



WINTER EVENTS

NOVEMBER - MARCH

Keep an eye out for more details online!

LIGHT UP FORT VERMILION Christmas Tree lighting, fireworks, and more in the Town Centre! Hosted by Fort Vermilion Board of Trade.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING TOWN CENTER IN HIGH LEVEL

SANTA CLAUS PARADE HIGH LEVEL Hosted by High Level Chamber of Commerce.

FROSTIVAL HIGH LEVEL FREE Annual event featuring Ice on Whyte: Snow sculptures, ice carving, outdoor events, family outdoor fun for all. Hosted by The Town of High Level.

MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE A day filled with outdoor activities, including old fashioned horse-drawn wagon rides, snowmobile rides, and much more!

Mackenzie Crossroads Museum & Visitors Centre.

SNOWFLAKE SKATE CHRISTMAS SHOW

La Crete Skating Club

FIGURE SKATING CARNIVAL LA CRETE

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LA CRETE HOCKEY TOURNAMENTS

La Crete Challenge Cup March and April, Check Facebook for dates!

CHARITY HORSE AND SLEIGH RIDES

Buffalo Head Prairie Co-op 780.928.2421

NEW YEARS EVE FREE SKATE RAINBOW LAKE MULTIUSE FACILITY

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING RAINBOW LAKE

WINTER CARNIVAL RAINBOW LAKE Free pancake breakfast, outdoor activities throughout the day and ends with a St. Patty's dance and fireworks.

ZAMA CITY **TREE LIGHT UP** Hosted by the Zama City Library.

ZAMA CITY **PARK WALK** Wander through over 10,000 lights at the Zama City Campground!

MIDNIGHT MADNESS and MOONLIGHT MADNESS Retail stores across The Frontier host draws and sales to make it a fun night of Christmas shopping.

FORT VERMILION

Fort Vermilion Recreation Board

www.fortvermilion.org

HIGH LEVEL

- High Level & District Chamber of Commerce
- Town of High Level
- www.highlevel.ca
- www.highlevelchamber.com

LA CRETE

- La Crete Chamber
- www.lacretechamber.com

RAINBOW LAKE

- Town of Rainbow Lake
- www.rainbowlake.ca

ZAMA CITY RECREATION SOCIETY

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- www.zama.city



NEW IN 2021!

FAR NORTH NORDIC



CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRAILS

Come out, enjoy some fresh air, and experience the outdoors in a scenic winter wonderland. Treat yourself to hot chocolate as you warm up in the clubhouse and prepare to head out for another lap. Far North Nordic has over 5 km of cross country ski trails to be explored!

Fox Haven Golf & Country Club in High Level, AB



FIND US ON FACEBOOK FOR OPEN HOURS!

@farnorthnordic



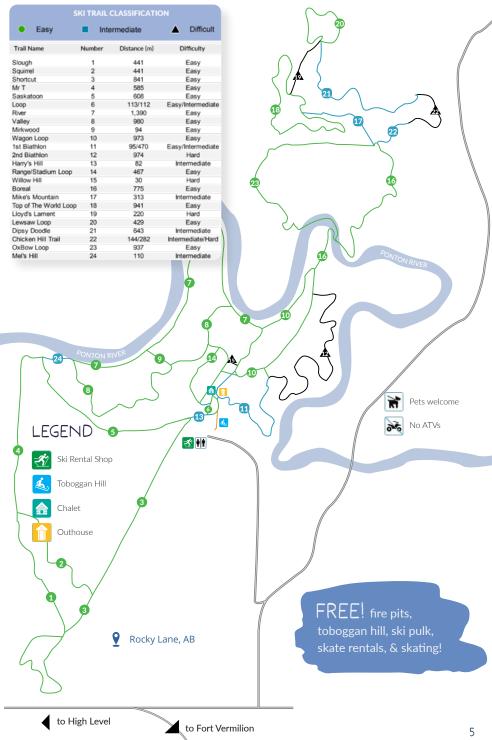


Rocky Lane Agricultural Society provides alluring trails for both classic cross-country and skate-skiing. In-season, the trails are groomed weekly and offer beginner, intermediate, and advanced routes. This stunning 15 kilometers of trails offers a family and pet-friendly ski experience along the Ponton River. During summer and fall the trails can be used for hiking, cross-country running, mountain biking, bird watching, and horseback riding, free of charge.

