

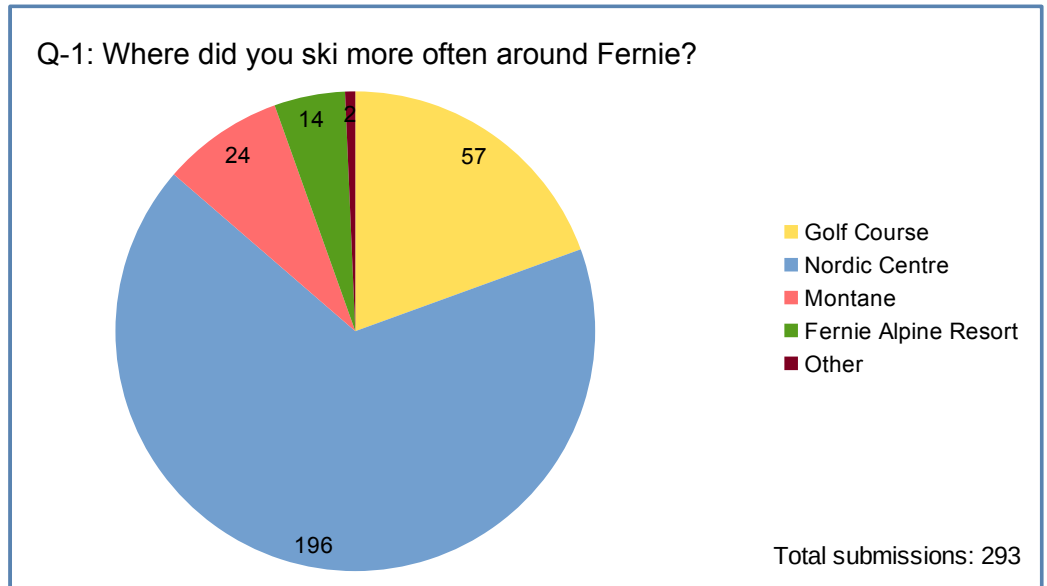
Fernie Nordic Society
2021 Nordic Survey

Survey conducted from March 22 to March 31, 2021

Question 1

Where did you ski more often around Fernie?

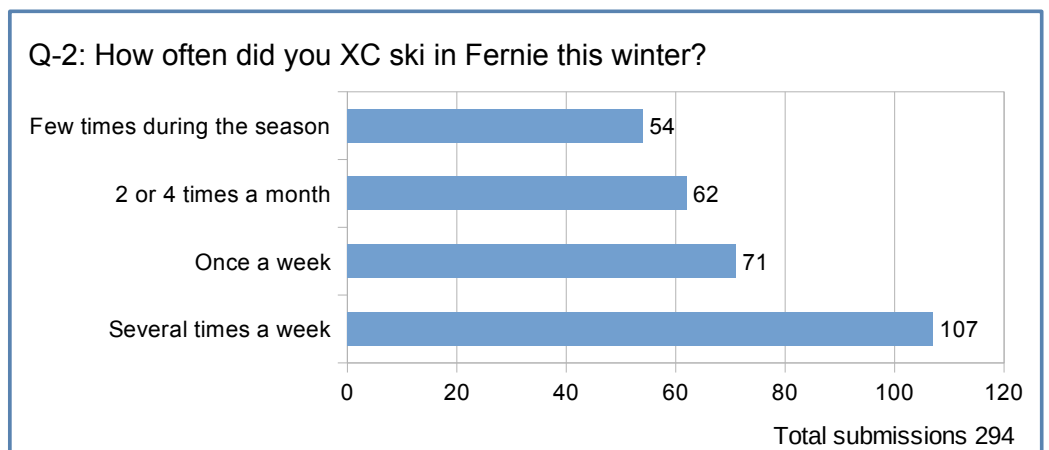
Golf Course	57
Nordic Centre	196
Montane	24
Fernie Alpine Resort	14
Other	2
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Question 2

How often did you XC ski in Fernie this winter?

Several times a week	107
Once a week	71
2 or 4 times a month	62
Few times during the season	54
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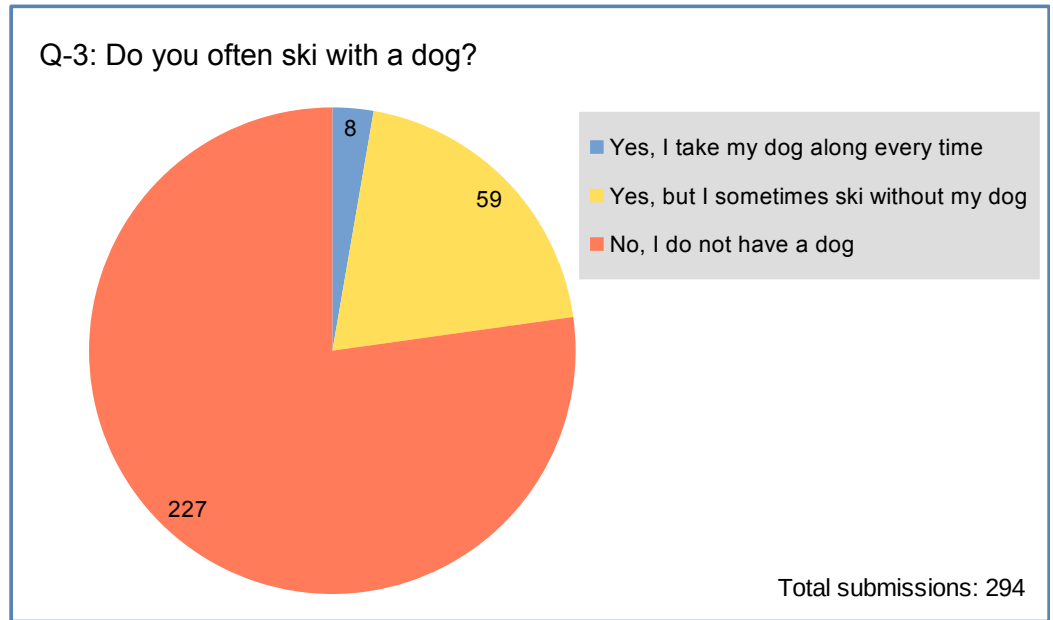
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Question 3

Do you often ski with a dog?

