



# LITTLE RIPPER TRAIL PASSPORT

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Back by popular demand, the Second Annual Fernie Junior Ripper Trail Passport is a series of skill/age appropriate mountain bike challenges. The goal is to ride the trail, find the checkpoint sign, and record the animal found on the sign on this worksheet.

Complete any four of the challenges during the mountain bike season and receive a Fernie Little Ripper badge at one of Fernie's local bike shops. If you are in for a big challenge try and complete all of the rides. Participants who complete all 12 rides are eligible to enter in a draw for the FMBC prize pack. Send a photo of the completed check sheet to wesrobinsonshaw@icloud.com.

The trails are listed in order of difficulty. Remember to start small and work your way up. Always follow the rules of the trail, wear proper safety equipment and make sure your bike is in good working order. These trails are available for free on the Trail Forks App, with additional descriptions and directions to trailheads. Download it before you go.

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# CHECKPOINT CHECKSHEET

This challenge is sponsored by the Fernie Mountain Bike Club. Please consider supporting Fernie's trails by purchasing a yearly membership.

For more on membership, trails and the Little Critter Races that happen each month, visit [bikefernie.ca](http://bikefernie.ca).

## Suggested Family Friendly Trails

- James White Park
- Town Loop (Dike Trail)
- Old Stumpy
- Provincial Park interpretive trail (camp ground)



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## LEVEL 1 - TRAIL RASCALS

**Suggested Age: Seven and under**

### 1. BIKE PARK LEARNING LOOP

A skills progression loop, start at the bike kiosk and follow the learning loops signs clockwise.

**Checkpoint Animal:**

### 2. MAIDEN LAKE LOOP

A beautiful flat trail around a lake, start at the beach (behind Canadian Tire) and take in either direction.

**Checkpoint Animal:**

### 3. ANNEX PARK

Start at the duck pond and head North to the dyke, turn left and follow along the Elk River, turn left at the pond and follow along the shore back to where you started.

**Checkpoint Animal:**

### 4. TCT (TRANS CANADA TRAIL OR LOOK FOR EVT ON MAP) TO MONTANE

Take the Coal Heritage Trail to connect to the TCT. After River Road Bridge, it picks up on the right. When it meets Montane turn right and descend to Coal Creek Rd and come back on the Heritage Trail.

**Checkpoint Animal:**

## LEVEL 2 - MUD MUNCHERS

**Suggested Age: 7-9**

### 1. INCLUSIVE TRAIL (MONTANE GREEN)

Start at the Montane gate on Coal Creek Rd and follow inclusive trail to Montane hut.

**Checkpoint Animal:**

### 2. GORBY TO OLD GOAT

Start at the Gorby Bridge and ride up Gorby until you reach the Goat, then come back the way you came.

**Checkpoint Animal:**

### 3. CEMETERY BY-PASS TO KIDDIE UP - WHAT'S UP DOC

Starting at the Cemetery entrance, take Cemetery Bypass and Kiddie Up, then come back down What's Up Doc and connect to Cemetery Bypass.

**Checkpoint Animal:**

### 4. TCT TO UPROOTED

Take the Heritage Trail from bike park, cross Coal Creek Rd and over the River Rd Bridge then pick up TCT trail on your right, continue until you meet the intersection of Uprooted then turn right and enjoy the descent!

**Checkpoint Animal:**

## LEVEL THREE - WHEELIE AWESOMES

**Suggested Age: 10+**

### 1. ECO-TERRORIST BOARD WALKS

From the Cemetery, climb Cemetery Bypass, Kiddie Up, Queen V, then take Eco-Terrorist on the right to the boardwalks and bench. Come back the same way.

**Checkpoint Animal:**

### 2 LAZY LIZARD PARK TO POWERLINE

Start at the Provincial Park, and climb Stove trail. A left at the first junction will take you to Lazy Lizard. Follow to the power line. If you are feeling strong it is a great ride all the way to Island Lake Lodge.

**Checkpoint Animal:**

### 3. TCT (EVT) TO MONTANE HUT

Take the Heritage Trail to connect with the TCT, and once across the River Road bridge pick up the TCT and follow the signs until Roots, turn right and descend to the hut. Come back the same way, or on Montane blue or green back to the barn.

**Checkpoint Animal:**

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### 4. KIDDIE UP TO SIDEWINDER

Starting at the Cemetery, ride Cemetery Bypass, Kiddie Up, Queen V, then take the left at the Eco junction until stay left until you see the Sidewinder trail sign on your right.

**Checkpoint Animal:**

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