The Agricultural Society was founded in 1984 when community members of Rocky Lane started building a recreational area, and in 1990 the trails were established. The trails have been used by ski teams to train for the Alberta and Arctic Winter Games, the Peace Winter Games in 1993, and countless others looking to appreciate the Mackenzie Frontier's long winters.

RENTAL EQUIPMENT, LESSONS, DAY AND SEASON PASSES, GROUP RATES, WASHROOMS, AND TRAIL MAPS AVAILABLE







NEW IN 2021!

BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAIN RESORT

DOWNHILL SKI SLOPES

A place where locals and tourists can hit the slopes. Blue Ridge Mountain Resort is in the beautiful Buffalo Head Hills that you can see from the hamlet of La Crete. Enjoy fresh homemade food and hot chocolate in the chalet while warming up. Trails for beginners and more experienced skiers. Equipment is available for rent. The resort has two Snow Cats that drive their guests up the hill.









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F Blue Ridge Mountain Resort



Bistcho Lake winter access via snowmobile and summer access via air

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

ce fishing rods

Ice auger (gas powered is recommended)

Ice scoops to clean ice and snow from the hole

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

Ice tent, propane heater, chair, warm drinks, food, fire supplies

RECOMMENDED BAITS

Spoons, rapala jigging rap, jig heads with various bits, flies

TYPES OF FISH

Northern Pike, Walleye, Burbot, Rainbow Trout (Machesis Lake only), Lake Whitefish, and Yellow Perch.

ICE FISHING

Ice fishing is a popular Canadian winter pastime enjoyed by all ages. Walking over frozen water, drilling a hole in the ice, and catching fish through it, is an experience that not many people have in their lifetime. So what are you waiting for? Let's go ice fishing!

Rainbow Lake
Rainbow Lake

SEASON

DECEMBER - MARCH

depending on temperatures

REGULATIONS

Anglers over the age of 16 must have a Wildlife Identification Number (WiN) card and a license before fishing. Fishing license and WiN card can be purchased at selected retail stores or online at: www.albertarelm.com

Each lake in Alberta has specific guidelines beyond the general fishing regulations. Mackenzie Frontier is zoned NB3. To find the fishing guidelines for specific lakes visit:

www.albertafishingguide.com

Regulations change every year. They include daily/trip possession limits and cleaning/transporting fish. For updated fishing regulations visit: www.albertaregulations.ca

La Crete

Machesis Lal



High Level

Hutch Lake

Wadlin Lake

Fort Vermilion

SAFETY FIRST

The key to ice fishing is to play it safe. Please be extremely cautious.

Always know your location, and never ice fish alone. It is important to note that those on foot require at least four inches of clear blue ice, while those on a snowmobile or ATV need a minimum of eight inches. Stay clear of open water, pressure cracks, and areas with current.

Talbot Lake snowmobile access only



ZAMA CITY CABINS

Book a winter stay at Zama City's cozy 6-sleeper cabins! Operated by the Zama Recreation Society.

To book, email us at zamarecsociety@gmail.com

Zama Recreation Society



780-841-5799 (Lisa Wardley)

EACH FULLY-SERVICED, FURNISHED CABIN FEATURES A KITCHEN, BATHROOM, AND SCREENED IN DECK!

BISTCHO LAKE

Bistcho Lake is the third largest lake in Alberta at 413 km². The lake is located north of Zama City in the far northwest corner of the province. Tapawingo Lodge was built at Bistcho Lake in the 1980's and is well known for its ice fishing, scenery, and wildlife. This ice fishing destination is for extreme adventurers, offering miles and miles of trails and excellent fishing. Tapawingo lodge is only reachable by snowmobile in the winter, or fly in during the summer months via an airstrip or float plane.

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TAPAWINGO LODGE

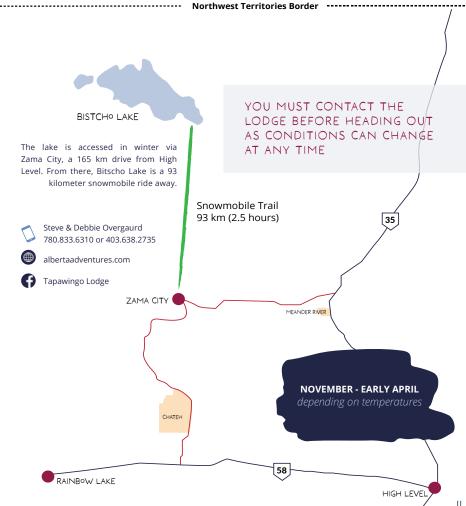
The lodge offers rustic cabins with small fridges, propane and wood stoves, wifi, and electricity.

