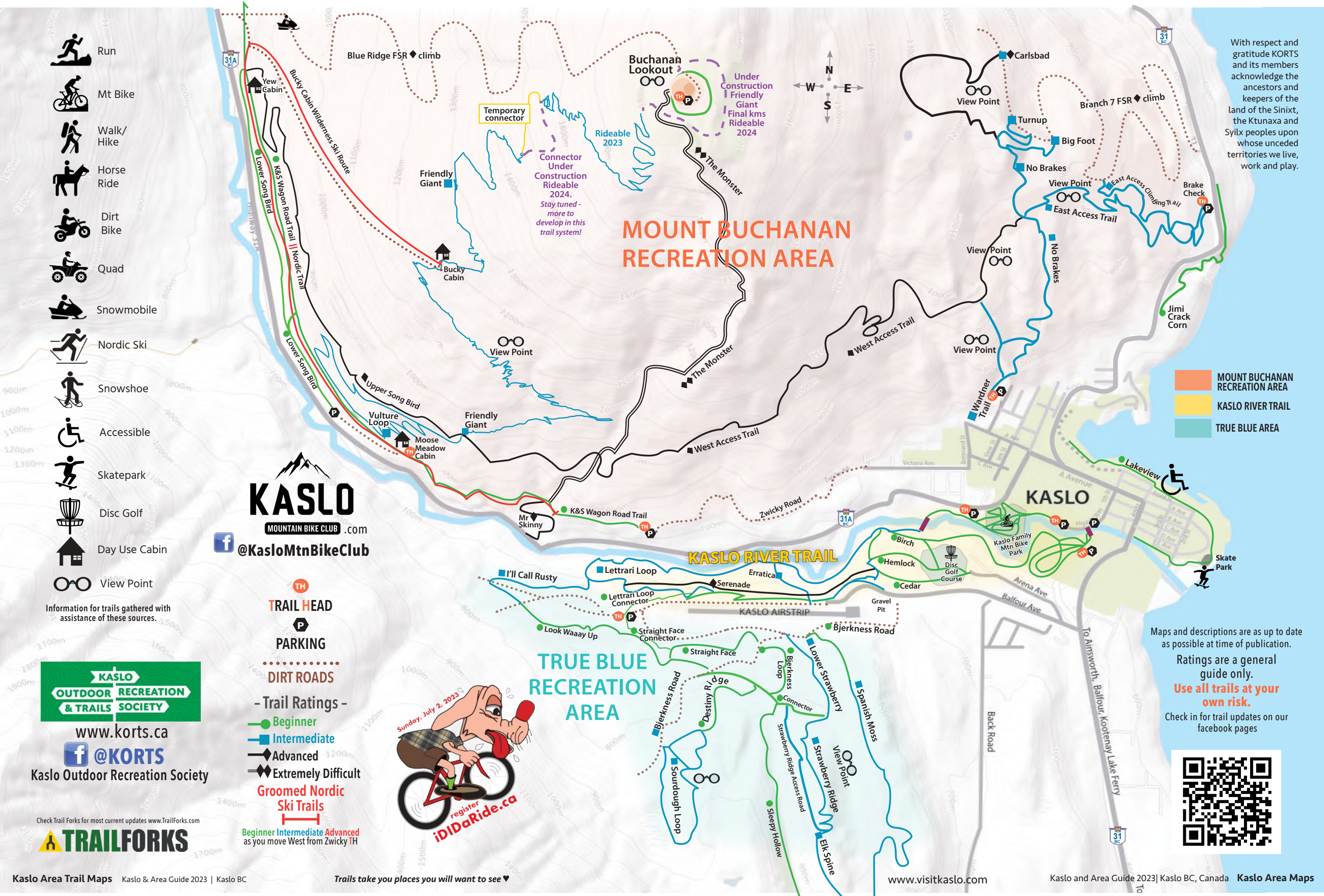


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MOUNT BUCHANAN RECREATION AREA
KASLO RIVER TRAIL
TRUE BLUE AREA

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recreation zones
 We'll keep you busy exploring our outdoor playground

Mt Buchanan Recreation Area aka Bucky. In Upper Kaslo head up Victoria St past the cemeteries, then follow Zwicky Road to the Trailhead parking area. Once on the multi-use K&S Wagon Road Trail you have access to a number of hiking, biking, horseback riding and quadding trails in the Mt Buchanan Recreation Area.

Wardner Trail or the "Viewpoint": a narrow switchbacking trail that leads to a ridge overlooking Kaslo and Kootenay Lake. The gain in elevation is about 100 metres. If you're really fit and want a challenge, you can make it up to the viewpoint in 15 to 18 minutes. Or if not so much, give yourself an hour for both up and down.

