



## **Fernie, British Columbia**

<http://fernie.com/>

Fernie has a population of over 5,000 people and is a mecca for skiers, snowboarders, snowmobilers, fishers, hikers, nature lovers, whitewater rafters, boaters and those simply escaping the frantic pace of contemporary city life.

Unlike many resort communities that exist only to support the ski-hill, Fernie is economically diversified and possesses a small town sense of community that makes all the difference to residents; children's sports programs, community service organizations, and a full range of clubs and special interest organizations.

The recreational attractions and activities in or around Fernie include: world-class dry-fly trout fishing, unbeatable skiing and snowboarding, and excellent mountain biking throughout the region with more than 18 km of recreational trails in the City of Fernie itself. Fernie also has great golfing in the spectacular alpine setting of its Par 72 18-hole course. In the summer months residents can be seen waterskiing, canoeing, rafting, or boating on the local lake.

### ***Weather***

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It often snows heavily in the winter and the summers are warm and pleasant. The surrounding mountains serve to shield the city from extreme weather. High winds are rare.

#### *Average Yearly Precipitation*

Average Days with Rainfall per Year: 114.8mm

Average Days with Snowfall per Year: 58.2cm



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## Seasonal Average Temperatures (°C)

January: -6.8°C

April: 5.2°C

July: 16.3°C

October: 5.4°C

## Additional Information

For further information on annual climate data for Fernie, please visit The [Weather Network](#) or [Environment Canada](#) using the links below:

<http://www.theweathernetwork.com/>

[http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/canada\\_e.html](http://www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/canada_e.html)

## Location

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The City of Fernie is located in the Elk Valley, of southeastern British Columbia. Fernie is located in Area A of the Regional District of East Kootenay, near the Alberta border.

The City sits on Highway #3 (The Crow's Nest Pass Highway). It is three hours south-west of Calgary International Airport and one hour east of Canadian Rockies International Airport. Fernie is also close to the states of Montana, Idaho, and Washington in the U.S.A.



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To map out driving distances between cities and communities in the area, as well as fuel costs and travel times, please visit:

<http://www.enorthernbc.com/Distance-Chart.asp>

## **Education**

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Fernie offers education for all grade levels including post-secondary. Public schools in Fernie are administered B.C. School District #5 – Southeast Kootenay. To view the school district’s website, visit:

<http://www.sd5.bc.ca/index.asp>

### **Public Schools**

#### **Isabella Dicken Elementary School**

1302 2nd Avenue  
Fernie, BC  
250.423.4651

#### **District Learning Centre**

1601 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Fernie, BC  
250.423.4912

#### **Fernie Secondary School**

102 Fairway Drive  
Fernie, BC  
250.423.4471

### **Independent Schools**

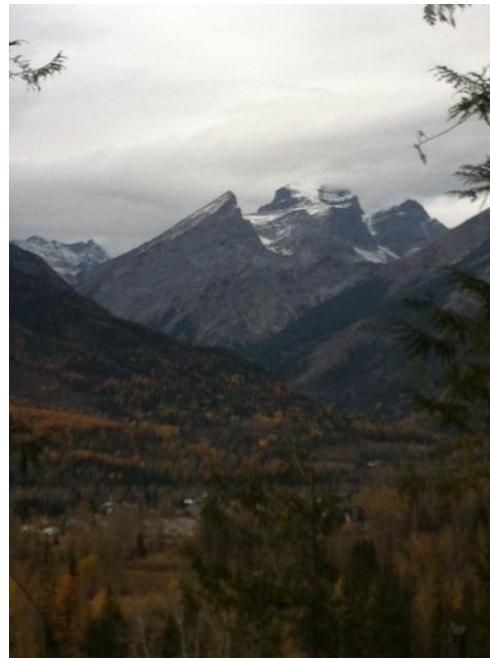
#### **The Fernie Academy**

451 2nd Avenue  
Fernie, BC  
250.423.0212  
<http://www.thefernieacademy.ca>

### **Post Secondary Education**

#### **College of the Rockies**

342 3rd Avenue  
Fernie, BC  
250.423.4691  
<http://www.cotr.bc.ca>



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## ***Accommodation***

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Recent years have seen Fernie's economy transition from one based primarily on mining and forestry to one with a significant resort-recreational component. This economic diversification has resulted in a surge in demand for accommodation and a dramatic increase in housing process. Nevertheless, affordable housing remains available for new residents of the community.

For more information, check out these Real Estate Companies:

### **Century 21 Maximum Realty Ltd**

[www.maxinewolfe.com](http://www.maxinewolfe.com)

### **Fernie Real Estate Company**

[www.fernierealestate.com](http://www.fernierealestate.com)

### **RE/MAX**

[www.remaxfernie.com](http://www.remaxfernie.com)

### **Royal LePage 4 Seasons Realty**

[www.realestateinfern timer.com](http://www.realestateinfern timer.com)

Due to the amazing skiing in Fernie, the population tends to swell in the winter. As the population grows in the winter, so too does the demand for housing and, in turn, rental prices.

For information on rentals check out:

<http://www.fernie.com/community/index.php>

[http://www.fernierealestate.com/rentals\\_results.asp?term=0&type](http://www.fernierealestate.com/rentals_results.asp?term=0&type)

## ***Transportation***

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### *Airport*

Fernie's closest major airport is the Rocky Mountain International Airport which services flights to and from Vancouver and Calgary. It is a 90 minute drive from Fernie.

To visit the Rocky Mountain International Airport's website, visit:

<http://www.flycanadianrockies.com/>



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## *Public Transit*

BC Transit operates two buses that serve Fernie as well as neighbouring Elko and Sparwood.

To view maps and schedules for Fernie's buses, visit the Elk Valley Transit System's website at: <http://www.transitbc.com/regions/elk/>

## *Taxis*

Two companies offer taxi service in and around the Fernie area.

Kootenay Taxi: 1 250 423-4409  
Star Taxi Fernie: 1 250 426-3888

## ***Health Services***

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Fernie offers a full range of healthcare services.

### **Elk Valley Hospital**

1501 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Fernie, B.C. V0B 1M0  
250-423-4453

### **Fernie Health Centre**

1501 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Fernie, B.C. V0B 1M0  
250-423-8288

For more information on healthcare services in Fernie, visit the Interior Health Authority website using the link below:

<http://www.interiorhealth.ca/Pages/default.aspx>

For information on provincial health insurance (required for all permanent residents in B.C.), visit the Medical Services Plan of B.C. website using the link below:

<http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/msp/index.html>



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## ***Amenities***

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Fernie is a major recreation destination because of its close proximity to premier skiing, snowboarding, snowmobiling, fishing, kayaking, canoeing, boating, camping, hiking, mountain biking, hunting, mountaineering, and rock climbing locations.

The city also has full array of rainy-day activities; including a movie theatre, museum, live theatre, and public library. Finally, there is an excellent variety of shops, restaurants, and bars.

## ***Taxes***

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British Columbia has some of the lowest tax rates among Canadian provinces. To see how taxes compare across Canadian provinces and territories, visit:

<http://www.taxtips.ca/taxrates/taxcomparison/taxcomparison2012.htm>

For detailed information on taxes in BC, visit:

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/theme.page?id=4DE87E7EE0859251309F8142B9BD4824>



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