

Fernie Nordic Society Warming Hut Rental Policy

The primary purpose of the Warming Hut (Hut) at the Elk Valley Nordic Centre (EVNC) is for daytime, social use by Fernie Nordic Society (FNS) members and EVNC day pass holders. The secondary use is a base for FNS special events and weekly Jackrabbit lessons. If the building is not being used for the intended primary and secondary uses, it may be rented with a maximum capacity of 23 people in the Hut at any given time.

During the winter months, all skiers are required to have current FNS memberships or an active day pass to use the trails. The trails are for cross-country skiing only, no hikers, bikers or dogs.

Warming Hut Rules

By completing the EVNC Warming Hut Rental Application, the applicant or group agrees to follow the Warming Hut Rules. **Please read and initial all pages of this application** and sign at the last page. Failure to follow these rules will result in forfeiture of your deposit. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and consideration in helping us maintain this facility.

1. **Winter use** - during the winter you must follow winter use rules for the EVNC - trails at the EVNC are for cross-country skiing only; no walking, snowshoeing, biking or pets are allowed on the trails. All trail users are required to have a current FNS membership or purchase a day pass. There are a variety of multi-use trails throughout Mt Fernie Provincial Park for non-skiers. Parking is available in the lower parking lot; absolutely no driving on the snow to the Hut, it is your responsibility to make sure all guests attending your event know this. There is a trail from the lower parking lot road up to the Warming Hut.
2. **Fires** - Fires are permitted in the designated fire pit and fireplace only. Use of propane, gas or flammable fuel to start a fire is prohibited. Fires may only be started using matches/lighters and kindling. **There shall be no open flames or candles inside the building.** Never leave a fire unattended and fully extinguish fires before leaving the staging area. If you wish to use the outdoor fire pit you MUST bring your own wood. All fires must comply with the BC Wildfire Service Open Fire Regulations (**See Appendix A) and any open fire regulations or campfire bans in effect, found at <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status/fire-bans-and-restrictions>
3. **Indoor Fireplace** - You may use the chopped wood available at the hut in the indoor fireplace ONLY. Please note this is a high efficiency stove and does not need to be fully filled to warm the hut. Keep fireplace door shut at all times. Absolutely no drying of items above fireplace. Do not place any item on or against the fireplace. Do not put anything in the fireplace other than wood products. Do not remove the fire extinguisher from the Hut. Do not fill the fireplace with new wood within **2 hours** of your departure. (**See Appendix B)
4. **Pets** - no pets are allowed inside the Hut at any time. During winter months pets are not allowed. Dogs are discouraged on the trails in the summer months as per Bear Aware guidelines (they may provoke aggressive behaviour by bears).
5. **BBQs** - Gas and/or charcoal grills are permitted outside the hut only. No open grills or BBQs are allowed inside the Hut.
6. **Smoking** is not permitted on the property. There shall be no discarding of cigarette butts outside the hut, on EVNC land, in the parking lot or in the bushes. (***)Your deposit will not be returned if there is evidence that guests were smoking in or around the hut or if cigarette trash is left outside.)

7. **Garbage** - All trash, decorations, food, etc. should be removed from the building at the time of departure. Glass is prohibited around the Hut or on EVNC land. There shall be no garbage outside the hut at any time during your stay. (**This is an active environment for wildlife and we do not want to encourage visits from wildlife.)
8. **Cleanliness** - Leave the Hut as clean and tidy as you found it, inside and out. If any cleaning is required after your departure it will be deducted from your deposit. Keep the inside of the Hut free of crumbs or food items of any kind upon your departure. There is a broom and dustpan in the Hut. If anything was spilled on the Hut floor, benches or tables, please clean thoroughly - we do not want any wildlife attractants.
9. **Washrooms** - during summer months Mt. Fernie Provincial Park maintains washrooms west of the Hut. During winter months there is a porta-potty located at the lower parking lot. There shall be no garbage or food placed in these washrooms.
10. **Alcohol** – Glass bottles are prohibited around the Hut or on EVNC land. Proper licencing from the relevant government authorities must be obtained if you are selling alcohol.
11. **Bear Aware** - The EVNC and surrounding area is an active ecosystem for many wildlife including mammals like bears and moose. Please ensure you are Bear Aware and follow all guidelines for firstly avoiding contact with bears and secondly handling bear encounters appropriately. (**See Appendix C)

Fee Schedule

The prices below do not include membership or trail fees. There is a small battery that operates the string of LED lights in the ceiling. There is also a small generator wired to the Hut to provide power to the outlets available for rent for an additional \$10/hr.

We encourage youth and non-profit groups to access this beautiful facility. If you have specific questions about rentals please contact admin@fernienordic.com.

During the winter, no weekend **day-time** rentals are permitted. If you wish to rent on a weekend during winter operations, rentals will begin at 4pm. Minimum rental time of 3hrs.

minimum (3hrs)	Per hour no generator	full day* no generator	Per hour with generator	full day* with generator
Member	\$20	\$100	\$30	\$150
Non-Member	\$35	\$175	\$45	\$225
Business	\$40	\$200	\$50	\$250
Damage Deposit for all rentals is \$150				

* no overnight use permitted.

Trail Fees Explained




During the winter months FNS facilitates insurance for EVNC users through Cross Country BC. Included in each annual membership and day use fee is insurance for your time on the trails. For this reason, during the winter all users of the trail system at EVNC must buy either an annual membership or day use pass.

