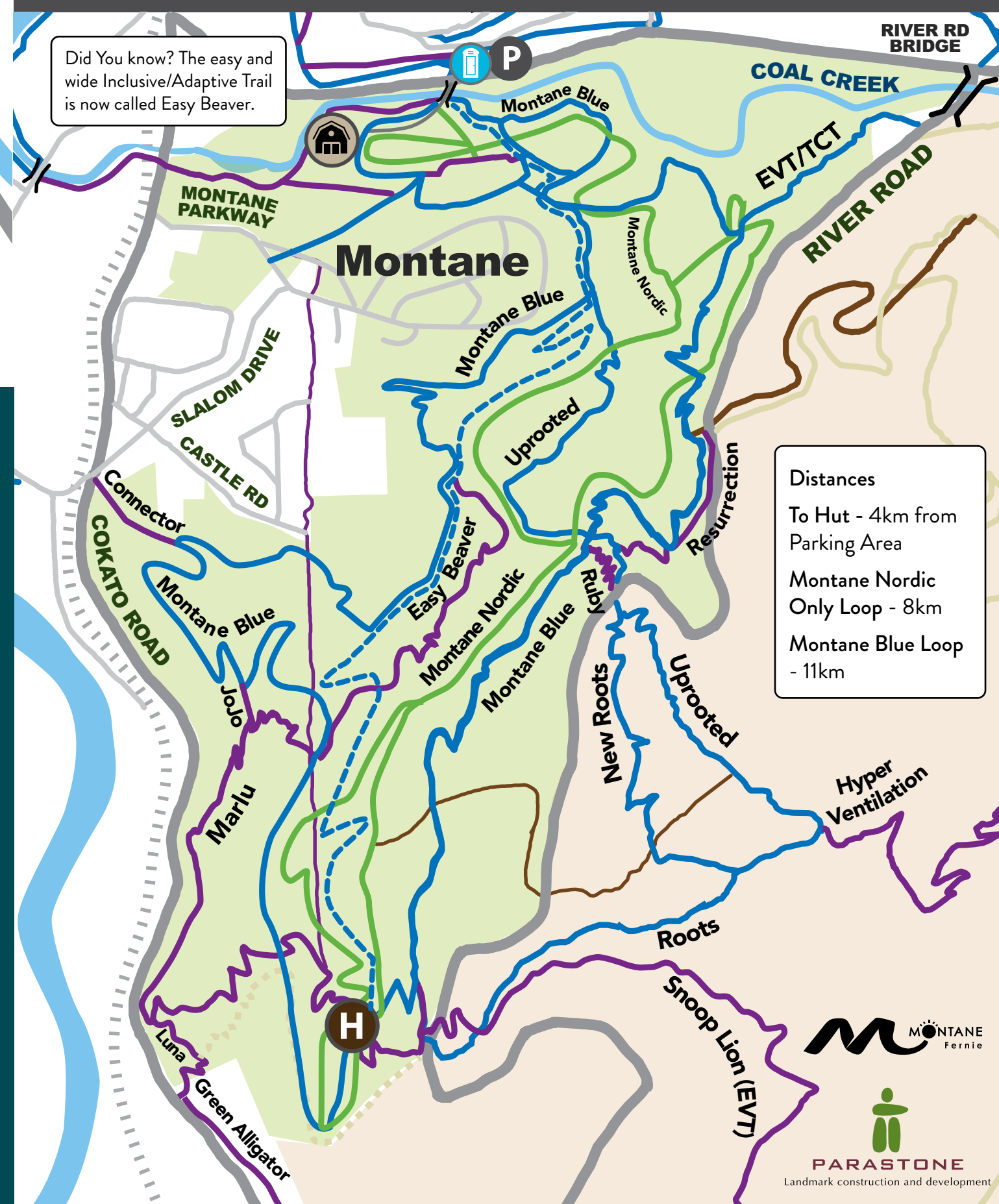
- Beginner/First-Timer Nordic Ski Trails - Fernie Golf Course XC Trails
- Nordic Fitness Challenge - Ski the Elk Valley Nordic Centre Trail Loops to Fernie Alpine Resort and back.
- Snowshoeing in Fernie's Winter Wonderland - Mount Fernie Provincial Park
- Most Rewarding Viewpoint - Montane Hut
- A River Lovers Groomed Multi-Use Trail Experience - Great Northern, Emily Brydon & James White Park.
- Toughest Groomed Trail for Fat Biking - Phat Bastard & Mushroom Head
- Best New Groomed Trail Loop for Fat Biking - Montane Blue
- Best Multi-Use Family Trail - Easy Beaver
- Best Overall Multi-Use Trails - Ridgemont
- Best New Network of Nordic & Multi-Use Trails - Montane
- Longest There & Back Groomed Multi-Use Trail - Coal Creek Heritage Trail
- Most Frustrating Snowshoe Trail - Flow Wrkr
- Recommended Run - The 11km Montane Blue loop. To make it a little longer, loop in some lower Ridgemont trails too. Easy to navigate and access from town.
- Looking for Something Different? - Do it at night with headlamps and lights! Note - no trails in Fernie are lit for night use, so plan ahead and play safe.



Montane Nordic and Multi-Use



Did You know? The easy and wide Inclusive/Adaptive Trail is now called Easy Beaver.



- Distances**
- To Hut - 4km from Parking Area
 - Montane Nordic Only Loop - 8km
 - Montane Blue Loop - 11km



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