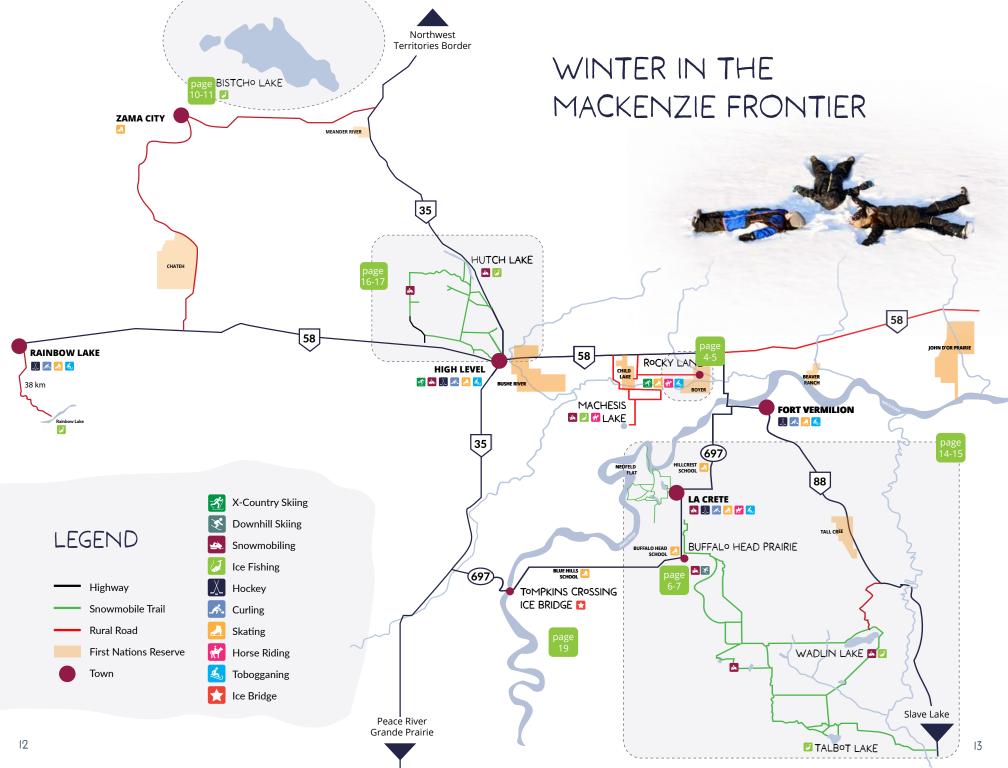
RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

Ice fishing gear and license, extra fuel, sleeping bags, warm clothes, food and drinks. Ice fishing shacks available upon request.

FISH CAUGHT

Predominantly walleye and northern pike, as well as burbot, whitefish, and acrtic graying.





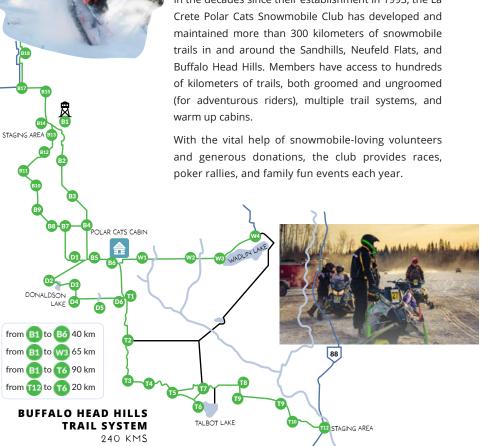


LA CRETE POLAR CATS

SNOWMOBILE CLUB

Get ready for an unforgettable journey. With breathtaking scenery by day, chances of spotting the dazzling Northern Lights by night, and access to Wadlin and Talbot lakes for ice fishing, the possibilities for adventure on the La Crete Polar Cats' snowmobile trails are endless. Riders may even encounter wildlife such as moose, wolves, coyotes, lynx, and prairie chickens.

