

Hinton Nordic Centre

William A. Switzer Provincial Park



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Welcome to the Hinton Nordic Centre. The Centre was built in 1985 and operates within William A. Switzer Provincial Park. The Centre is run by the Hinton Nordic Skiers, a non-profit organization made up of volunteers. The organization depends on the fees and honesty of facility users to cover operational costs. Thank you for your cooperation and compliance.

The Centre has over 35 km of quality groomed trails for skating and classic skiing, a large rustic day lodge, a warmup cabin on a beautiful viewpoint and a biathlon range. The trails provide enjoyable skiing for novice, intermediate and expert levels. The Centre has hosted both national and international events. The club has an active Jackrabbit, Biathlon and Track Attack youth program.

The Hinton Nordic Centre can be enjoyed in all seasons. Forested trails offer opportunities for hiking and mountain biking. There are breathtaking views of the Rocky Mountains from the Athabasca Lookout Trail.

The Main Lodge

The main lodge can be accessed at any time during the winter and is not staffed. In the lodge you will find:

- Hooks and benches for your gear
- Trail maps and self registration
- Tables and benches for eating (please clean up after yourself)
- A wood stove (stoke the fire if it is needed)

Outhouses are located just outside the main lodge. There is no running water on site.

Winter Day Use Fees

Fees apply for use of ski or snowshoe trails. Donations are appreciated for using the toboggan hill. They can be submitted in cash at the day use box inside the main lodge, or online at www.hintonnordic.ca.

- \$10 per person per day for single use fees (kids under 12 ski for free)
- \$110 annual single membership
- \$220 annual family membership

Ski Trail Use

When using the ski trails, please reference the directional signage to help guide you during your visit. Check for up-to-date trail conditions, event information, and digital maps at hintonnordic.ca.

The HNC has two main trailheads: the first is located outside the main lodge; the second is located farther up the access road at the Upper Parking Lot. Signs at these locations will direct you to the entire trail system, and trail maps are located at each major junction.



Select trails based on your ability and the degree of difficulty shown on the map. Trails are rated as novice, intermediate and expert.

Not all trails are two-way. Keep to the right on double track trails, and be aware of which trails are two-way and which are one-way only. Obey posted closures for your safety. Please adhere to the Cross Country Responsibility Code.

The Cross Country Responsibility Code:

Always show courtesy to others. Please adhere to the code listed below for a safe outdoor experience.

1. Always check posted trail conditions.
2. Ski in indicated direction and obey all posted signs and warnings. Keep off closed trails.
3. Always ski to the right when meeting oncoming skiers and when skiing on double track.
4. Yield the track to faster skiers.
5. Ski in control. On two-way trails, descending skiers have the right-of-way.
6. Do not stop where you obstruct a trail or are not visible to others. Move off the track quickly if you fall or during rest stops.
7. Do not litter. Take out what you pack in. Respect all property.

Preventing Wildlife Conflicts

- Watch for signs of wildlife – tracks, scat, scrapes or covered kills
- Bear spray can be effective for both bear and cougar encounters
- Carry a cell phone for help in the event of trouble
- Travel in a group for added safety
- Never feed wildlife and never leave garbage on trails
- Remain alert - do not wear headphones
- Dogs must be on leash at all times in permitted areas

Report a bear, cougar or aggressive wildlife by calling the Conservation Officer duty line 780-865-6972. In the event of an emergency, call 911.



Contact

If you encounter dangerous wildlife or other hazards, call the Conservation Officer duty line. For general comments on trail maintenance, please email the Hinton Nordic Skiers.

Hinton Nordic Centre

Web: www.hintonnordic.ca

Email: hintonnordicskiers@gmail.com

Park Information

Phone: 780-865-8395

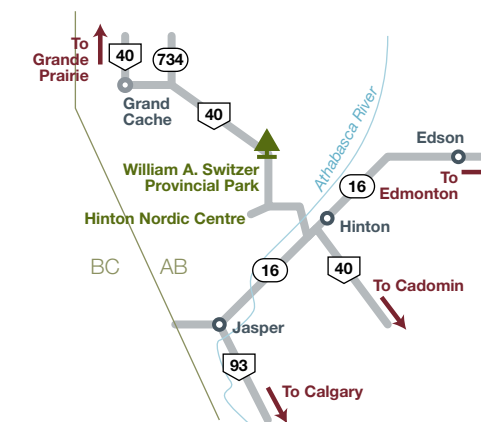
Web: albertaparks.ca

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Emergency (Police, Fire, Ambulance)

Phone: 911



Dogs on Trails

Dogs are permitted only on select trails accessible from the Upper Parking Lot and K9 Parking. There are no dog-friendly trails from the main lodge. Please refer to the map for details. Please note that even on dog friendly trails, dogs must remain on leash.

Snowshoeing

There is a designated snowshoe trail leading to the lookout cabin. The trail is accessible from the upper parking lot and covers a distance of approximately 4 km round trip. The trail is appropriate for most levels.

Note: There are no designated trails for fat biking. Please use the fat biking trails in Hinton www.bikehinton.com



Toboggan Hill

The toboggan hill is located between the main lodge and the maintenance shop. Donations are appreciated. A gentle slope is groomed regularly for your sledding enjoyment.

Lessons and Events

The HNC periodically holds ski clinics and events to help develop your skills. Please follow us at www.facebook.com/hintonnordiccentre or watch www.hintonnordic.ca to find out when these events are happening.