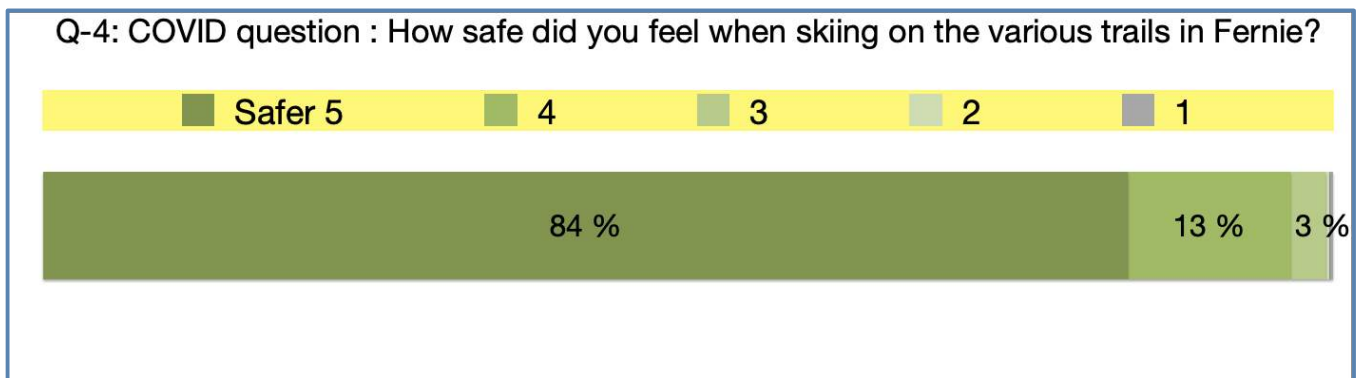
Yes, I take my	8
Yes, but I sorr	59
No, I do not h	227
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Question 4

COVID question : How safe did you feel when skiing on the various trails in Fernie?

Safe Level	Replies		
1 Low	1	0,3%	
	2	0,3%	
	3	2,7%	
	4	12,6%	
5 High	247	84,0%	
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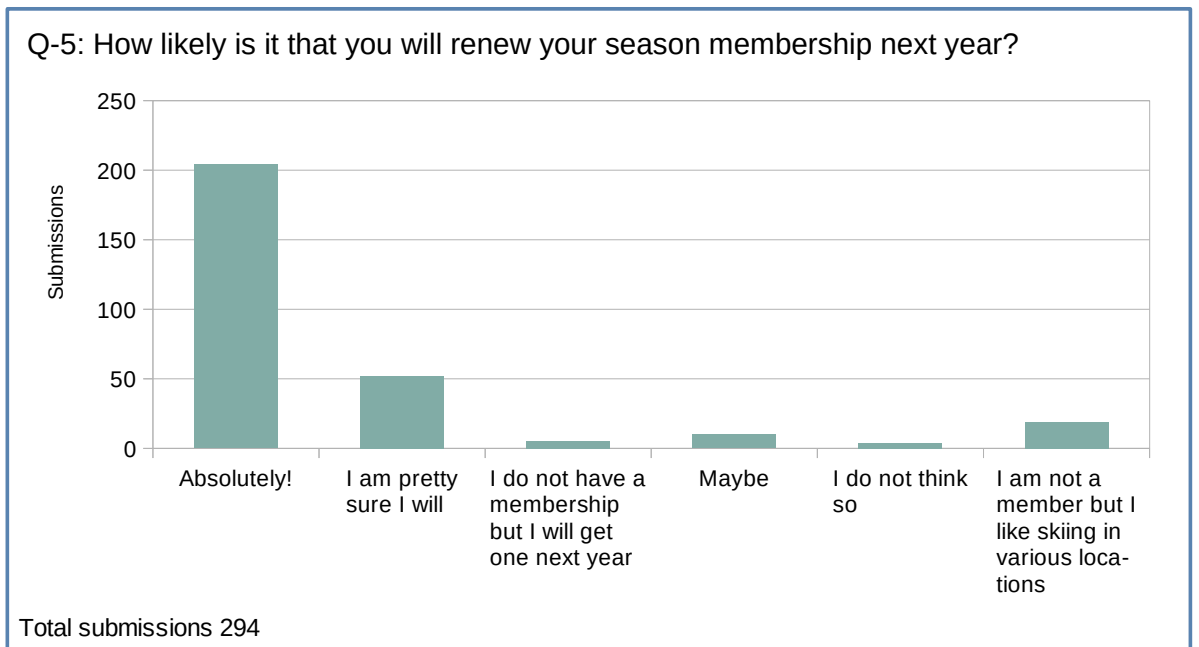
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Question 5

How likely is it that you will renew your season membership next year?

Absolutely!	204
I am pretty sure I will	52
I do not have a membership but I will get one next year	5
Maybe	10
I do not think so	4
I am not a member but I like skiing in various locations	19

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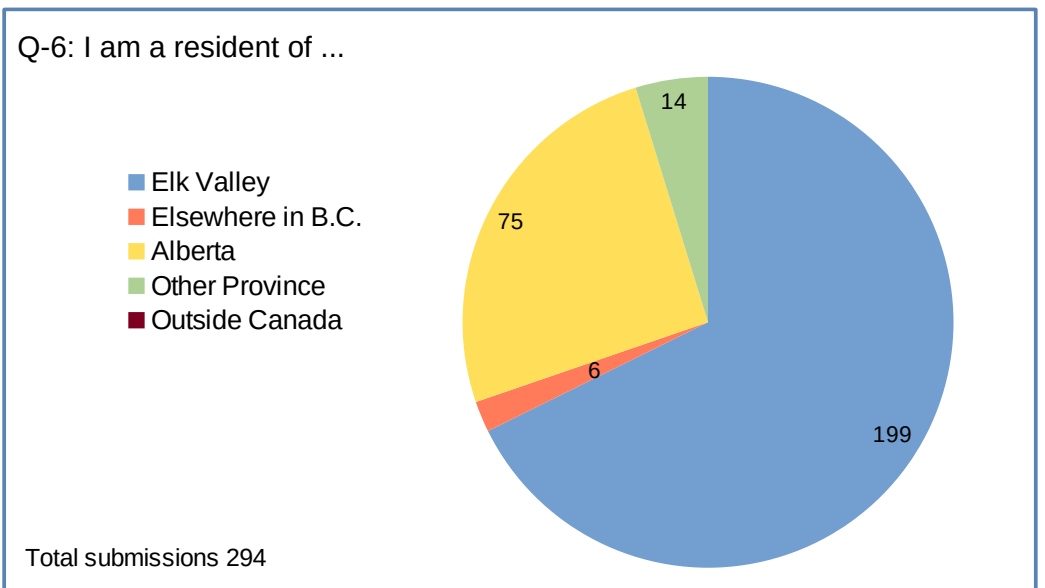
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Question 6

I am a resident of ...