In the decades since their establishment in 1993, the La Crete Polar Cats Snowmobile Club has developed and trails in and around the Sandhills, Neufeld Flats, and Buffalo Head Hills. Members have access to hundreds of kilometers of trails, both groomed and ungroomed (for adventurous riders), multiple trail systems, and





YOU'LL NEED

Groomed Trail

Road

Fuel Stop

→ Warm Up Cabin

Undeveloped Trail

- · Insurance and registration · A helmet and proper gear
- · A valid Alberta Snowmobile Association Trail Pass and membership

BE RESPONSIBLE

• Do not drink and drive • Operate your snowmobile at a safe and appropriate speed for the terrain • Stay on designated trails • Respect wildlife and their habitats



NEW! Book an overnight cabin! Featuring indoor bathrooms with hot water, wood stoves, propane heaters and furnished kitchens. Sleeps 6. Find La Crete Polar Cats Snowmobile Club on facebook for prices and contacts.

CONTACT

Beaver Pond

Talbot Bypass

Mile 63

Mile 77

Mile 81

Creek 1

Creek 2

Highway 88

Wadlin Lake

Wadlin Lake Campsit

T9 Mile 66

T11

T12

W1

W3

Talbot Lake Intersection Talbot Lake

780.926.7606 (Brent Holick) 780.841.1253 (George Wolfe)

La Crete Polar Cats Snowmobile Club



BUY YOUR PASS AT

Tuffline Power Sports 780.928.3932 True North Power Sports 780.928.4422

SCAN TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ALBERTA SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION PASSES



WATT MOUNTAIN WANDERERS

ALBERTA'S MOST NORTHERLY SNOWMOBILE CLUB

The Watt Mountain Wanderers Snowmobile Club of High Level, Alberta was officially established in 1997. The club has built and is currently maintaining 350 kilometers of world class trails suitable for all age groups. The groomed trail system runs through vast wilderness with 98% of these trails on crown land. All the trails are mapped, signed, and available on GPS. The trail system also includes three picnic sites and two emergency warm up shelters. Conveniently, the town of High Level's bylaws allow snowmobiles to be rode directly from homes or hotels out to the trail system from November to March.



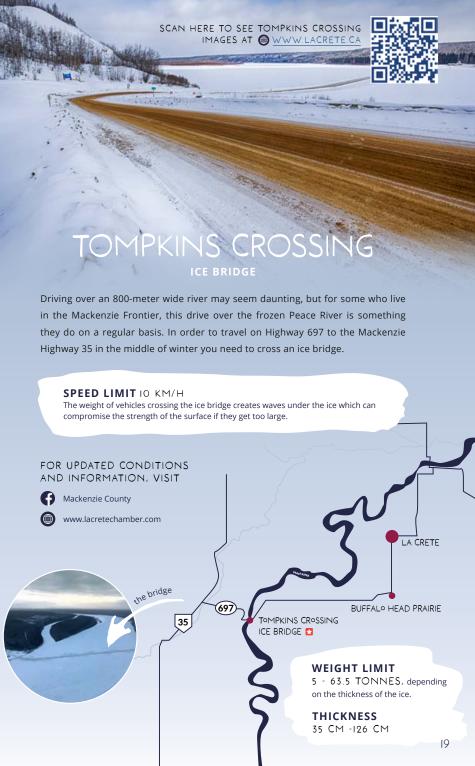
SAFETY FIRST

While snowmobiling as a sport is fun and exhilarating, it is also inherently dangerous, exposing riders to many risks and hazards, only some of which are foreseeable. Riders should freely and voluntarily assume all risks and hazards associated with the sport, and understand that the use of Alberta Snowmobile Association (ASA) trails and participation in ASA events is entirely at the rider's own risk.



TOBOGGAN HILLS





THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

AURORA BOREALIS

Perfectly situated in the Northern Auroral Zone, the Mackenzie Region's wide expanses of sky, relatively flat terrain, and little light pollution create the perfect setting to catch a glimpse of the elusive, stunning colors of the Aurora Borealis. While this phenomenon occurs year-round, long hours of darkness and crisp, clear skies make winter nights in the Mackenzie Frontier the perfect backdrop for viewing the Aurora in all of it's glory.



IDEAL SEASON

OCTOBER - APRIL



WHAT ARE THEY?

The bright dancing lights of the Aurora are created by collisions between electrically charged particles from the sun that enter the earth's atmosphere.

The lights of the Aurora generally stretch from 80 kilometers to as high as 640 kilometers above the earth's surface. The most common color is green, but blue, red, yellow, and violet have also been sighted.

Only rarely will the Aurora Borealis make noise. The hissing or crackling sound that can be heard on cold nights, referred to as Aurora noise, is caused when particles from the sun hit and discharge particles in the Earth's atmosphere.

