

Trail Etiquette



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.**



Don't walk or snowshoe on ski tracks. **It ruins them for skiers. Instead, use the edges of ski trails.**



Don't park on the trails. **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.**



When nature calls ... **... and there is no outhouse? Carry a plastic bag to pack out your used paper and sanitary supplies.**



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.**

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TRAIL INFORMATION

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

Rerouted *Ribbon Creek trail*. Groomed ski trail. Steep section beyond viewpoint.

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.

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.

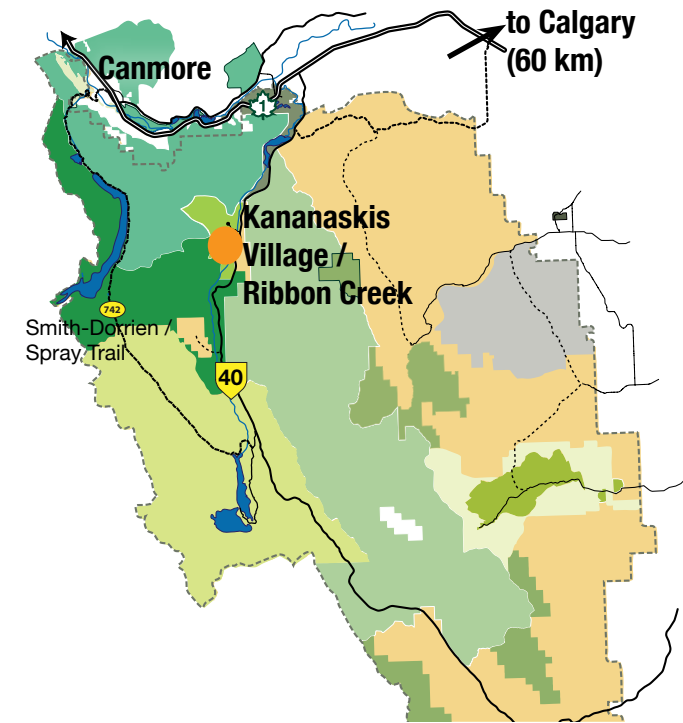
Evan-Thomas Fireroad—1.7 km

An easy trail used to access the Wedge Connector.

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.

Winter Safety Tips

- * 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.



Ribbon Creek Trails are within the Evan-Thomas Public recreation Area. The area is part of the Central Rocky Mountain Ecosystem. The wildlife you see here move throughout this large ecosystem. To help protect the animals and the health of the ecosystem, please minimize your impact on the environment.

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.

Wildlife Sightings
To report a sighting of a bear or cougar, please call Kananaskis Dispatch at 403-591-7755

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Legend

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| Downhill | Uphill | Easy | Intermediate | Difficult | Horse-drawn Sleigh Route | Parking | Information | Camping (Vehicle Access) | Dumping Station | Toilet | Viewpoint | Hotel/Motel | Restaurant | Ribbon Creek Hostel | Picnic Shelter |
| Distances between trail junctions | Bridge | Highway #40 | Access Road | River/Creek | Emergency Services | Parking | Information | Camping (Vehicle Access) | Dumping Station | Toilet | Viewpoint | Hotel/Motel | Restaurant | Ribbon Creek Hostel | Picnic Shelter |

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

Kananaskis Trail (Highway #40)



Ribbon Creek Cross-Country Ski Trail System

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