Elk Valley	199	67,7%
Elsewhere in B.C.	6	2,0%
Alberta	75	25,5%
Other Province	14	4,8%
Outside Canada	0	0,0%

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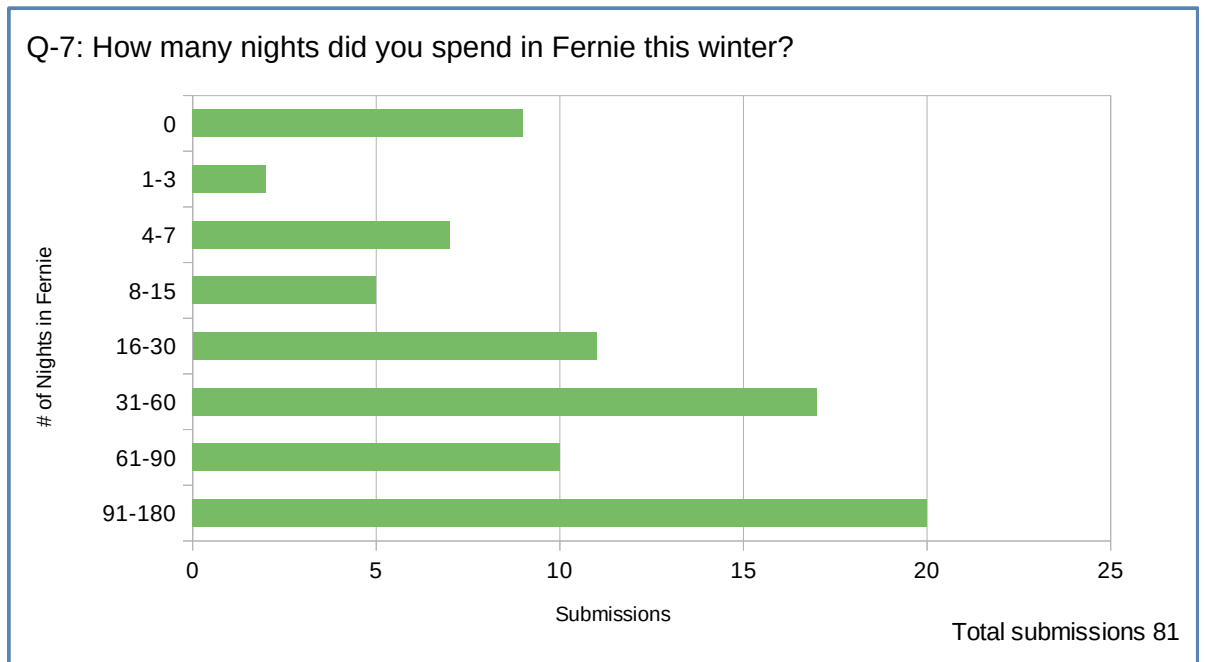
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Question 7

How many nights did you spend in Fernie this winter?

Duration	# of nights	Submissions	Cumulative
0	0	9	9
3	1-3	2	11
7	4-7	7	18
15	8-15	5	23
30	16-30	11	34
60	31-60	17	51
90	61-90	10	61
180	91-180	20	81
Total		81	
Average		51	



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Very good regular grooming at the Nordic Centre and golf course

It is so easy to access and there are a variety of trails!

Loved the grooming. Thank you

It is great part of our Fernie experience!

Your Groomers on the hill and the golf course have done an amazing job. We were all worried about how it was going to work during a Pandemic, but it all went well! Congratulations on all the effort that was made to keep us safe.

Being able to take my dog to ski with me at FAR

Thank you to the groomers and keeping the trails track set and clean

Liked the idea of the lit loop. If it could be put up again, maybe earlier in the season, would be cool.

Thank you! FNS is amazing :)

Finding that first set of moose tracks on Lizard Creek Loop sets your heart thumping from both the sheer fear of now coming nose to nose with the moose and the excitement of the privilege to share our trails with such a magnificent beast. BTW the addition of the Lizard Creek Loop also makes my heart sooooo happy! On a snowy day when it has not been groomed and you lay down the first set of tracks...such a delight!

The Fernie Nordic Society is a great organization with a wonderful group of volunteers. Thanks to all for their efforts, especially this year with Covid-19.

Excellent grooming

The Fernie Nordic Centre is great. We have a home on Anderson Road and I can not imagine there not being a Nordic Centre at the end of the road!

The skiing is wonderful!

Great job maintaining the trail. Some bikers did not respect the dedicated trails and some dog owners are not picking up after their animal, not sure how to reinforce this..

Amazing grooming at Nordic centre – Thank you! Also tried montane and golf course this year and was impressed with grooming h there too. Silk trail was not great most times I went there.

Every year I ski more than the year before, finally got skate skis 2 winters ago, love them and love the grooming in Montane (and of course the Nordic centre)! Your email grooming messages are very useful, please keep them coming.

I am a beginner so the golf course was definitely the best fit for me though I did try the Nordic Centre, Montane and Ski Hill trails. I know you don't have control over Montane or the Ski Hill but both could use better signage as I was lost at both. Even though it was covid I found people on the trails to still be smiling and I felt welcomed as a beginner. I wish some clinics could have been held as I just have no idea how people can stay in control going downhill! Hopefully next year I can figure that out!

I always go to the nordic centre because it is most peaceful and the trails are maintained so well!