Brake Check/Branch 7 FSR - North
 Just north of the Kaslo village limits, you can jump onto the Jimi Crack Corn single track that will get you to the Brake Check trail head of the Access Trail. A little further on Hwy 31 watch for the Branch 7 Forest service road - it takes off on the left, leading to a variety of trails. This is an active logging area, so weekend use is best.

Kaslo River Trail System
 Accessible from the Village, on foot. This lovely riverside stroll is bracketed by two beet-red covered bridges. The Unity Bridge is at the lower end of 5th Street and the Trailblazer Bridge at the western end of the loop. Located between the two is the Kaslo Family Mountain Bike Park. It's really fun for kids, novice and even expert mountain bikers to swoop along.

True Blue Trail System
 Above the airport. There is a lot of variety on the multi-purpose trails above the airport in the True Blue Recreation Area, with about nine trails of varying difficulty. Spanish Moss (trail 9) is one of our favourites to walk or mountain bike!

MOUNT BUCHANAN RECREATION AREA

Wardner Trail
 400m A fairly steep set of switchbacks to a spectacular view overlooking Kaslo, Kootenay Lake, and the Purcell Mountains. 400m / 176m

Connector 500m The short Connector above the Viewpoint will return you downhill via No Brakes trail to the Trailhead and parking lot. The longer 600m uphill trail will take you up to West Access Trail. Follow it east for 800m with picturesque views of Kootenay Lake and the Purcells, then return downhill on No Brakes to the Wardner Trailhead. A great 1 hour loop that gets your heart pumping!

Bucky Area North Brake Check/Branch 7

Jimi Crack Corn 1.4km / 79m c 38d - Access from Hwy 31, heading north from Kaslo to use the single track trail as a climbing trail to head toward Branch 7 FSR. Unsanctioned.

ACCESS TRAIL From No Brakes Intersection: East 2.3km / 321m and West 6.7km / 430m Single track, multi-use, both directions. Bike climb has been made easier with the new trail, followed by challenging xc with a flow down. Physically challenging to complete to South Fork. Exposed to steep slopes. Access via Brake Check both off Hwy. 31, or on Branch 7 FSR half a km further. Single track, multi-use, both directions. Long hard climb followed by challenging xc with a flow down. Access via Brake Check both off Hwy. 31, or on Branch 7 FSR half a km further.

Branch 7 FS Road Climb Dirt/gravel road climbs up to the start of access trail. Distance: 4.4km, Climb: 448m Descent: 92m Average time: 35 min. Four stiff climbs with some good rests in between. Multi-use trail, physically hard. Worth the effort to access... 5.9km / 536m c 26m d

Turn Up Unsanctioned 900m Single track, winds in and around a rock ridge, with bridges connector to No Brakes...

No Brakes Single track, primary direction: downhill. (Climb difficulty: \blacklozenge) Can push up, physically extreme. Easy to follow. Fast and flowy down. 1.7km / 331m

BUCKY AREA NORTH Cont Brake Check/Branch 7

Carlsbad 1.4km / 17m c 219m Unsanctioned. Continue past junction to No Brakes, Carlsbad takes off with a climb to a bench and delicious view. From there it levels out shortly before a sharp steep descent. You arrive at the head of No Brakes. A little ways in, choose to continue to the bottom ending on Wardner Street or take the East Access Trail (to Brake Check) or West Access Trail (to bottom of the Monster)

Bucky Area West

Kaslo Wagon Road Multi-purpose. Easy ride, run, walk. 30 km to Fish Lake, accessed from the top of Zwicky Rd. in Kaslo. Fabulous as a beginner cross-country, relatively flat, non technical double wide family friendly trail. It can also be accessed from a number of signed locations off Hwy 31A west of Kaslo. 28km / 494m

Upper Songbird 4.4km Start at the Moose Meadow hut and climb steeply upwards. Once at the top you head west: many ups and downs. Finish with a bumpy descent to the wagon road.

Vulture Loop 2.1km. Start at the Moose Meadow hut and climb up following the Buchanan Access trails signs to the Upper Songbird intersection. Then descend following the Vulture signs.

Friendly Giant The super flowy, bumpy trail starts at the top elevation of Upper Songbird (approx. 2km from Moose Meadows Cabin) and weaves its way toward the Bucky Cabin at an average 5% grade! It is a family friendly trail that is just as fun to ride up as it is down.

Lower Songbird 2.3km. Ride as the bottom half of the Songbird loop, or head west along the Wagon Trail a couple of km, watch for signs to the left where you can jump on the Lower Songbird and make your way back to the Highway parking lot.

Loop 2km. At the top of Mount Buchanan this easy 2km walking trail leaves from the outhouse and wraps around to the south face where the Monster starts.

