

Transportation

AIR TRAVEL

Fernie residents have easy access to 2 international airports – Kalispell, Montana and Calgary, Alberta. The closest regional airport in Cranbrook has connections to Vancouver and Calgary and will soon be providing international service too.

Calgary International Airport (YYC) is a 3.5 hour drive from Fernie via Highways 3, 22 and 2. It has connections to all major Canadian cities as well as numerous international destinations.

Glacier Park International Airport (FCA) in Kalispell, Montana is a 2.5 hour drive from Fernie via Highways 3 and 93. It provides connections to all major American cities and many international destinations.

Canadian Rockies International Airport (YXC) is located in Cranbrook, BC, 1 hour west of Fernie via Highways 3 and 95a and Airport Road. It offers an average of three daily flights to Vancouver and five to Calgary. The Airport is embarking on a runway expansion to 8,000 feet that will accommodate direct flights from major North American locations and limited service from Europe. The expansion is driven largely by the growth in tourism, including travel to Fernie.

Recreational air service is available at the **Elk Valley Airport** and the **Elko** airstrip. The Elk Valley Airport, located 40 km (25 miles) northeast of Fernie, has a 4,000 foot long paved landing strip. The Elko airstrip, located 31 km (19 miles) south of Fernie, is a grass strip.

Helicopter charter services are available in Fernie through the local base of Bighorn Helicopters.

DRIVING DISTANCE AND TIME FROM MAJOR CENTRES TO FERNIE		
	KILOMETERS/MILES	HOURS
Calgary, AB	282 / 175	3
Edmonton, AB	618 / 384	6.5
Vancouver, BC	1,063 / 661	12
Cranbrook, BC	100 / 62	1
Kalispell, MT	189 / 117	2
Lethbridge, AB	214 / 133	2.5
Seattle, WA	847 / 526	9
Spokane, WA	400 / 249	4.5
Kelowna, BC	626 / 389	8
Winnipeg, MA	1405 / 873	16
Saskatoon, SK	942 / 585	10

TRANSPORTATION-RELATED SERVICES

COURIER & DELIVERY SERVICES

BDC Courier Service	Fernie
Canada Post	Fernie
DHL	Fernie
FedEx	Fernie
Greyhound	Fernie
Purolator	Fernie
UPS	Fernie

AIR FREIGHT SERVICES

Air Canada	Cranbrook
BDC Courier Service	Cranbrook

LOCAL TRUCKING SERVICES

Fernie Cartage Ltd.	Fernie
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REGIONAL/INTERPROVINCIAL TRUCKING SERVICES

Greyhound Courier Express, Fernie
Canadian Freightways Limited, Cranbrook
Cranbrook Parcel & Delivery, Cranbrook
BTS Byers Transportation Systems, Sparwood

VEHICLE RENTALS

Rent a Wreck, Fernie
Best Western Mountain Lodge, Fernie
Avis, Cranbrook
Budget, Cranbrook
National, Cranbrook

SHUTTLE & TAXI SERVICES

Kootenay Taxi
Taxi & Charter Service

Mountain Perks

Transportation Shuttle Service between Calgary International Airport and Fernie (1-2 trips daily in winter, daily trips on weekends in summer, plus charters)

Rocky Mountain Sky Shuttle

Shuttle Service between Calgary International Airport and Fernie (Winter trips only)

Smokey Mountain Charters & Tours

Shuttle Service between Calgary and Kalispell, MT

RAIL

No passenger or freight rail services are available from Fernie. 7 trains per day, on average, carry coal from the Elk Valley to Vancouver.

Amtrak service is available at Whitefish, Montana, located less than 2 hours away by road.

SHIPPING PORTS AND DISTANCE BY RAIL Vancouver

940 km / 584 miles
Canadian Pacific Railway

Westshore Terminals, Delta, BC

924 km / 574 miles
Canadian Pacific Railway

CUSTOM POINTS OF ENTRY AND DRIVING DISTANCE

Canadian Rockies International Airport
100 km / 62 miles
(Customs service available with prior notice)

Roosville

67 km / 42 miles
(border crossing on Hwy 93 – 7 miles from Eureka, Montana)
The Roosville crossing offers traveler services 24 hours per day and commercial services Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. No immigration services are available.

Kingsgate

176 km / 109 miles
(border crossing on Hwy 95 at Eastport, Idaho)
The Kingsgate crossing offers travel and commercial services 24 hours per day and immigration services from 8 AM to 10 PM, 7 days per week