



## **Fernie Nordic Society Warming Hut Rental Policy**

The primary purpose of the Warming Hut (the “Hut”) at the Elk Valley Nordic Centre (EVNC) is for daytime, social use by Fernie Nordic Society 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 by private and non-profit groups for day and overnight use.

During the winter months, all guests are required to have current FNS memberships or active day pass.

### **Warming Hut Rules**

By completing the EVNC Warming Hut Rental Application, the applicant or group agrees to follow the Warming Hut Rules. Please 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. **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.
2. **Fires** - Fires are permitted in designated bonfire barrels and **fire pits only**. Use of propane, gas or flammable fuel to start a fire is prohibited. Fires may only be started with matches and kindling. There shall be no open flames or candles inside the building. Never leave a fire unattended and fully extinguish fires at night and before leaving the Hut. All fires must comply with the BC Wildfire Service Open Fire Regulations, below, and any open fire regulations or campfire bans in effect, found at <http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/>



# OPEN FIRE REGULATIONS

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

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

CAMPFIRE:	CATEGORY 2 FIRE:	CATEGORY 3 FIRE:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Any fire smaller than 0.5 metres high by 0.5 metres wide</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 to 2 concurrently burning piles no larger than 2 metres high by 3 metres wide</li><li>Stubble or grass burning over an area less than 0.2 hectares</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Any fire larger than 2 metres high by 3 metres wide</li><li>3 or more concurrently burning piles no larger than 2 metres high by 3 metres wide</li><li>1 or more burning windrows</li><li>Stubble or grass burning over an area greater than 0.2 hectares</li></ul>
<p><b>REGULATIONS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>You must have ready access to 8 litres of water or a shovel for the entire time your campfire is lit.</li><li>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.)</li><li>During campfire prohibitions, only a CSA- or ULC-approved portable campfire apparatus may be used, and the flame height must not exceed 15 centimetres.</li><li>You must build a fire guard around your campfire.</li></ul>	<p><b>REGULATIONS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A fuel break must be established around any Category 2 burn area.</li><li>Fireworks are banned when a Category 2 fire prohibition is in effect.</li><li>Burning barrels are banned when a Category 2 fire prohibition is in effect.</li><li>At least one person equipped with a fire-fighting hand tool must monitor the fire at all times.</li></ul>	<p><b>REGULATIONS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A fuel break must be established around any Category 3 burn area.</li><li>Monitor your open burn to ensure that the fire doesn't spread beyond its intended size.</li><li>You must have a burn registration number to light a Category 3 open fire. Call the burn registration line 1 888 792-1717 to obtain one.</li></ul>
<p><b>GENERAL REGULATIONS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Never burn in strong wind conditions.</li><li>Your fire must be extinguished before leaving the area.</li><li>Always keep your fire a safe distance away from nearby branches, wood and other combustible materials.</li><li>Do not conduct Category 2 or Category 3 burns when venting conditions are "Poor" or "Fair". Always check here first: <a href="http://www.bccairquality.ca/readings/ventilation-index.html">www.bccairquality.ca/readings/ventilation-index.html</a></li></ul> <p><small>*Further bans and restrictions can be implemented at the Wildlife Management Branch's discretion.</small></p>		
<p>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.</p>		<p>Please report wildfires by calling *5555 or 1 800 663-5555.</p>

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www.bcwildfire.ca @BCGovfireinfo www.facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo www.youtube.com/user/ProvinceofBC

- Indoor Fireplace** - You may use the chopped wood available at the Hut. 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 time when in use. Do not fill the fireplace with new wood within **2 hours** of your departure. Do not place any item on or against the fireplace. Do not remove the fire extinguisher from the Hut.
- BBQs** - Gas and/or charcoal grills are permitted outside the Hut only. No open grills or BBQs are allowed inside the Hut.



5. **Smoking** is not permitted inside or within **25 meters** of the Hut. There shall be no discarding of cigarette butts inside or 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 the hut or if cigarette trash is left outside).
6. **Garbage** - All trash, decorations, food, etc. shall be removed from the building at the time of departure. There shall be no garbage left outside the hut at any time during your stay. (\*\*This is an active environment for many wildlife and we do want to encourage visits by bears in particular.)
7. **Washrooms** - during summer months Mt. Fernie Provincial Park maintains washrooms west of the Hut. During winter months there is a porta-potty located in the lower parking lot. Please do not put garbage or food in these porta-potties.
8. **Pets** - No pets are allowed inside the Hut, at any time. During the winter months, pets are not allowed on the cross-country ski trails. Dogs are discouraged on the trails in the summer months as per Bear Aware guidelines (they may provoke aggressive behaviour by bears).
9. **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. There are a variety of multi-use trails throughout Mt Fernie Provincial Park.
10. **Alcohol** – Glass is prohibited in or around the Hut or or EVNC land. Proper licencing from the relevant government authorities must be obtained if you are selling alcohol.
11. **Membership/Pass** - During the winter months, all guests are required to have current FNS memberships or an active day pass.
12. **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.



# 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](http://www.wildsafebc.com)

### If you see a bear:

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

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## Fee Schedule

The prices below do not include GST or trail fees.

We encourage youth and non-profit groups to access this beautiful facility. If you have specific questions about rentals please contact [info@fernienordic.com](mailto:info@fernienordic.com).

Please note, that although you book the Hut privately, the public will still have access to the facility during daytime hours in the winter ski season and particularly during ski lessons on weekends. This is for safety reasons. If your event requires exclusive access, please contact us.

	Per hour	full day*	per 24 hours**
Non-Profit	\$10	\$30	please contact
Individual	\$13	\$50	please contact
Business	\$20	\$80	please contact
Damage Deposit for all rentals is \$150			

\* no overnight permitted for daytime rentals. Full days are considered to be 11am - 7pm

\*\* 24 hour rentals start at 11am and end at 11am the following day.

### **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. The remainder of the income generated from memberships and day passes goes directly to grooming the trails - a costly but necessary expense.



## EVNC Warming Hut Rental Application

Name of Organization (if applicable):

Name of Applicant:

Nature of rental:

Applicant address:

Applicant Email:

Contact Phone #:

Number of people expected:

Number of children  
under 18 years of age:

Start Date of rental:

End Date of Rental:

Will you be selling alcohol?\* Yes No

Liquor License #:

*\*Please note you are responsible for adhering to liquor laws including licensing and serving*

Do you have Third Party Insurance? Yes No

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, avoid attracting or interacting with wildlife and follow all Rules.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date:  
Signature of Applicant

*\*Please ensure all pages of this document are initialed before submitting*

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