


SUMMER HIKING TRAIL MAP



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



In case of Emergencies, call 250-423-2426

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. Multi-use trail (hike/bike).

Cedar Bowl Loop

Difficulty: Advanced
Length: 2km / 2 hours one way
Elevation Gain/Loss: 0m/-325m

A beautiful traverse and descent through Cedar Bowl. Options to connect to Gorbie Loop and Boom Trail (uphill) back to the top of the Elk Chair, or descend to the base area via a number of different trails.

ATTENTION HIKERS

1. Do not hike on biking trails.
2. Leave only your footprints – ensure all refuse is packed out with you.
3. Be aware and yield to vehicles and equipment on roads at all times.
4. Hike at your own risk.
5. Never hike alone
6. Be prepared. Mountain weather changes frequently, so carry extra clothing.
7. Observe all closures. Stay on marked trails to avoid damage to the alpine ecosystem.
8. Steep slopes are very dangerous. You may encounter various hazards such as cliffs, rock falls, avalanches, and unstable surfaces.
9. Treat all wildlife with caution. Make noise while hiking to warn wildlife of your presence. Do not feed or approach bears or any other wildlife.
10. Note that some trails are multi-use trails – please share the trail and yield to bike park trail users at crossings.
11. Chairlifts close at 5:00pm (7pm on Thursdays) – hikers must download by this time.

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

Trails are accessed via Double Creek
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 7km / 4 hours round trip
Elevation Gain/Loss: 243m/-262m
These trails make up our winter Fernie 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).

Megasaurus/ Bike Thief

Difficulty: Moderate-Advanced
Length: approx. 4.5km / 3 hours
Elevation Gain/Loss: Megasaurus 165m/-23m
Bike Thief 12m/-403m
From the top of the Elk Chair, the trail begins as an ascent up through lower Lizard Bowl. The trail then traverses across the 'three fingers' (ski runs) that are visible from town, before crossing through Currie Bowl and descending back down to the base area via the "Bike Thief" single track trail. Bring your buckets to collect wild huckleberries and raspberries!

