

Fernie Nordic Society(FNS) Warming Hut Rental Rules & Application

Warming Hut Rental Rules

By completing the EVNC Warming Hut Rental Application, the applicant or group agrees to comply with the Warming Hut Rules. **Please read and initial all pages of this application, sign page 2 and return to fernienordic@gmail.com.** Failure to comply with these rules will result in forfeiture of your deposit. Thank you for your consideration in helping us maintain this facility.

1. **Maximum Hut Capacity** – 23 people
2. **FNS Liability Release Policy - By signing the attached application, you are agreeing to relieve the Fernie Nordic Society from liability for use of the premises. Best practice is add FNS as 3rd party to your own liability coverage & provide FNS proof; otherwise, it is strongly recommended you refer to your own 3rd party liability policy through your homeowners or tenants insurance to ensure adequate coverage.**
3. **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 must have a current FNS membership or day pass*.
4. **Outdoor Fires** - Fires are permitted in the designated fire pit only and may only be started using matches/lighters and kindling. 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>
5. **Indoor Fireplace** - Use the chopped wood available at the hut for the indoor fireplace. Keep fireplace door shut at all times. Do not fill the fireplace with new wood within **2 hours** of your departure. (*See Appendix B). There shall be no open flames or candles inside the building.
6. **Noise** – The Hut is situated very close to the homes in the Cedars community. Please be considerate of our neighbours.
7. **Pets** - No pets are allowed inside the Hut at any time. During winter months, pets are not allowed on the trails.
8. **BBQs** - Propane and/or charcoal grills are permitted outside the hut only.
9. **Smoking** is not permitted on the property.
10. **Cleanliness & Garbage** - Leave the Hut as clean as you found it, inside and out. Please take garbage and recyclables with you when you leave.
11. **Parking** - 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.
12. **Washrooms** - During the 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.
13. **Alcohol** – Proper licensing from the relevant government authorities must be obtained if you are selling alcohol. **Glass bottles are prohibited.**
14. **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. (*See Appendix C)

**During the winter months FNS carries 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.*

Rental Fee Schedule

During the winter, the hut is only available for rental for a **minimum of 3 hours between 4:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. when it is not being used for club activities** such as events, ski programs or lessons.

The prices below do not include membership or trail fees. Electricity is available via a generator for an additional charge of \$15.00/hour.

A damage deposit of \$250 will be required for all rentals.

Please e-transfer to info@fernienordic.com

	Per Hour	Full Day
Member	\$30	\$150
Non-Member	\$50	\$250
Business	\$75	\$375

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Name	
Name of Organization (if applicable)	
Address	
Email	
Contact Phone Number	
Nature of Rental (wedding, birthday, meeting, etc.)	
Number of people attending	
Date	
Start Time and Duration (hours)	
Will you require use of the generator? (Y/N)	


I understand and agree to comply with the Warming Hut Rental Rules. All guests who wish to use the trails during their rental in the winter for cross country skiing must have a membership or purchase a day pass, which can be purchased online or in conjunction with the rental.

Signature of Applicant

Date




APPENDIX A

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:
		
<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 UL-Approved portable camping 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-lighting 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 3 metres wide 3 or more concurrently burning piles no larger than 2 metres high by 3 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 size. 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.


GENERAL REGULATIONS:

- Never burn in strong wind conditions.
- Your fire must be extinguished before leaving the area.
- Always keep your fire a safe distance away from nearby branches, wood and other combustible materials.
- Do not conduct Category 2 or Category 3 burns when warning conditions are "Fair" or "Fair". Always check here first: www.bccatquality.ca/reading/ventilation-index.html

*Further bans and restrictions can be implemented at the Wildlife Management Research Laboratory.

⚠️ 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

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

www.facebook.com/BCForestFireInfo

www.youtube.com/user/Provinciofficial

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
- Do not remove the fire extinguisher from the Hut
- The fire extinguisher can be found by the door to 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

APPENDIX C

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.



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