

Snowshoeing in Fernie

Fernie’s extensive trail system spans the valley in every direction and offers a wide variety of experiences. Enjoy both groomed and ungroomed trails, ranging from beginner, family friendly to steep cardio climbs.

Snowshoe rental equipment can be arranged in town at **GearHub** or on-mountain at **Fernie Alpine Resort**.

Guided snowshoe tours (including equipment) are available. Experience naturalist led winter ecology tours with **Wild Nature Tours** and evening guided tours with **Fernie Alpine Resort**.

Pick up a free Fernie Winter Trail Map around town or online at FernieTrailMap.com.

Download the TrailForks App (trailforks.com/apps/map) on to your phone to search Fernie. Trailforks also uses your smart phone’s GPS to show you where you are on the winter trails.



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Trails and Guided Tours

Trail Etiquette & Safety:

- Tell someone where you are going and when you expect to be back
- Be respectful of other trail users and their enjoyment of the trail
- Be aware of wildlife, make noise, keep dogs on leash where required
- Respect the environment and leave no trace. All garbage must be packed out and deposited in proper receptacles
- Check the weather forecast before you go, plan and dress accordingly. Bring water and pack snacks for energy
- Support the local trails with a donation or membership
- Stay on designated trails
- Motorized vehicles are prohibited
- Check out AdventureSmart.ca and Avalanche.ca for information on how to stay safe outdoors in the winter months

Report Wildlife sightings to WildSafeBC ph: 877-952-7277
Private landowners permit access to certain trail areas, please respect all noted signage while enjoying these trails.

Guided Snowshoe Tours:

Fernie Alpine Resort Ph: 250-423-2406
Wild Nature Tours Ph: 250-423-3322

For further information:

Visit TourismFernie.com
Fernie Visitor Centre
102 Commerce Road / HWY 3 | 778-519-0748
Fernie Trails Alliance
Fernietrailsalliance.com

Guided Snowshoe Tours



Fernie Alpine Resort Evening Snowshoe Experience (2hr)

A guided snowshoe tour starting at the resort, winding through the tranquil forest. Includes guided tour and snowshoe rental.
Offered every Tuesday from 5pm-7pm
(Equipment rental pick-up at 4:30pm)
Adult: \$34 + tax Child: \$28.50 + tax
Pre-book at (250) 423-2406 or snowschool@skifernie.com

Wild Nature Tours Far Out Snowshoe Safari (2hr)

Heritage tour with an interpretive guide.
Family rate: \$130+tax Adult: \$70+tax
Park Paradise (3hr)
Forest ecology tour with an interpretive guide.
Family rate: \$180+tax Adult: \$50+tax
Pre-book (48hrs) at (250) 423-3322, subject to availability

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1 Mount Proctor

Fairy Creek Falls

Distance: 5km (return) Avg. Time: 1.5hrs

Elevation Gain: 120m Difficulty: Easy

Fairy Creek Falls trail follows Fairy Creek to a picturesque waterfall laced with intricate icicle formations. This gently rolling trail has some short steep sections and explores the lower slope of Mount Proctor through meadows and forest. Follow the signed trail markers to reach the falls and a viewing bench. Use caution and check trail conditions in advance.

Swine Flu

Distance: 7.5km (return) Duration: 3hrs

Elevation Gain: 337m Difficulty: Moderate

A local favourite in the summer for bikers, this trail rewards snowshoers with elevated, wide-open view of the Fernie townsite, the valley, and surrounding mountains. As this trail is located within a livestock tenure, dogs are not permitted. Upon reaching the viewpoint bench, return the way you came, past this point the terrain poses an avalanche risk.

Location & Details

Park at the Visitor Centre located at 102 Commerce Road on Hwy #3, east of town. The trailhead is marked with a large sign in the parking lot and is the starting point for both trails from behind the Centre.

Did you know....The Fernie Visitor Centre is located at the base of this trailhead and offers comprehensive information about Fernie, free Wifi, indoor washrooms and locally produced gifts & artwork. Check website for hours of operation.



