

Trail-Use Icons Signify Activities Per Trail.  
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-  Run
-  Mt Bike
-  Walk/Hike
-  Horse Ride
-  Dirt Bike
-  Quad
-  Snowmobile
-  Nordic Ski
-  Snowshoe
-  Accessible
-  Skatepark
-  Disc Golf
-  Day Use Cabin
-  View Point
-  Outdoor Shelter



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-  TRAIL HEAD
-  PARKING
-  DIRT ROADS

- Trail Ratings -
-  Beginner
  -  Intermediate
  -  Advanced
  -  Extremely Difficult
  -  Groomed Nordic Ski Trails
- Beginner Intermediate Advanced  
as you move West from Zwicky TH

**WILD TURKEY CROSS-COUNTRY RACE**  
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# MOUNT BUCHANAN RECREATION AREA

# KASLO RIVER TRAIL

# TRUE BLUE RECREATION AREA

KORTS acknowledges that the trails we build and maintain are on the unceded lands of Indigenous communities, past, present and future. It is with gratitude, respect, and responsibility we are striving to work with Indigenous communities to care for these shared spaces to ensure future enjoyment for all.

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Maps and descriptions are as up to date as possible at time of publication.

Ratings are a general guide only.

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# recreation areas

## Mt Buchanan Recreation Area

**Area** aka Bucky. Best accessed at the trailhead parking lot 6km west of Kaslo on Hwy 31A or 1km up the unpaved road to Moose Meadow trail-head and 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 Recreation Area.

**Wardner Trail** or the "View-point": 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

■ **Viewpoint** 400m A fairly steep set of switchbacks to a spectacular view overlooking Kaslo, Kootenay Lake, and the Purcell Mountains. 

■ **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! 

## MT BUCHANAN NORTH

■ **Jimi Crack Corn** 1.4km 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. 

■ /◆ **East/West Access Trail** Off Hwy 31 via Brake Check Trail Head, or from top of No Brakes off Branch 7 FSR, or East off Friendly Giant intersection, bi-directional. **Start from Brake Check** single track, multi-use bike climbing trail, loops back on challenging xc and flowy down. **Start from No Brakes** Intersection: Go East 2.3km to Brake Check Trail Head, or West 6.7km to Friendly Giant. West side is physically challenging to Friendly Giant with steep and exposed slopes. Most ride East to West. 

■ /◆ **Branch 7 FS Road Climb** 4.4km gravel road up to the top of No Brakes and East/West Access Trails, 1.5 km further to Carlsbad and further to Pandemic. Average climb time: 35-50 mins. Four stiff climbs with some good rests in between. Multi-use trail, physically hard. Worth the effort to access adjoining trails. 

■ **Big Foot** 500m At the junction, Single track, connector to No Brakes... climb a little further on Branch 7. Unsanctioned. 

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

■ **No Brakes** 1.7km Single track, primary direction: downhill. (◆Climb) Can push up, physically extreme. Easy to follow. Fast & flowy down. 

◆ **Carlsbad** 1.4km 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) Unsanctioned. 

## MOUNT BUCHANAN NORTH Brake Check/Branch 7

◆ **Pandemic** 1.8km Pandemic starts on Branch 7 at the second switchback after Carlsbad. After a single track XC section through beautiful old growth, a pair of drops mark the beginning of the DH section. Cross a couple of sketchy bridges before cruising down rolling bench cuts and connecting with the West Access Trail near its high point. Unsanctioned. 

## MT BUCHANAN WEST

● **Kaslo Wagon Road** 30m to Fish Lake. Multi-purpose. Easy ride, run, walk. Accessed from the trailhead parking at Moose Meadows off Hwy 31A. Fabulous as a beginner cross-country, relatively flat, non-tech double-wide family friendly trail. Additional signed access off Hwy 31A. 

◆ **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 berymy descent to the wagon road. 

■ **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 Hwy parking lot. 

● **Friendly Giant** 18km Super flowy, berymy, bi-directional trail from Hwy 31A to Mt Buchanan look-out. Stunning views. Bucky Cabin mid-way. Drive access for shuttling start/stop locations. Spotty Cell service, prepare for wilderness isolation, first aid and emergency communication. 

■ **Buckshot** 68 m of fun, fast, flowy down - another trail to Bucky Cabin. 

■ **High Commander** 2.7km Fast and action packed singletrack descent. Lots of quick corners off the top followed by high speed traverses. It's like an amusement park for your bike. 

■ **Low Commander** 900m takes you from Moose Meadow to the parking on the Hwy. 

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

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

◆ **Mr. Skinny** 611m Single track, primary downhill biking. Access from wagon road or continue the descent from the Monster. Unsanctioned. 

## TRUE BLUE AREA

● **Straight Face** 1.1km 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 SFC... 

## TRUE BLUE AREA

● **Straight Face Connector** 340m Easy Connector from the Trailhead to Straight Face trail and the True Blue Trail Network with nice view of the Purcell Mnt. 

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

■ **I'll Call Rusty** 981m 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. Unsanctioned. 

● **Sleepy Hollow** 2.2km Double track multi-use trail. Great for beginners! Physically easy. An original horse trail. 

● **Sourdough Loop** 1.4km 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, up toward the viewpoint. 

■ **Spanish Moss** 3.6km Single track, multi-use, primarily biking, and a very nice winter snowshoe. 

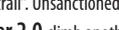
■ **Destiny Ridge** 1.0km Single track, multi-use, primarily downhill, physically easy. 

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

■ **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, easy to follow. Physically moderate. 

■ **Elk Spine** 1.3km Starts at the top of the Strawberry Ridge rd. climb, turn right and descend and follow the ridge down, then return via Sleepy Hollow Unsanctioned. 

■ **Bjerkness Loop** 300m Drops off the connector and brings you back to Bjerkness Rd 

◆ **Chainsmoker** 2 km Hand built, down hill trail. Follow Bjerkness Rd up to the end. The trail leaves from high above Kaslo at an awesome viewpoint of Kaslo/Kootenay Lake. There are a handful of "pucker up" spots on the trail including a 90 foot long skinny log ride at the bottom where the trails joins with "Look waayay up trail". Unsanctioned. 

◆ **Chainsmoker 2.0** climb another 700 m past the entry to original trail to extend the down 561 m. 

## KASLO RIVER TRAIL South

■ **Lettrari Loop** 5.4km 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. 

● **Lettrari Loop Connector** 130m Easy Connector from the Trailhead to Lettrari Loop trail and the Kaslo River Trail Network. 

● **Hemlock** 600m Mainly flat 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. 

● **Birch** 200m Birch Trail is a moderately steep, short ascent/descent from/to Kaslo River South Trail. 

● **Cedar** 600m Cedar Trail is a relatively flat wide trail on the upper bench and is part of the Kaslo Disc Golf course trail system. 

◆ **Serenade** 1.4km Narrow walking running and advanced biking trail situated on the steep slope inside the Lettrari Loop trail. 

■ **Erratica** 730m Connects the lower and upper sections of Lettrari Loop and intersects with Serenade. Look for large ball shaped boulders 

## KASLO RIVER TRAIL North

■ **Kaslo River Trail** 2.5km loop. North side 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 Kaslo Trail Blazers Bridge to Kaslo River Trail South and connect to Lettrari Loop. 

● **Kaslo Family Mtn Bike Park** - Single track, great skill development for the young... and plain fun for the experienced :) 

## 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. 

**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 [www.korts.ca](http://www.korts.ca)