Elk Valley Nordic Centre is top notch and very well taken care of....appreciate all hard work.

I think the groomers have done a great job this year.

Great trails - daily grooming is much appreciated. Very glad to have such a great facility for outdoor activities.

Trying to avoid the moose:)

We really missed skiing and being there. The answers to questions one and two should be; nowhere and not at all, but those weren't options.

I did enjoy great skiing on very well groomed trails but for me this year the opportunity to socialize on the trails was a godsend.

Thank you for all your work this year at preparing, communicating and grooming the fabulous trail system at the Nordic center and golf course. You guys did a terrific job in a challenging year. Thanks again.

Grooming was top notch. Thanks to the groomers. We are so lucky to have a group of dedicated volunteers working for our enjoyment of the trails.

I mostly just skied the Galloway loop. I found the grooming to be excellent!

This was my first year getting a pass and I loved the experience. The Covid restrictions were really no big deal, it was a joy to be able to hit the trails.

Ideally the facility would be at 5000 ft and offer 50km of trails.

Beautiful maintained trails

I really like that we can skate ski everywhere, I don't have this opportunity in Elkford

Great work by all involved, trails were great, Covid practices and signage great, facebook updates and trail condition reports great, wildlife info etc. Excellent facility and looking forward to another great ski season 21/22.

Great job on trail maintenance this year! Enjoyed the trails immensely!

Great grooming and so thankful to be able to enjoy the outdoors during COVID. Thank you

I would love to see a more gentle hill to access Galloway loop. Runt and grunt is a lot of work on skate skis.

Great trails! Good to have them maintained until the snow melts!

Thank you for awesome season! The lights on the kids loop is a nice touch

I was very impressed with the facility and the grooming on the trails. Will be back.

Grooming was fantastic.

A great season! So nice to have a safe space to enjoy the outdoors. Thanks to all the folks who volunteer to make the Nordic Society and the trails so great!

The trails get better each year. When I am skiing at night or when conditions are marginal I always know that the trails are well taken care of!

Beautiful moose at the trail head. I have no children but i think its great to have all these animal pics along the trail. Grooming was awesome thank you. Also nice of you to leave some safety pack along trail.

Fantastic Grooming Efforts. Always great conditions. We can't wait until the day lodge and other facilities are back in use.

There was not a ton of snow this year, which left for poor ski conditions.

I had a beautiful hour out at the Golf Course with my mother and daughter this winter. We all enjoy the flat terrain and wonderful mountain views.

Trail grooming at the Nordic centre was excellent this year.

The grooming at the Nordic centre was so consistent and in great shape.

Really like the ability to xc ski in the different areas (Nordic Centre, Silk, Montane). Really miss the Island Lake trails. Dog friendly is really helpful. Only comment is the entry / exit to Silk Trail. Icy and dangerous on many days.

Great ... something has to be done with the moose at the provincial park loop.it was aggressive and should have been removed.

Although the Rabbits program (our son is 8yo) did not happen this year, we were still thrilled to be able to rent the gear for such an amazingly commendable price - thank you! We made sure we hit the trails every Tuesday as if a session was still on (I think there was supposed to be some 'training' sessions delivered via email online but we never received them..? maybe it got shelved?), being COVID responsible with a small group and had a fun social loop. We called it Extreme Nordic. Maybe you could start one of those up!? JK. I appreciate all the hard work behind the scenes to keep the organization running. It was noticed. Thank you. I also loved the "Moose on the Loose" art collaboration project. It was something different, made the students feel involved and fostered feelings of community and connection at a time when it was hard to feel anything was the "same".

The trail width and frequent grooming with track setting at elk valley Nordic centre is excellent. I skate ski while my wife classic skis and we can go and do both. It's nice to skate ski without having to worry about damaging the set track. The daily grooming allows that. They do a great job.

Awesome trails. Great grooming. Our whole family had a blast thank you so much everyone who makes this possible!!

Great season. Thanks for offering a great outdoor product during COVID.

This year we both gained more confidence cross country skiing. We seemed to find times where we felt "we owned the terrain". Looking

forward to continuing our progress. The effort by the groomers is much appreciated.

We were just visiting Fernie and loved your trails. They were the best ones we have skied. We are novice skiers and enjoyed them.

Loved getting out with our family a couple times a week. Trails were always so well groomed. Running into the moose was a scary highlight!

Trails have been kept in great shape in a year when downhill skiing has been mediocre. It has been great to have Nordic skiing as an option. While I have enjoyed seeing people on the trails, I'm looking forward to having the warming hut open and meeting other skiers.

I liked the quiet, but also the chance seeing someone you know for a quick visit.

Great job keeping things moving forward in such a tough season.

Really appreciate the weekend grooming

Trails always groomed to the best possible. Everyone very friendly. Appreciate the fact that the trails are Not multi use and no dogs allowed.

I was grateful for the golf course trails this winter as I recovered from a knee injury. It is great for a quick bit of exercise.

Very impressed with all trails, particularly the Nordic Centre. Thank-you!

Trails are always well groomed. Have been skiing more up at the hill lately as have been taking the dog.

Great consistent grooming is the most important thing to me. Job well done this season. I appreciate the summer maintenance that allowed the season to start early.

I really appreciate the grooming and the grooming updates.

Grooming is terrific - thank you to all the volunteers and Mark

First time member this year. Rented skis and was out on the trails when in town. The trails were always in excellent condition. Did most of my skiing at the Nordic centre trails. Ski without my dog, but have one

Great trail prep this year. Great grooming. Loved the new blankets and signage. Loved the moose everywhere! Big effort again considering the difficulties of Covid! Well done!

You guys do a fantastic job with grooming. Keep it up.

Enjoyed learning to skate ski at the golf course! Is nice and flat!

More CAT Grooming and morning Cat grooming would be ideal. However, the efforts of the grooming crew were appreciated. Trails at a higher elevation to avoid rain and to have a longer ski season.

The cross country skiing in the Elk Valley has improved so much over the last five years. We were really impressed with the regular grooming - bravo!!!

Skiing with my pup

Such beautiful well maintained trails. Everyone is so friendly. Social distancing was great. I have only good things to say. So lucky to have these trails so close by!

