

Snow Biking at Canmore Nordic Centre Provincial Park

The CNC's winter trail network is maintained with cross country skiers in mind. Skiers comprise the majority of CNC users; being a courteous rider will help create an acceptance of bikers on ski trails.

- **Snow biking at the Canmore Nordic Centre is only permitted on single track trails (un-groomed) and groomed, machine-made snow trails (listed below)**
 - Banff Trail to the meadow
 - Bow Trail: Junction 18 – 25
 - Upper Competition Trails: Centennial & Olympic
 - Lower Competition Trails: Lynx, Albertville, Lillehammer, Nagano, Salt Lake Trail: Junction 94 - 96

All trails are two way.

Bikes are not permitted on trails beyond the meadow.

- Only “fat bikes” (with tires measuring 3.7 inches wide or wider) are permitted. **Bikes with regular mountain bike tires are not permitted** as narrow tires are more likely to leave deep ruts in groomed trails.
- Just like skiers, **all snow bikers using or crossing groomed CNC trails in the winter require a trail pass**. Passes can be purchased at the Daylodge. Failure to produce a valid pass when checked will result in a fine.
- Because they have less control, **skiers have priority on all trails**. This means that snow bikers must yield to skiers on downhills and must provide ample space for skiers to pass on both the hills and the flats.
- Cross ski tracks at a perpendicular angle.
- Ride on the groomed ski tracks (and stay to the right), not in the machine made tracks.
- **Biking is not permitted when the temperature is above freezing.**
- In late winter/early spring avoid mixing dirt riding with snow riding.
- Don't ride with rock hard tires. A tire pressure of 10 psi or less will help prevent the creation of ruts on the trails.
- Wildlife corridor – To protect wildlife and reduce wildlife encounters, all trails above the groomed Rundle Trail (ie. Killer Bees, Ziggy's, Nectar Noodle, The Backdoor, The Albertan) are closed from December 1 - June 15.

Be a courteous rider -

- Ride in single file when the potential for encountering skiers is likely.
- Avoid riding popular trails at busy times (eg. Banff Trail on a Saturday afternoon).
- Call out and slow down when passing skiers.

Tell us your thoughts -

Since snow biking at the CNC is still new, we're curious to know about your experience. Drop by the Daylodge administration desk and tell us, or e-mail canmore.nordiccentre@gov.ab.ca

