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Enjoy a three-day celebration of cross country skiing and Nordic legends

Canada's premier classic-style cross country ski festival -- The 30th Annual Canadian Birkebeiner -- and a full-schedule of fabulous festivities are fast approaching! The Birkie is Western Canada's Nordic Ski Event and one of only three Birkebeiner Loppets in the world – Norway and the USA host the other two. Formed in 1985, the Birkie continues the tradition of honouring perseverance, courage and fortitude...as well as lots of Nordic Fun for the whole family!

Full Moon Birkie Ski Series

Kicking off the events leading up to the festival that runs from February 8 - 10, 2019, is the new Full Moon Birkie Ski event on Saturday, December 22 at the Waskahegan Staging Area, Cooking Lake-Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area.

Ski and walk under the light of the Full Moon! Thanks to Beaverhill Bird Observatory and United Cycle, there will be a live owl exhibit and a Fat Bike demonstration. Grab family, friends, skis, walking sticks, headlamps and register today!

Registration from 6:00 to 7:00 pm with the ski tour start time at 7:00 pm. The series continues on Friday, January 18, Sunday, February 17 and Friday, March 22, 2019.

[Check out the Full Moon Birkie Series](#)



The Canadian Birkie Ski Festival runs from Friday, February 8, 2019, through to Sunday, February 10, 2019 over 1500 skiers, over 500 volunteers and hundreds of cheering spectators will gather for Canada's largest cross-country ski marathon and Nordic festivities in and around Cooking Lake Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area, the Ukrainian Village and Hawrelak Park.

Whether you are competing for a medal, conquering a personal challenge, or just out to have fun with friends and family, there is an event for you!

Birkie Saturday Events

Recreate the legend of the original Birkebeiner skiers by carrying the equivalent of the infant crown prince, a 5.5 kg (12 lb) pack. A point-to-point 55 km course from the Ukrainian Village rolls and winds along the east edge of Elk Island National Park and through the scenic Cooking Lake-Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area. For those who want to travel light (i.e. without the pack), go

the same distance on the same route without the pack. Other event distances range from 31 km, 13 km, 8 km, 4 km and 2 km.

[Check out Birkie Saturday events](#)

Birkie Sunday Events

Barnebirkie ski events are where Birkie dreams begin! We are excited to partner with Silver Skate Festival this year! All Birkie Sunday events will be at the Silver Skate Festival site at William Hawrelak Park, 9330 Groat Rd NW in Edmonton. It will take place from 10 am to 1 pm on Sunday, February 10, 2019

[Check out Birkie Sunday events](#)

For a complete schedule of all 2019 Birkie events and activities check out the website at: <https://www.canadianbirkie.com>.

Register by December 31 to save \$30.

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