I skied the Nordic centre for the first time, it's awesome! I am looking forward to going again!

There were a handful of days this season where the Snow CAT went out and the grooming was fantastic. When the temperature went above freezing and, CAT went out in the evening it would be a little icy the next day. CAT grooming in the morning would be ideal. I know that CAT grooming is volunteer, but it would be awesome if more people were trained to use it. To have such a great piece of equipment and still use the snowmobiles is a shame. Thank you for a wonderful year and for listening to my feedback. I am already looking forward to the 2021-2022 season!!

I really enjoy the variety of trails in the area. It's great to have the option of skiing hills or choosing flatter terrain. All locations are beautiful and well-maintained. I see small improvements to the trails each year. I also love that the ski resort trails and Montane trails allow dogs! I often look after my brother's dog who is a (young) retired sled dog and skate skiing is great exercise for her because she loves to run and has a ton of energy. It's our favourite activity to do together. She is well behaved and I pick up her poop! :D

The skiing is always good at the nordic center, with so many groomers pitching in, like myself one improvement for the future would be some longer loops, as going to ski hill and back is ok, but would be nice to have our own loops it will only get more busy as the years come

Interested in going again and trying to make it to the ski hill for a meal!

It's great to have a nice Nordic skiing venue in Fernie, besides the trails at FAR. One problem with FNS is that it's at low altitude, so early and late in the season, it often lacks the snow that lasts a bit longer at FAR. It

was too bad that the warming hut was closed all Winter; altho I hardly use it. Presumably, it was unavoidable due to COVID.

We skied at the Elk Valley Nordic Centre every day of our vacation from Feb. 4 until Feb. 7 th. The conditions were perfect .. new snow and all the trails were beautifully groomed. We definitely will be back next year!

Nice groomed tracks

-the kids loved skiing under the lights at the Nordic center -the ambassadors there are super friendly and helpful

I always enjoy xc skiing when I can get out. Life is busy but it's always lovely to be out there.

I really like the trails and that I can go out anytime. I did not find the trails crowded and it was easy to get in a ski without worrying about breaking any of the COVID restrictions.

The quality of the grooming this year really made me enjoy skate skiing that much more. Fernie is lucky to have such an excellent nordic centre and community. It has become my number one winter activity the last couple of winters.

I most love skiing at the Nordic centre and at the ski hill. I love the variation the offer, and different loops. I wish the connectivity between the two was better to allow for longer skate skis, or additional loops adde! Thank you for all you do. It is appreciated.

Trails were in GREAT shape. Fantastic grooming. Lighting for night skiing would be a great add.

I live in Cranbrook and skied at the Nordic center once this year. Had a good time. The trails were in good condition and scenic :).

Trails are always groomed, thank you. I don't have a dog and appreciate having a place to go where there are no dogs allowed.

it is lovely to have a place to cross country ski in Fernie that has the trails groomed. We didn't do much this year as one of us has a hip injury & this tip of skiing is not good for it the trails here are fantastic

Thank you for the fantastic grooming. It is the pristine nature of the trails that get us back time and time again, both classic and skating.

Well managed

Accessing the forest adjacent to the Nordic Centre trails is a very positive opportunity. Due to the Island Lake parking lot closure it would be great if some connection from the Gorby Parking lot to Island

Lake Road was made. Following Lizard Lake Trail is excellent, but could use a bridge over Lizard Creek to connect with Island Lake trails. This would also be very beneficial in summer. Maybe Island Lake would even support this bridge?

We stay for 4 months in our condo on the hill and having the option of two xcountrty trails and alpine skiing to choose from makes Fernie an awesome winter getaway.

The grooming was the best it's ever been at EVNC, thank you!

The grooming and trail conditions were excellent this season, especially considering lower snowfalls. Great to see so many people use the facility safely and respectfully. Lots of moose tracks but we never saw a single one this season!!! Thanks to executive and volunteers for keeping this community asset in top shape.

Thank you for all that you do to make it a wonderful experience!

I really love having a place where dogs aren't allowed. People don't seem aware of how dangerous it feels to have a strange dog barreling down on you. If you are moving to dogs on the trails, on-leach should be required.

Job well done.

I hear that the land the Nordic Center sits on is going to be sold. Not sure if that is fact or fiction but if it does I hope a better location is found to reestablish a Nordic Center.

The conditions this year were fantastic and really facilitated my mental and physical health. Thank you!!!

The trails are beautiful and a great mix of levels for different abilities. The only issue I see is the walk from the parking lot at the Nordic Center to the trail head being along the side of the road. I wish there could be more direct access from the parking lot.

I normally ski the golf course as I live there. I found that the trails were kept in great condition even when the conditions were not great. Jason did a great job.

being new to nordic skiing I appreciate grooming and track set.

Always felt really safe and covid friendly. Great way to enjoy the outdoors this year!

Grooming was awesome at Nordic Centre!! Also grateful to FAR for regular grooming of Silk. Didn't ski much at Montane, but am also a member of Fernie Trails. In my experience, COVID advice well

followed by all skiers encountered at Nordic Centre this winter. Darren the moose was a delightful addition. Looking forward to revival of +50 group lessons!

Hello, I also snowshoe and would love to see this paired with cross-country skiing. We recently were snowshoeing at Chinook Lake at they made it work. Of course, it would take some respect on the part of particularly the snowshoers. Hey, who knows it might increase your revenues??

would love to see the masters xcountry ski lessons return on Fridays post covid.

AS MENTIONED ABOVE, WE FELT VERY SAFE SKIING AT BOTH THE GOLF COURSE AND AT EVNC DURING THIS PANDEMIC. EVEN WITH A PARKING LOT FULL OF CARS, THE TRAILS DID NOT FEEL CROWDED! WE FEEL SO BLESSED TO LIVE IN FERNIE AND HAVE AN EASY ACCESS TO ALL THESE BEAUTIFUL AND PRISTINE TRAILS! I REALIZED THAT NOT ACCEPTING DOGS YOU RESTRICT THE CLUB FROM MANY MORE MEMBERS BUT AS A NON-DOG OWNER, WE APPRECIATE TRAILS FREE OF THESE 4 LEGGED DOMESTIC CREATURES' DROPPINGS! THANK YOU AGAIN FOR MAKING OUR NORDIC SKIING THE MOST PLEASURABLE WINTER ACTIVITY!

