

Welcome to the serene, snow-covered forests and meadows of the Ribbon Creek cross-country ski area.

Approximately 60 km of trails are provided for your enjoyment in this area of Kananaskis Country. Other cross-country skiing opportunities await you in Peter Lougheed Provincial Park, Canmore Nordic Centre Provincial Park (fees), at West Bragg Creek, Sandy McNabb and Mount Shark areas.

For information about any of these great cross-country ski areas stop by or call any of the Kananaskis Country Visitor Information Centres. Barrier Lake Visitor Information Centre can be reached at 403-673-3985.

TRAIL INFORMATION (alphabetical order)

ASPEN TRAIL—1.8 km
A rolling intermediate alternative to the more difficult sections of Kovach trail or the easier Terrace Trail. It offers good views of the Kananaskis Village and the Kananaskis Valley.

BILL MILNE TRAIL—10.2 km
An easy trail with a few fast sections in the Wedge Pond Area. This trail takes you to Kovach Pond, the Kananaskis Golf Course, Mt. Kidd RV Park (open year-round), Wedge Pond, and the Kananaskis Village (intermediate rating). The Bill Milne Trail from Ribbon Creek to the Kananaskis Golf Course is groomed for skate skiing, not trackset.

COAL MINE TRAIL—2.6 km
A pleasant trail to a reclaimed coal mine site. It offers dramatic vistas of the valley and mountains. This trail is accessed by Hidden Trail.

HAY MEADOW TRAIL—1.6 km
An open flat trail that is great for children and novice skiers. The trail is named for the pasture area which was used by logging ponies at one time.

HIDDEN TRAIL—1.8 km
This trail provides access to the Nakiska Ski Area.

HIGH LEVEL TRAIL—1.4 km
Parts of this trail can be fast, making a challenging loop when combined with Skogan Pass and Sunburst Trails.

KOVACH TRAIL—5.0 km
This trail receives good snow throughout the season and passes through a re-growth area from the forest fire of 1936. The route is named after a former forest ranger in the area, Joe Kovach.

LINK TRAIL—0.8 km
This is a short trail through a mature forest that connects Kovach and Ribbon Creek Trails.

MARMOT BASIN TRAIL—2.7 km
This trail has excellent snow conditions and allows access to Nakiska's Mid-mountain Lodge. This trail passes through a mature spruce forest, has several bridged stream crossings and provides a good descent from the top but is rarely trackset.

RIBBON CREEK TRAIL—4.1 km
This is a great trail for the novice skier. The trail follows Ribbon Creek for 5 km. **Caution: travel further is not recommended because of avalanche danger.**

RUTHIE'S TRAIL—0.4 km
This short, steep trail provides a loop connection to Skogan Pass Trail and provides easy access to/from the Nakiska Day Lodge.


SKOGAN PASS LOOP—3.1 km
This trail has excellent snow conditions and offers the advanced skier a challenging loop off the Skogan Pass Trail. The trail winds its way up through cutblocks, giving an open view of the Kananaskis Valley and provides an exhilarating downhill run. Exceptional views of the Kananaskis Valley.

SKOGAN PASS TRAIL—10.5 km
This very scenic route is the main access trail to the northern portions of the ski trail system. It's a good trip for the intermediate skier with some fast downhill runs. Spectacular views.

SUNBURST TRAIL—1.2 km
This trail is for advanced skiers because of an extremely fast downhill section from the top. Excellent views of the Kananaskis Valley.

TERRACE TRAIL—2.2 km
This is a scenic trail that meanders through aspen forest and connects to the Kananaskis Village area trails.

TROLL FALLS TRAIL—1.3 km
This trail is an excellent novice route that ends at a scenic icefall. Travel from the Ribbon Creek parking lot 0.5 km on the Skogan Pass Trail, then cross the Nakiska road to access Troll Falls Trail.



Please use the trail map on the reverse side to plan your ski route. Maps and additional trail information are posted at all intersections of designated trails.

KANANASKIS VILLAGE TRAILS

Some ski trails described below are accessible from the Kananaskis Village via the Terrace Trailhead at the Kananaskis Village Sports field parking lot, and via the Bill Milne Trail starting at the Kananaskis Village Centre parking lot.

TERRACE TRAIL—2.2 km
Watch for horse-drawn sleighs on this trail.

TERRACE LINK—1.0 km

KOVACH TRAIL—5.0 km
Excellent views with good snow usually.

ASPEN TRAIL—1.8 km
Good views.

