



Fernie Wilderness Adventures

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Welcome to FWA!

Thank you for choosing us for your next ADVENTURE

Your Trip Includes:

- Full day of cat skiing
- A packed lunch (please let us know of any dietary restrictions in advance)
- Use of our avalanche transceivers
 - Guests must use FWA-supplied transceivers.
- Use of a backpack with a shovel and probe
 - As we ski in pairs every other guest will be given one

Not Included:

- Shuttle to and from our lodge (Located a 20-minute drive from Fernie)
 - Contact Tunnel 49 to arrange transportation - t49.ca
- Optional Fat ski or powder board rentals (\$45- tax/per person/per day)
 - Boots not included
- Photos from the day (photographers available upon request – not guaranteed)
 - We have a photo program, and you can purchase photos from the day for an extra fee
- Gratuities

To Bring:

- A small pack is a good idea for any extras. These may be left in the cat while you are skiing
- Powder skis or snowboard (rentals are available for an extra fee)
- Ski boots/snowboard boots
- Ski poles
- Helmet
 - It is mandatory for minors (under 19) to wear a helmet; highly recommended for all guests
- Ski goggles and/or sunglasses
- Breathable and non-restrictive ski clothes suitable for all conditions and temperatures (Layering is the best)
- Sunscreen and lip protector
- Gloves or mittens (extra pair)
- Toque or hat
- Camera
- Snacks (packed lunch provided)

Our Rocky Mountain Terrain

- Our terrain is mostly gladdened tree skiing
- Cover over 5,000 acres with a variety of ridges to drop in from
- Average run is 400 meters, the longest run is 600 meters, and the shortest run is 300 meters
- Approximate vertical is 10,000 -12,000 meters
- Elevation over 7,150 ft/2170 meters
- Fernie is known for its legendary deep snow dumps
- Simple avalanche terrain and active avalanche safety plan
- **We require all guests to be at an advanced level**
 - Advanced Skier: can ski strong parallel turns with a pole plant confidently on all blue runs and easier black runs. Leaning towards hop turns, moguls, powder and more difficult terrain.
 - Advanced Snowboarder: able to link turns on all blue runs and easier black runs. Enjoys riding powder, and off-piste terrain, and can confidently make short turns.
- We do not separate cats by ability

Minor Policy

We do not have an age limit but anyone under 19 years of age will need to be accompanied by their parent/guardian. If a parent/guardian is not attending the trip they are able to sign their parental rights to another adult in their group for the day. We can provide this letter in advance upon request for the parents/guardian to fill out and sign. Our guides and staff are unable to sign the release to provide guardianship.

Dog Policy

Dogs are not allowed on FWA property unless you are staying at the FWA lodge, and you have received prior approval from the office. Dogs are not allowed to be left unattended in vehicles or on FWA property during your ski day.

Reservation & Cancellation Policy

Do not arrive for your cat skiing trip at Fernie Wilderness Adventures if you are experiencing any cold/flu symptoms including symptoms associated with COVID-19

Most activities require pre-booking, and some activities require a minimum number of guests to run. Cat skiing requires a \$150.00 per person/per day NON-REFUNDABLE deposit for skiing and a \$50 per person/per night NON-REFUNDABLE deposit for lodging at the time of booking to confirm a reservation. The balance is due 14 days prior to your chosen activity at which time it becomes NON-REFUNDABLE. If you book within 14 days of your activity, full payment is required and is NON-REFUNDABLE. Fernie Wilderness Adventures reserves the right to cancel your reservation if full payment is not received 14 days prior to your ski day.

Please remember, we have no control over the weather, we must plan our trips and tours according to what the conditions dictate. This may mean that your planned activity may have a slight change to the schedule and/or area visited. These decisions are made by qualified and experienced personnel to ensure a quality and safe experience with the conditions available on that day. **If Fernie Wilderness Adventures cancels an activity due to weather, mechanical or safety reasons, guests will be given a credit for any monies paid, or a refund less the \$150.00 per person/per day non-refundable deposit.** Guest cancellations or “no-shows” due to illness, injury, weather, travel delays, etc., will not receive a refund.

We highly recommend obtaining travel/cancellation insurance to cover any personal cancellations such as cold/flu, injury, weather, travel delays, etc. Travel insurance would be obtained through a third-party insurance provider and Fernie Wilderness Adventures would not be involved in the policy or claims.

Typical day with FWA

8:00

Arrive at the FWA lodge for the day.

8:15-8:45

Rentals set up and paid for your ski day(s) – This is an extra charge.

Waivers are reviewed and signed with a staff member.

Safety and avalanche training.

Load up the cats and head out into the backcountry.

Quick stop partway into the terrain

Stop and get out of the cat for hands-on avalanche training with your guides and driver.

9:15 am – 9:45 am

Our guides begin a quick orientation to ensure your comfort with our safety procedures and equipment.

9:50 am

Let the skiing and snowboarding begin!

Midday

Take a break and enjoy your homemade packed lunch with a view.

Continue skiing and snowboarding, completing an average of 8-10 runs.

3:30 - 4:00 pm

Start heading back down to the FWA lodge.

4:00 - 4:30 pm

You return to the FWA lodge and enjoy ski après around the fire or in the lodge with a home-cooked bowl of soup.

A photo slide show will be on display - if you had a photographer for the day photos can be purchased for an extra fee.

4:30 – 5:00 pm

Day ski guests depart.

Directions to Lodge

approx. 20 minutes from Fernie

Detailed directions to the lodge have been provided below as we do not recommend using GPS due to the loss of service. GPS will usually direct you to the office in town rather than the Lodge itself.

The Lodge's postal code is V0B 1M6.

(We recommend taking a screenshot for your records)

Via Fernie

If you are arriving from the East drive through Fernie and follow the #3 highway for approximately 15 km until you reach the Morrissey Road turn-off.

Turn Left onto Morrissey Road, drive over a bridge and a set of railway tracks and continue on Morrissey Road for approximately 6 kilometers following the FWA signs.

Via Cranbrook

If you are arriving from the West continue through Elko and drive through a tunnel that covers the highway.

5 km past the tunnel you will come to a road called Morrissey on the right. On the left will be a weather station. Turn right, onto Morrissey Road, drive over a bridge and a set of railway tracks and continue on Morrissey Road for approximately 6 kilometers following the FWA signs.