Loved the moose on the loose additions. Feel the price for the membership is super reasonable.

The trails always seemed well groomed at the Golf Course. We really appreciated the reminder signs regarding COVID on the trails as well.

Trails were well maintained. Covid restrictions were easy to follow.

Amazing grooming!! Thats fir the hard work and an awesome season.

I think FNS did a great job of providing XC ski facilities this year and the COVID protocols were quite reasonable.

Wish we had more Snow-Cat grooming and more ski trails.

I started skate skiing this season. I skied mostly at the Golf Course but also enjoyed the trails at the Nordic Centre and FAR. I really enjoyed the private lessons I took with Tarah Leggott. She is fantastic! I look forward to taking more lessons next season. Thank you!

The trail grooming is getting better each year at both the EVNC and the Golf Course. Absolutely fantastic that FNR were able to continue training - with such excellent coaching. I think the decision to keep the hut closed was the right choice this year.

Thank you for all you do!

I have loved seeing the trails expand over the past few years and feel very lucky to have access to these. I understand the Nordic Center trails not being dog friendly (too many owners don't clean up after their dogs!) but would love to be able to use this facility in the future.

Great grooming this year. Thank you!

Thank you for the trails in Fernie. It's great that everyone was still able to get out and enjoy the outdoors. Everyone seemed very respectful of the covid restrictions and I did not see any issues.

The trails were maintained so well, very pleased with the assortment of terrain (golf course, ski hill, montane, Nordic center). Was the perfect COVID-safe exercise!

Grooming was amazing this season. It was my first season skiing at the Nordic center as I bought skate skis and appreciated the amazing grooming. Would love to support more kids activities through the centre.

Beautiful grooming, very nice trails, nice to see ambassadors on the trails and the young ones training on the trails. So happy to not have dogs on the trails and that is why I choose Nordic over the other trails. worried I will get hurt as the dogs run at you and jump, most often in a friendly manner but they knock you down. Looking forward to the lights. Kudos to all the volunteers, superb job, so much appreciated.

Great grooming and communication

Roll on next winter.

Overall, everything was great. Enjoy being able to ski without dogs and fat bikes on the trail, so prefer the Nordic center and golf course. Could be better signing of trails at the Nordic centre. Having a map to show where you are at each or most trail junctions would be appreciated.

FNS facilities remain top notch. Grooming is consistently of high quality. While snow conditions were not ideal this past season, efforts of FNS volunteers and staff are greatly appreciated.

Good grooming

Awesome exercise to do alone, with family or safely with a few friends. Love when the trails are groomed (which they almost always are). Really love skiing at the Nordic Centre. Very happy that dogs are not allowed on these trails.

Daily grooming at EVNC was great. Congrats to Golf Course groomers on the snow harvesting and all the efforts to prolong the skiing magic.

Loved the extra grooming on golf course out onto dyke- would love a more consistent schedule out onto the annex trails by dog park when conditions allow! Thank you for everything

Excellent grooming and track setting!

Fantastic grooming at the Nordic Centre - thank you!

Fantastic job with the grooming! Highlight is skiing with my wife and my puppy Fergus. Plus it is so nice to see so many familiar faces.

I think that the Nordic Centre did a great job of grooming this winter in terms of how being more consistent than last year. The exception still seems to be the thought that if it doesn't snow for days and stays cold it doesn't need to be groomed - this is when we need grooming the most for the ice!!! Also, if you are an early morning person you are out of luck when it comes to having a groomed course as it usually isn't complete until at least 11 sometimes later. It would be nice to have an earlier start. It would also be nice to have a bit of extra work early season (especially on the runt section) to build up the down side of the road in order to have a flatter section of trail to skate ski. Overall I'm not a fan of the trails at the Nordic Centre and don't ski there that often - as a skate skier you are either going up or down so very hard to get into any kind of a rhythm for any distance. I either ski the golf course, Island Lake rd when open or the silk trail at the ski hill.

The Nordic Society does an incredibly good job; thank you to all those involved with operating the society. I appreciate your hard work.

Trails were wonderful, thanks to all.

The grooming was terrific this year. We enjoyed the regular grooming of the Lizard Creek loop. It would be really nice if we could access some groomed trails through the Fernie Provincial Park.

Highlight would be the consistently good job performed by the groomers ensuring that the trails are always in really good condition.

Fabulous grooming, unparalleled views and friendly people.

The grooming has been great as always.

Love the area. Would be great to see more trails, a day lodge, and more facilities as the trails seem busier every year! Thanks for all your hard work!

The grooming is simply outstanding. I go often, and it seems that every single time there was fresh grooming happening. Very much appreciated. Only improvement I could possibly ask for is more trails....

A big Thank You, to the Volunteers and Groomers.... we have a special place to enjoy our winter days, and you folks really make this happen!

Love the added loop on Galloway, thanks for the added elevation (I think)!

Thank youuuuu!

It was awesome to have so many different terrains and locations to ski on that were well maintained

Thank you for all the hard work in maintaining the Nordic Centre trails!

The grooming on the trails this year was amazing! Keep up the good work!

Thank you very much for grooming the trails to perfection. I really l'image the fact that there are no dogs and no bike on the Nordic trails. I will definitely renew my pass next year.

I am so grateful for the Fernie Nordic Society and all the work done to build out one of the finest backyards in all of the land!

Would gladly support paying higher fees to continue to grow the groomed trail network.

For my wife and I, the Nordic Centre has added so much to our Fernie experience (which has been going strong for over 20 years).

Some dog owners did not pick up after their dogs which is unfortunate and disrespectful.

I did not ski on your trails this year as we could not afford a membership

Really enjoyed the good grooming at the Nordic

I am a new skier, so was using day passes to try it out.

I think the Nordic Society does a fabulous job of trail maintenance and communications. The only reason I gave 4 smiles out of 5 for safety is because I'm afraid of running into the mean moose, not because of any COVID risk.

It would be great to communicate with the skate skiers that it would be appreciated if they did not skate over the tracks. There were times when new track sets were damaged.