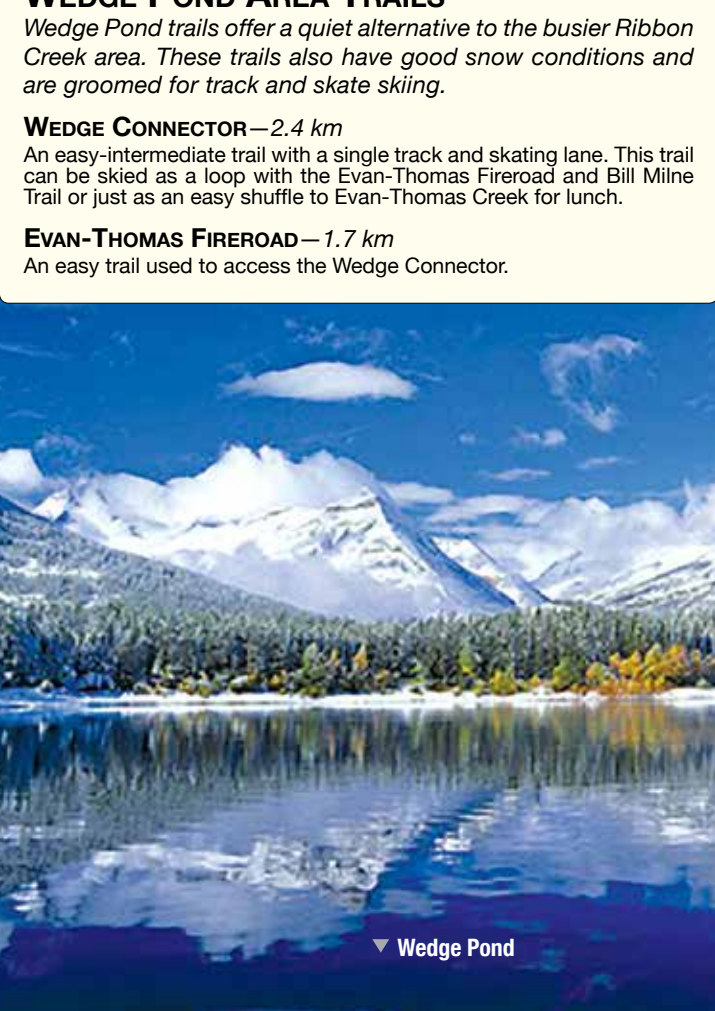
BILL MILNE TRAIL—2.4 km

WEDGE POND AREA TRAILS

Wedge Pond trails offer a quiet alternative to the busier Ribbon Creek area. These trails also have good snow conditions and are groomed for track and skate skiing.

WEDGE CONNECTOR—2.4 km
An easy-intermediate trail with a single track and skating lane. This trail can be skied as a loop with the Evan-Thomas Fireroad and Bill Milne Trail or just as an easy shuffle to Evan-Thomas Creek for lunch.

EVAN-THOMAS FIREROAD—1.7 km
An easy trail used to access the Wedge Connector.



▼ Wedge Pond

Winter Safety Tips

It's easy to be deceived by a beautiful day and find yourself unprepared for extreme winter conditions that can develop quickly.

Skiers are strongly urged to consider the following tips for their own safety:

- ❄ Carry appropriate winter clothing, particularly a warm hat, even on pleasant days.
- ❄ Carry high energy foods such as chocolate and/or dried fruit and plenty of water.
- ❄ Insulated blankets and waterproof matches are invaluable in an emergency.
- ❄ Be prepared, consider duct tape or even spare parts in case of equipment failure.

Travel beyond designated areas is not recommended because of avalanche danger and the possibility of getting lost.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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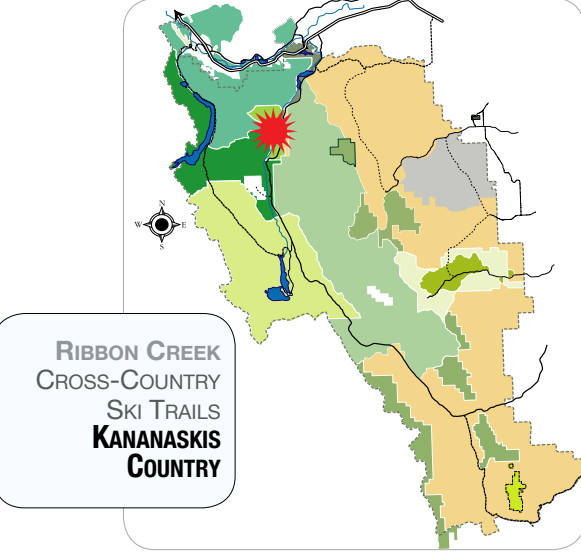
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403-673-3985

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RIBBON CREEK CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRAILS KANANASKIS COUNTRY

WINTER TRAIL ETIQUETTE

These are guidelines appropriate to all trail users.

- ▶ Don't walk or snowshoe on ski tracks ...it's dangerous and ruins them for skiers. Instead, use the designated snowshoe trails or stay to the edge of the trails.
- ▶ Keep the trails clean Watch out for accidental litter at lunch or snack breaks.
- ▶ Don't let the trails go to the dogs Remember—Fido isn't permitted on groomed trails. He's allowed only on non-groomed trails, provided he's on a leash and you remove his waste from the area.
- ▶ When nature calls... ...and there's no outhouse? Carry a plastic bag to pack out your used paper and sanitary supplies.
- ▶ Don't park on the trail If you stop to eat, change clothing, or take a photo—step off the trail, so others won't have to.
- ▶ Watch your poles when passing It's sure nice when a skier steps off the track to let you by. Tuck your poles in when you pass.
- ▶ Yield to skiers coming downhill It's easier for an uphill skier to step off the trail than it is for the faster skier coming down.

