

## 08 Fernie BC

Momentum has come and gone in the town of Fernie BC to get a Skills Park for the past five years. Hoots has been involved with almost every aspect of it over time trying to provide information and support but waiting patiently for all the right cards to fall into place.



In the last two seasons several motivated people have taken the torch and encouraged several other motivated people to join them creating a new and wickedly improved [Fernie Mountain Bike Club](#).

The organization and motivation of this new club is a breathe of fresh air and their aim to put Fernie on the map of mounting biking a fantastic possibility.

Early in 2007 the club worked with Hoots to put together a complete design for a Skills Park and then moved forward to create the partnerships needed with the town to build. Council was very much supportive and so the club got to work trying to get the much needed resources, machine and people power needed to pull the park build off.



While on a build tour through Alberta, the Fernie Mountain Bike Club arranged to have Hoots come in to build phase 1 of their park behind the Aquatic Centre as the season was about to end. Money was tight and although there were many early promises of contractor help it was the end of season and everyone with equipment was hard charging before winter, it did not look promising.

Always stoked on possibility, Hoots made the trip to Fernie and with enthusiastic club support and determination, equipment and operators arrived on site at all the right times while kids with shovels helped every day.



The contribution list for supporters is huge! From the Resort to developers and local business everyone went the extra mile, and while we worked into the nights to get infrastructure in place the club laboured to keep us supported and pushed to make sure we had organized volunteer help over the weekend.





Saturday hit and over 80 volunteers showed up working through the entire day on every aspect of the park from clean up to jump shaping and detail to rock and drop placements. After a long day of building and even longer evening of jumping almost everyone showed up for Sunday too! Fantastique!



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Phase one completes infrastructure for the Skills park, the build of pump track, drop zone, start ramp and rock zone and of course the stack set of jumps including the 'hoochy pro line' down the center of the park.





Another huge success and amazing story of partnerships going the right way, making Fernie over 30 project in the ground for Hoots...



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