Don't ski with my dog on Nordic society trails

Thank you for all your hard work. The Nordic society is such a wonderful addition for Fernie. We love it.

We respected the Dr. Henry "guidelines", and the mayor's requests, and didn't come to Fernie even once during the winter. Sad. Not a single ski day. I'm looking forward to a refund on our taxes, condo fees and utilities. We were able to defer our downhill ski pass to 2021/22, maybe that option should be considered for the cherished and deeply missed nordic side.

I had a great year skiing both at the Nordic centre and the Golf Course. My partner finds the NC too challenging so when we ski together it is at the GC. I prefer the challenge of the NC. I am extremely thankful for the organization for providing this recreational outlet in this very challenging year.

We live in Edmonton and just skied once. Track setting was excellent, esp given tough spring conditions. We were a bit disappointed with the length of the trails (shorter than expected).

Thank you for all your work this year at preparing, communicating and grooming the fabulous trail system at the Nordic center and golf course. You guys did a terrific job in a challenging year. Thanks again.

Always appreciate the excellent timely grooming. And thank you very much for doing the Fernie ski hill connectors. That helps a ton, much appreciated

I like the dog free, snowshoe free trails designated specifically for xc. The golf course was amazing for a beginner skier ... loved it ... thank you for all the great grooming and maintenance!!!

Snowcat grooming every day would be ideal.

Thank you groomer Mark!

Excellent consistency of grooming. Looking forward to the night lights going in for next season as an evening option. While understand Other areas are not part of FNS terrain, appreciated being able to access grooming report info in one area. Hopefully those other partners can continue to send their updates. Thank you for all the ongoing efforts, energy and enthusiasm!!

Love skiing any nordic trail in Fernie. Good grooming, great views and a nice way to see people.

I missed having access to the warming hut, but fully realize why it was closed. I think the Nordic Society did a fabulous job of balancing trail access and COVID precautions.

Great grooming...almost daily!

Great grooming Thx

Love the trails and the fantastic grooming at the Nordic centre. When I'm there (less this year cause of Covid) I was out multiple times a week. Very good organization and communication on the website and emails. Looking forward to many more years of XC in Fernie.

Thank you to all the volunteers for their hard work and for keeping the trails in such excellent condition.

I prefer to ski with the dogs, and the dogs are only allowed at the free places. I would absolutely renew my membership if the montane and FAR trails were maintained by the Nordic Club and still dog friendly. I felt this year that people were NOT covid smart and often would not leave 2meters between themselves and me even when I was hugging the side of the trails.

For the few times I use the trails I didn't feel I got value, however last year when I didn't have a pass I felt like paying \$25 to ski for an hour with my daughter was pricey. The trails are beautifully groomed and maintained but for someone who participates in multi winter sports the cost was high. I may just stick to the non Nordic Society trails next year..

great job in grooming this year!!

Great job of grooming thank u so much

The grooming was outstanding, much appreciation for their efforts and skill

My husband and I love Xc skiing in Fernie. We mainly ski at the Nordic centre and Montane. Absolutely appreciate the awesome grooming. We are so very fortunate to get to participate in this activity in awesome conditions every time. Thank you to everyone involved.

Would be nice to have some messaging about etiquette on the trails. Specifically that classic skiers move over for skate skiers when they are skiing down the middle of the skate track either because they are in a group or just deciding to use skate lane. I found this very frustrating and more often than I've encountered at any other Nordic centre.

Had a membership for a number of years but now live in Montane. As we pay for our trails to be maintained, that is where we ski now as it is out the back door. Bought a day passes for the few days skied at Golf course and Nordic centre.

Why isn't Montane track set? Why is Island Lk road closed? It seems the only track set trails are at Nordic Ctr, and this is a shame.

We were from out of town so just did the day passes.

Lovely trails that are well-maintained. Thank you.

Affordable, wholesome family wonderment.

I totally understand why the dogs aren't allowed on the trail at the Golf Course and Nordic Centre. For this reason, it's difficult to justify renewing my pass as I always ski with my dog at FAR or Montane.

I am hugely grateful for the grooming done by the society to connect the Nordic trails to FAR. It is the reason I renew my membership rather than ski Silk.

I feel it is a great value and supporting Nordic skiing in this area is so important to a a healthy lifestyle and appreciation of the outdoors.

I love skiing the trails and want to support them. I really appreciate everyone's hard work. Hopefully next year there will be lessons etc..

We loved it. Only skied there on opening weekend when the ski hill wasn't open yet.

Thank you for all the grooming that you do on the elk valley Nordic trail

You guys did a great job....loved the moose artistry!!!

I didn't X-country ski that often this winter, but hope to do more next.

I love bringing my dog. If you could make a K9 loop where dogs could come that would be great!

Great club

I like having trails that are dog free (like the Nordic Center)...but nice once in awhile to get them on the trails:) I'm so grateful for the trails and the amazing job you've done grooming. Primarily I ski at the Nordic Center and conditions have been amazing. Thank you!

Need more dog friendly trails, they are the best ski buddies!

Great trail grooming all winter and we appreciated the regular trail updates.

Possibly you should consider reducing the fees for those 75 or 80 and older in a similar proportion as the FAR, or just give them a membership for a small donation. You might find the donation is sizable.

I am not a member because I take my dogs most of the time, and I don't ski the member trails often enough but may get one next year as I came close this year.

We're planning on leaving Fernie for February and March, so most or all of our XC skiing will have to be in December-January... barely enough time to exercise membership since we don't ski every day. Will consider it next Fall.

It would be nice if Fernie, Elkford & Sparwood had a combined pass that allowed skiing at any of the three areas. It gets costly purchasing seasons passes for each area when our family enjoys skiing all three areas throughout the winter.

Good people, amazing wildlife, stunning views, great tracks!

Need a loop for dogs. Won't buy a house in the cedars until that time. Could have dogs allowed except when/if there is a race.

I enjoy xc skiing and am happy to pay for a membership that helps towards grooming costs as I like to use the trails.

I have a dog but I do not ski with my dog. If I still have my place in Fernie next season I will get a season pass. I skied less this year because I injured myself downhill skiing. I usually ski about two times per week when healthy.