SO WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? Bundle up, grab a thermos of something warm, and head out into the Mackenzie Frontier for a natural light show that is sure to amaze!

North Tall Cree 46 km Red Earth 240 km Slave Lake 407 km

> DOWNLOAD THE AUROR NOW APP FOR THE CURREN JORHTERN LIGHTS FORECAS





WINTER RIDING

LA CRETE COMMUNITY EQUINE CENTRE

This beautiful horse arena is open year round and heated during the cold winter months. The center opened its doors in 2016. Riders can participate in horse clinics, gymkhana competitions, or make a private booking for one-on-one time with your horse.



780.285.1229



6 La Crete Community Equine Centre



ROCKY LANE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

We are proud to offer a heated indoor riding arena that is open all year for private or group rides. The arena, built in 2000, is the farthest north communitybased indoor arena in Alberta.

The arena hosts clinics, workshops, and events for a variety of equine sports and specialists, and is the base for the Rocky Lane Pony Club. Equipment such as obstacles, barrels, poles, and jumpkins are available for use.



Arena coordinator, Jennifer Batt 780.926.6665



Rocky Lane Agricultural society



WINTER WILDLIFE

come across deer, moose, lynx, wolves, coyotes, many

Zama bison herd can be found in and around Zama City

and Chateh. The bison often show up along roads such

Keep an eye out for the many species of BIRDS that can be sighted in yards, along streets, and in the woods.

LYNX and WOLVES have been spotted on rural roads around High Level and Rainbow Lake. DEER, MOOSE, and COYOTES frequently make appearances along highways between towns.

Please be alert and drive cautiously, as animals are everywhere in the Frontier.





ICE RINKS & FACILITIES

All rinks listed have public skating. Call or check online for hours.

NORTHERN LIGHTS RECREATIONAL CENTRE LA CRETE



OUTDOOR RINK

Features a bowling alley, outdoor ice skating rink, 2 indoor ice skating rinks, a field house with children activities and available for private rentals, as well as a kitchen. Host to the La Crete Lumber Barons Junior B Team. For more information and hours of operation:



780.928.3066



www.nireccentre.com

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La Crete Recreation La Crete Skating Club

La Crete Senior Hockey League

La Crete Lumberjacks La Crete Lumber Barons



BLUE HILLS COMMUNITY SCHOOL BLUE HILLS

BUFFALO HEAD COMMUNITY SCHOOL BUFFALO HEAD

HIGH LEVEL SPORTS COMPLEX HIGH LEVEL

HILLCREST COMMUNITY SCHOOL BLUMENORT

IUBILEE PARK SKATE PATH

(Town Hall Park) HIGH LEVEL

A summer walking trail transforms into a winter skate path with a public firepit and gazebo.

MACKENZIE HOUSING PARK FORT VERMILION | 52 Ave

NORTHERN LIGHTS RECREATIONAL CENTRE

LA CRETE

RAINBOW LAKE MULTIUSE FACILITY RAINBOW LAKE

ROCKY LANE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY ROCKY LANE

Outdoor skating rink and toboggan hill located behind the ski hall.

ZAMA ICE RINK ZAMA CITY

Outdoor ice rink with heated skate shack and firepits. Located behind the Community Hall. Outhouse available.

COMMUNITY & CULTURAL COMPLEX

FORT VERMILION

INDOOR RINK OUTDOOR RINK

The complex includes indoor ice skating and curling rinks and maintains an outdoor ice skating rink at the Mackenzie Housing Park. Outside, an Olympic flame monument commemorates the 1988 Olympic torch passing through Fort Vermilion. Free public skating and figure skating lessons are available.



780.927.4222

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Fort Vermilion Community Cultural Complex

HIGH LEVEL SPORTS COMPLEX

HIGH LEVEL

INDOOR RINK

The complex includes indoor skating rink, outdoor skating rink, curling rink and lounge. Winter Season kitchen for take out, rental space available. Public Skating is available. For more information and hours of operation:



780.926.3080

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High Level Skating Club Town of High Level

High Level Curling Club

High Level Minor Hockey Association High Level North Stars Hockey

RAINBOW LAKE MULTIUSE FACILITY

RAINBOW LAKE

INDOOR RINK

OUTDOOR RINK

CURLING

This facility features an indoor ice skating rink and a curling rink as well as a library, rental space and Eagles Nest Restaurant for year round take-out. For more information and hours of operation:



780.956.3778

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Rainbow Lake Arena and Recplex Rainbow Lake Skate Club Rainbow Lake Curling Association