The Monster Unsanctioned. Steep, single track, downhill from the top of Mt. Buchanan. Partially overgrown with poor visibility. Very experienced riders only.

Mr. Skinny Single track, primary downhill biking. Access from wagon road or continue the descent from the Monster. Unsanctioned.

TRUE BLUE AREA ABOVE THE AIRPORT

Straight Face 1.1km / 25m. Double track, multi-use, easy trail. Great for kids. Continue on Straight Face until you reach the Bjerkness Rd or if you would like to get to the River Trail jump on... \blacklozenge

Straight Face Connector 340m length Easy Connector from the Purcell mountains

Look Waay Up 1.3km - Unsanctioned. Easy, single track, multi use trail (no horses - too many bridges), both directions. Always easy to follow. Very level. Drop down into... \blacklozenge

I'll Call Rusty 981m 12m c 72 d Unsanctioned. Single track, multi-use (no horses, too many bridges) through forest and over ponds. Sketchy bridges for narrow tires. Physically moderate. You'll hook into Lettrari Loop on the River Trail. \blacklozenge

Staying above the airport...

Sleepy Hollow 2.2km / 65m Double track multi use trail. Great for beginners! Physically easy. An original horse trail. \blacklozenge

Sourdough Loop 1.4km / 76m A fun trail done on its own or as a loop within the larger network. Single track, multi-use, both directions. Best ridden from Bjerkness FSR, heading south, looping up toward the viewpoint. \blacklozenge

Spanish Moss 3.6km / 96m. Single track, multi-use, primarily biking, and a very nice winter snowshoe. \blacklozenge

Destiny Ridge 1.0km / 65m. Single track, multi-use, primarily downhill, physically easy. \blacklozenge

Strawberry Ridge Access Rd 1.1km. Double track access road to upper and lower Strawberry Ridge Trails. Easy, multi use, both directions. \blacklozenge

Elk Spine Unsanctioned Starts at the top of the Strawberry Ridge rd. climb, turn right and descend and follow the ridge down, then return via Sleepy Hollow. \blacklozenge

Bjerkness Loop 300m / 15m drops off the connector and brings you back to Bjerkness Rd \blacklozenge

Strawberry Ridge 1.9km. Short climb from the access road to the summit, epic views of Kootenay Lake and the Purcells from the ridge. Single track, primarily downhill, biking, always easy to follow. Physically moderate. \blacklozenge

KASLO RIVER TRAIL South Side

Lettrari Loop 5.4km / 121m. Single track trail popular with walkers and bikers. Access from either of Kaslo's foot bridges, or downhill from Kaslo West Rd via "I'll Call Rusty". Easy to follow. \blacklozenge

Lettrari Loop Connector 130m length Easy Connector from the Trailhead to Lettrari Loop trail and the Kaslo River Trail Network. \blacklozenge

Hemlock 600m/15m Flatly fair and wide connection and access trail from Arena Ave TH to Kaslo River trails, Lettrari Loop Trail, Kaslo Disc Golf course, and also is a connector to the True Blue Trails. \blacklozenge

Birch 200m / 32m Birch trail is a moderately steep, short ascent/descent from/to Kaslo River South Trail. \blacklozenge

Cedar 600m / 13m. Cedar Trail is a relatively flat wide trail on the upper bench and is part of the Kaslo Disc Golf course trail system. \blacklozenge

Serenade is a narrow walking/running and advanced biking trail situated on the steep slope inside the Lettrari Loop trail. \blacklozenge

Erratica trail connects the lower and upper sections of Lettrari Loop and intersects with Serenade. Look for large flat shaped boulders

North Side River Trail

Kaslo River Trail 2.5km loop. Northside of the Kaslo River trail is accessed at the end of Higashi Way. The wide, well groomed trail can accommodate strollers and wheelchairs to a great view point by the stairway bypass, approx 750 m from the Trail Blazers Bridge. Cross to the south side of the river and you are on Lettrari Loop. \blacklozenge

Kaslo Family Mtn Bike Park Access Rd 1.1km. Double track access road to upper and lower Strawberry Ridge Trails. Easy, multi use, both directions. \blacklozenge

KASLO

Lakeview Trail: 2.6km lakeside trail from Kaslo Bay to Hwy 31 bridge with several lake access points. Fully Accessible from Moyie Beach to Hwy 31 bridge. \blacklozenge

WINTER: Groomed Nordic Ski Trails Access the Kaslo Nordic groomed and track set cross country ski trails via the parking lot 6.5km west of Kaslo on Hwy 31A. Wilderness route to Bucky Cabin. For Kaslo Nordic Ski Club information and membership, grooming reports, and a PDF trail map go to <https://kortsbc.blogspot.com/p/korts-nordic.html>



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