The grooming was excellent this year at the Nordic Centre. Glad to see FAR stepped it up as well and it was really enjoyable skiing there. Golf course was good too, and Montane grooming gave another option for a change of scenery. Fun winter of nordic skiing

Great consistency of grooming! Love the addition of the lizard loop. Would be great to see more connectivity/ additional loops.

The morning grooming each weekday + by sled was great in keeping the trails in great shape. Much appreciated. I was choosy in my timing to avoid others for reasons of Covid as some were not that good but most were great. I have been a past member of Sovereign (Vernon) and Blackjack (Rossland) and I've enjoyed Fernie. Only frustration at times is people walking on the trails largely coming from the ski hill (especially with dogs)

Grooming was great. Thank you.

Skiing with a head lamp is pretty cool, but sure would be awesome to have a loop in town lit for night skiing. You know!

During Covid, where social interaction is more difficult, it's quite easy to stop and talk to other skiers we encounter on the trails. People are very friendly and appreciate that you get more than outdoor exercise.

Excellent grooming. Thank you.

We sold our place in Fernie or else we would be renewing. We would love to take our dog but dogs are not allowed on the trails near FAR. I also understand why dogs are not allowed.

I hope to ski way more next season- I plan to get waxless skis for those days of varied temps/snow conditions!

We feel so fortunate to have this amazing trail system that is so beautifully maintained right here in Fernie. Thank you to everyone involved for making all of this possible.

I found the trails at Fernie Alpine Resort often better groomed and groomed regular enough. I really enjoy the trails there as they provide a nice long ski with ability to work on different techniques for a longer distance without the just up and down of the Elk Valley Nordic Center trails. And it is free. Earlier in the season we skied Kimberley (before they set restrictions) and so much enjoy the Nordic trails there. In general, the combination of Golf Course, FAR, Montane and Elk Valley Nordic provides a good Nordic experience but the Elk Valley Nordic trail system by itself is pretty mediocre and the grooming is very hit or miss. I would pay my membership to FAR before Elk Valley Nordic if I knew it would lead to more grooming there.

Having some dog free tracks is important as is some tracks that are dog friendly— stockpiling snow may be necessary to plan in the future — would love to have seen Galloway lands picked up by Nature's Trust or other like organization rather than being developed:(

I'd use the trails at the Nordic center more often if they allowed dogs. I'd also buy a year membership if dogs were allowed. For a year with no access to the warmup hut, I was surprised the fees weren't lower. Frankly, that fee and prohibition to dogs makes us generally choose other trails.

It was my favourite covid friendly activity this winter!

I really appreciate the choice of the Nordic Center, for more aggressive training, and the Golf Course, for quick accessible daily maintenance training.

It was great to see so many newcomers to nordic skiing on the trails this winter.

Even though my participation with the Nordic Society has been minimal, I have been extremely impressed with the volunteerism and family orientation of the group. I am very happy to continue my support of the Nordic Society by way of continuing my wife's and my membership.

Really value the trail system. Thank you for making the season of Covid-19 so much more bearable by having lovely groomed trails to spend time on.

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More consistent grooming at the golf course. Grooming at the Nordic Centre was fabulous and consistent.

I got my membership hoping to ski a lot but as we are Albertans, due to covid restrictions we weren't able to come to Fernie and so I only got out to the Nordic centre once, in early December.

We had a great time this winter! We are all relatively new to Nordic skiing and look forward to getting my 8 year old back into lessons next year with you guys (if safe). We mostly chose to ski at the golf course as it wasn't as busy and we were in a pretty tight bubble. Also it was easier to pull over and let people pass us, as there is so much room at the Golf Course. We are already looking forward to next season, and hopefully trying out some of the other areas!

Great job keeping the trails groomed and safe!!

Would love to see some night skiing options. The golf course would be amazing to have available for night skiing.

I house sit in a house on the golf course so find the trails there very convenient. I'm primarily alpine ski but do some XC and have joined the FNS the past few years to support that. This year there were a number of times I went XC skiing on a day that I thought the hill would be too crowded for my liking.

Great job, love the expanding CC options and grooming. Would love to see more trails gif variety.

As I don't use the Nordic Society trails (as they aren't dog friendly) I didn't purchase a membership. I would happily pay to use them if I did :)

Really impressed by all the hard work that goes into maintaining the trails

I wasn't sure how many times I'd use the trails this year, but judging by my drop-in fees it will make sense to get an annual membership.

Xcountry is second to down hill skiing right now but also dependent on ski hill condition. X country is a nice change

I'd take dog every time to ski hill and montane trails. Thanks for a great season from a new family of members.

Depends more on personal situation rather than anything about the Nordic skiing

It was my first season in Fernie and first season doing cross country. It was my favorite activity this year. If I am ever back in Fernie for a season I will be getting a membership for sure.

I can't say enough good things about the Nordic skiing in Fernie. I skied over 40 days and was so thankful for the diligent grooming. What an asset we have here!

Please keep the trails dog free.

Great job!! Thank you so much.

I would pay double or triple if it meant earlier grooming, more often and work on the road so it isn't such an angle.

I will not renew my membership if dogs are allowed on the Fernie Golf Course or Elk Valley Nordic Centre.

You're all doing a great job! Thanks to all the hours put in by dedicated volunteers.

Dogs on more trails would be great!! Love being able to get the dog out for a walk (so I don't have to re-walk him when I get home from skiing on a no dog trail)

It would be nice to see more facility improvement.

I see great value in having a connected Cross Country Ski organization in Fernie. I imagine that COVID has indeed had it's challenges and we still have some more hurdles in our near future. Keep the collective going...would love to see a deeper connection with the FAR network. I do enjoy a dog free experience at the Nordic Center.

Sooooo awesome that this society is part of our community!!! Great job to all the volunteers for all your amazing hard work

Dog question needed other options. No I do not often ski with my dog, but I do have a dog. My favourite place to ski is at the Nordic Centre trails (no dogs allowed, which I appreciate). I do not ski with my dog now due to her old age, however when she was younger, yes I skied with her, but only occasionally either at Montane or FAR. Even as a dog owner, I like idea of having certain trails that allow dogs and trails that do not.