2 Montane

Montane Blue / Marlu Loop

Distance: 10km Avg. Time: 4hrs

Elevation Gain: 141m Difficulty: Moderate

This multi-use trail includes forested sections which open up to wide valley views of the spectacular Lizard Range. At the Montane Hut you can relax and savour the surrounding landscape from the viewpoint bench and warm up inside the hut. These trails are within private property with access granted by Parastone Developments.

Hyperventilation Bench

Distance: 7.5km Duration: 3hrs

Elevation Gain: 250m Difficulty: Advanced

If looking for additional cardio and views, continue on from the Montane Hut to Roots and Hyperventilation to the viewpoint bench. Return back down Hyperventilation, branching onto Uprooted until meeting up again with Montane Blue.

Location & Details

From downtown, drive past the Fernie Aquatic Centre and turn left onto Coal Creek Road. There is a parking lot along the road on your right. The trailhead begins after the bridge over Coal Creek, follow the multi-use trail sign markers for Montane Blue. The trail comes to a 'Y' (forming the loop), head to the right for approx. 1km until reaching the intersection to Marlu. Continue on the Marlu trail for an additional 3kms until reaching the Montane Hut. Reconnect to the Montane Blue trail just past the hut on the uphill side, following it back to the parking lot (approx. 5km).



3 Mount Fernie Provincial Park

Stove Trail / Dem Bones Loop

Distance: 4.5km Avg. Time: 2hrs

Elevation Gain: 194m Difficulty: Moderate

The combination of these two popular trails form a single-track loop within the mature forest of Mount Fernie Provincial Park. While these trails can be enjoyed in either direction, most commonly start uphill with Stove Trail and return downhill on Dem Bones. This multi-use loop is also popular with fat bikers, so be aware of other users on the trail.

Hedonism & Brokeback Loop

Distance: 5.5km Duration: 2.5hrs

Elevation Gain: 207m Difficulty: Advanced

Head out on the connector trail and within 100m the junction for Hedonism will be on the left. The trail offers a steady, uphill climb through the forest until reaching Powerline Road. Turn left and remain on this road for approx. 1km until it meets Brokeback for the descent. Turn left onto the Lazy Lizard Connector for another 1.5km and return to the parking lot.

Location & Details

Proceed to Mt Fernie Provincial Park, located 3 km's west of Fernie off Hwy 3. After turning onto Mt. Fernie Park Road, continue a short ways along until reaching a designated parking lot on the right-hand side.

Did you know....there are a variety of short family friendly trails within the campground to explore. Lizard Creek flows through the park before forming a beautiful waterfall, accessible just off the main day-use parking lot.



4 Fernie Alpine Resort

Double Creek Loop

Distance: 3km (return) Avg. Time: 1hrs

Elevation Gain: 123m Difficulty: Moderate

The trail begins with a consistent uphill stretch on groomed terrain, then transitioning into a lovely singletrack loop through a mature forest of Larch and Cedar trees. This multi-use trail also includes several bridged creek crossings. The trail begins from the south corner of Parking Lot #4 at Fernie Alpine Resort.

Hobbit's Trail/FAR Out/Honeybee

Distance: approx 4km (return) Duration: 2hrs

Elevation Gain: 82m Difficulty: Moderate

From the resort, this wide groomed trail begins just past the Elk Chair and crossing over Highline Drive before continuing into the forest. Hobbit's Trail winds gently uphill to the Boomerang Chair, then changing to single-track on FAR Out. Return downhill on Honeybee back to Hobbit's Trail to the base.

Location & Details

If arriving by vehicle, parking is available at Fernie Alpine Resort. The trail starts just past the resort's Village Base area, beside the Elk Chair. Take caution where the trail crosses the Highline Drive roadway and then continues on the other side.

Did you know....Fernie Alpine Resort is a world-renowned downhill ski resort, complete with on-mountain dining and accommodation options. Additional trails for cross-country skiing and fat biking are also accessible from the base area.