

# 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 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 through mature forest. Several creek crossings These trails make up our winter Fernie cross country ski trail network. Excellent cross on wide open trails. Multi-use trail (hike/bike) Expect two-way traffic. 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 country mountain biking and an easy hiking loop Park system and other Fernie Alpine Resort trails. 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!

# **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 vour buckets to collect wild huckleberries and raspberries!

# **ELK CHAIR HIKING TRAILS**

### **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

#### **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

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