OPEN FIRE REGULATIONS






40%
40% of B.C. wildfires are human-caused and therefore preventable

CAMPFIRES, CATEGORY 2 FIRES AND CATEGORY 3 FIRES: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

 <p>CAMPFIRE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any fire smaller than 0.5 metres high by 0.5 metres wide <p>REGULATIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must have ready access to 8 litres of water or a shovel for the entire time your campfire is lit. Your campfire must be completely extinguished and the ashes must be cool to the touch before leaving the area for any length of time. (Hot coals can reignite the fire.) During campfire prohibitions, only a CSA- or ULCC-approved portable campfire apparatus may be used, and the flame height must not exceed 15 centimetres. You must build a fire guard around your campfire. 	 <p>CATEGORY 2 FIRE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 to 2 concurrently burning piles no larger than 2 metres high by 3 metres wide Stubble or grass burning over an area less than 0.2 hectares <p>REGULATIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A fuel break must be established around any Category 2 burn area. Fireworks are banned when a Category 2 fire prohibition is in effect. Burning barrels are banned when a Category 2 fire prohibition is in effect. At least one person equipped with a fire-fighting hand tool must monitor the fire at all times. 	 <p>CATEGORY 3 FIRE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any fire larger than 2 metres high by 2 metres wide 3 or more concurrently burning piles no larger than 2 metres high by 2 metres wide 1 or more burning windrows Stubble or grass burning over an area greater than 0.2 hectares <p>REGULATIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A fuel break must be established around any Category 3 burn area. Monitor your open burn to ensure that the fire doesn't spread beyond its intended site. You must have a burn registration number to light a Category 3 open fire. Call the burn registration line 1 888 797-1717 to obtain one.
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GENERAL REGULATIONS:

 <p>Never burn in strong wind conditions.</p>	 <p>Your fire must be extinguished before leaving the area.</p>	 <p>Always keep your fire 2-3m distance away from nearby benches, wood and other combustible materials.</p>
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*Number lines and restrictions can be implemented at the B.C. Wildfire Management Board's discretion.


⚠️ Anyone found in contravention of an open fire prohibition may be fined up to \$345. If your fire escapes and results in a wildfire, you may be fined anywhere from \$100,000 to \$1 million and be sentenced to one year in prison. Please check with local government authorities for any other restrictions before lighting any open fire.


Please report wildfires by calling *5555 or 1 800 663-5555




Ministry of
Forests, Lands and
Natural Resource Operations

 www.bcwildfire.ca

 www.facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo

 [@BCGovFireInfo](https://twitter.com/BCGovFireInfo)

 www.youtube.com/user/ProvinceofBC

APPENDIX B

Keep fireplace door shut at all times when in use.

Do not leave gate open when fireplace is in use.

Do not hang items near the fireplace.

Do not place any item on or against the fireplace.

Do not put anything in the fireplace other than wood products.

The fire extinguisher can be found by the door to the Hut.

Do not remove the fire extinguisher from the Hut.


Do not fill the fireplace with new wood within 2 hours of your departure.

In case of emergency, call 911.

Thank you
Fernie Nordic Society
Elk Valley Nordic Centre

FERNIE IS WILDLIFE COUNTRY

The Safest Wildlife Encounter is One Prevented



AVOID SURPRISE ENCOUNTERS
Call out, clap your hands, sing or talk loudly.



LOOK FOR SIGNS OF WILDLIFE
Tracks, droppings, diggings, claw-marked trees, torn-up logs, overturned rocks and food caches.



TRAVEL SMART
Stay in groups, stay on marked trails and travel in daylight.



DO NOT LITTER
Pack it in, pack it out.

CARRY BEAR SPRAY
Keep it accessible and know how to use it as your last best defense.

DOG OWNERS
Keep your dogs under control. They may provoke defensive behavior in wildlife.

CYCLISTS
Speed and quietness put you at risk for sudden encounters. Slow down and make noise.



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Fernie Trails Alliance



Never Approach or Feed Wildlife

Report human/wildlife conflict to
1-877-952-7277(RAPP) or #7277 on cell.

For more information on preventing
human/wildlife conflict visit www.wildsafebc.com

If you see a bear:

- STAY CALM
- DO NOT RUN
- Let the bear know you are human (arms out to side and talk to the bear in a calm voice).
- Back away slowly and allow the bear an escape route
- Never turn your back on wildlife
- Do not approach or feed wildlife
- Do not take the time to photograph wild animal

EVNC Warming Hut Rental Application

Name of Applicant:

Nature of rental:

Applicant address:

Are you a Member of the FNS:

Applicant Email:

Contact Phone #:

Number of people
expected:

Date of rental:

Time of rental:

Would you like to rent the generator:

Name of Organization (if applicable):

I have read and understand the Warming Hut Rules and understand my responsibility to leave the Hut in the same or better condition I found it in and to avoid attracting or interacting with wildlife and to follow all Rules. All guests who wish to use the trails in winter must have a membership or purchase a day pass (can be purchased online or in conjunction with the Hut Rental). Cross country skiing only on the trails in winter.

Signature of Applicant

Date

*Cancellation Policy

We can give a 100% refund with 7 days' notice. We can give a 50% refund with 48 hours' notice. Changing the reservation date will be dealt with on a case by case basis. All cancellations/changes may be subject to a \$20 Administration Fee.

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