

FAT BIKING



Fat bikes have been gaining traction over the last few years in McCall for their ability to grip surfaces a traditional mountain bike would not be able to traverse. There really is no limit to where you can take a fat bike!



PRO TIP:

MANY RECREATION AREAS ARE OUT OF CELL RANGE. DOWNLOAD MAPS, DIRECTIONS AND GUIDES BEFORE SETTING OUT ON YOUR ADVENTURE!

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LOCAL RENTAL BUSINESSES.**

WHAT IS A FAT BIKE?

A fat bike is an off-road bicycle with oversized tires, designed for low ground pressure to give you better traction on soft unstable terrain, such as snow, sand, and mud.

IS RIDING A FAT BIKE JUST LIKE RIDING A MOUNTAIN BIKE?

While similar, fat biking tends to be a lot slower than traditional mountain biking. Tire pressure plays a big role in how you can “float” on top of the snow. That paired with the large tires means movements happen at a slower pace, so it takes some time getting used to transitioning to biking on snow. We recommend starting out on a flat trail to get the hang of it!

FAT BIKE GEAR

CLOTHING

Fat biking will get your heart pumping, so make sure to layer. Moisture-wicking layers, softshell pants or warm leggings, and a lightly insulated jacket usually do the trick.

BOOTS

Waterproof boots that allow for some ankle movement are your best bet. And add some insulating socks to keep those toes warm as you adventure.

THE BIKE

Purchasing a fat bike is an investment. Before you consider buying, or if you are just starting out, rent a fat bike from one of our local retailers. They offer everything from a 2-hour test drive to full day rentals.

WHERE TO RIDE IN THE MCCALL AREA

NORTH VALLEY RAIL TRAIL

- Rates: Free
- Groomed Trails: 4.5km groomed
- All trails are dog friendly

THE ACTIVITY BARN

- Rates: Free
- Groomed Trails: 5k (connects to the North Valley Rail Trail)
- All trails are dog friendly

JUG MOUNTAIN RANCH

- Rates: Daily or season pass required
- Groomed Trails: 25km general, 5km fat-bike specific
- All trails are dog friendly with a \$5 dog pass

TAMARACK RESORT

- Rates: Daily or season pass required
- Groomed Trails: 15+km
- Dog Friendly: All trails are dog friendly

FAT BIKE ETIQUETTE

When riding on groomed trails, always stay on the designated path. If it is a shared trail, keep to the side of the trail and be mindful of conditions. On Nordic trails groomed with a Classic track, be sure to not ride over these specially set lines. On shared snowmobile trails, it is a good idea to wear reflective clothing, stay to the far right of the trail, and yield to faster-moving snowmobiles.

If you are sinking into the snow and leaving ruts on a groomed trail, it is too soft to ride.



PRO TIP

TIRE PRESSURE MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

As a general rule, the softer the conditions, the lower air pressure you need in your fat bike tires. For hard-packed terrain, a PSI of 6 to 8 is usually ideal. For a soft, groomed surface, try starting at a PSI of 5 and work your way down to ensure you don't leave ruts. Just remember, it is easier to let air out of your tires as you ride than add more air, so starting at a higher PSI and letting air out as conditions warrant works best!