EMERGENCY

If you require Fire, Ambulance, Police or Mountain Rescue assistance, immediately call 9-1-1. Tell the operator you have an emergency in Kananaskis Country.

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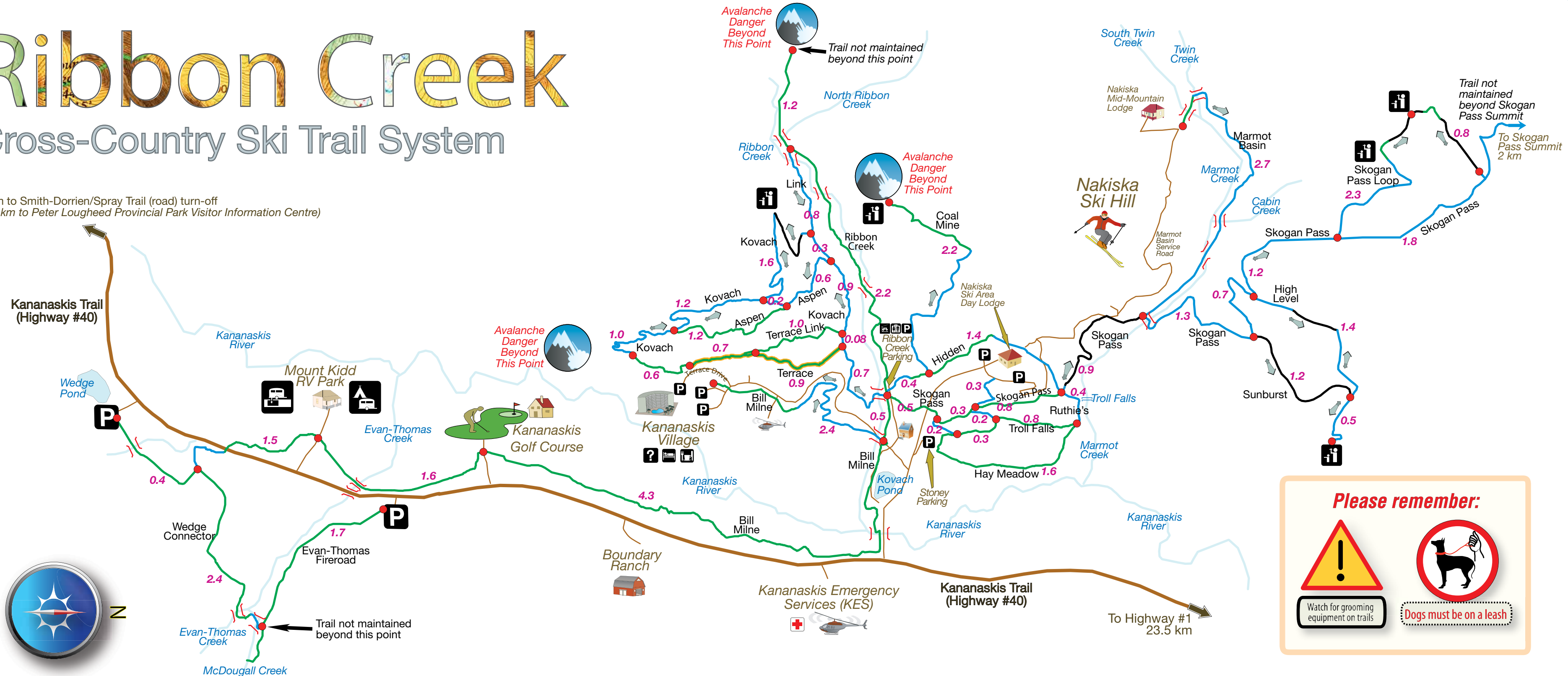


Alberta Parks

Ribbon Creek

Cross-Country Ski Trail System

19 km to Smith-Dorrien/Spray Trail (road) turn-off
(22.5 km to Peter Lougheed Provincial Park Visitor Information Centre)



Legend

- Downhill (arrow pointing down)
- Uphill (arrow pointing up)
- Distances between trail junctions (red dots)
- Bridge (red double line)
- Highway #40 (thick brown line)
- Access Road (thin brown line)
- River/Creek (blue line)

Icons

- Parking (P icon)
- Information (question mark icon)
- Camping (Vehicle Access) (tent icon)
- Dumping Station (dumpster icon)
- Toilet (toilet icon)
- Viewpoint (i icon)
- Hotel/Motel (hotel icon)
- Restaurant (fork and knife icon)
- Ribbon Creek Hostel (house icon)
- Emergency Services (cross icon)
- Picnic Shelter (picnic table icon)

Trail difficulty legend

- Easy (green line)
- Intermediate (blue line)
- Difficult (black line)
- Horse-drawn Sleigh Route (yellow and green line)