

CANMORE NORDIC CENTRE

In 1988, Alberta hosted the world for the Winter Olympics in Calgary and the Canmore Nordic Centre was the venue for all the cross country ski and biathlon events.

But time, and changing technology and standards, meant that the centre was no longer able to host international events. In 2004, the Alberta government made a commitment to renew the Canmore Nordic Centre and bring it back to full international standards so the best skiers and biathletes in the world could once again compete in Alberta.

The renewal was also planned to improve the recreational experience for everyone who enjoys using the Canmore Nordic Centre Provincial Park year round, creating a true international tourism destination.

In January 2008, the final phase of the multi-year renewal was completed. The total cost of the project was \$25.6 million.

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Recertified to host any international biathlon or cross country ski events
- New 12.5km of cross country ski and biathlon competition courses that have met the top Federation Internationale du Ski and International Biathlon Union requirements
- Newly expanded and modernized cross country and biathlon stadiums (including new electrically-scored targets and expanded range) which meet international standards
- New high capacity snow making system for stadiums, all competition courses (13.5km)
- New warm-up and wax test area adjacent to a new fully ventilated team waxing facility,
- Expanded and renewed biathlon technical building
- Home to Canada's national biathlon and cross country ski teams

RECREATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Expanded and renewed day lodge, food services, parking and roadways
- 6.5km of newly lit, 12m wide recreational ski trails
- New high-capacity snow making system for 7.5km of recreational trails
- New 5.5km roller ski trail
- New recreational trail signage
- New mountain bike terrain skills park

"As an athlete training for the Winter Olympics I'm really lucky to have a facility like this to work out of but I think that even more important than that is the impact it can have on society in general. We need to focus on preventative health care and an investment in sport is an investment in preventative health care."

Chandra Crawford,
2006 Olympic Gold Medalist