

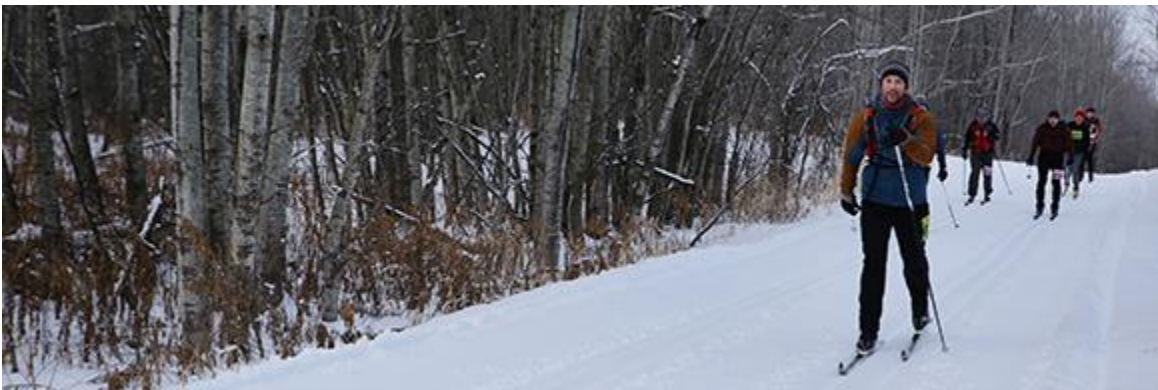
Canadian Birkie News

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Virtual Birkie extended to Feb 28

Skiers asked for an extension on our Virtual Birkie due to the Polar Vortex in western Canada and we made it happen. Thanks Lakeland and Bonnyville ski clubs for the great idea. Now you can complete your challenge any day between February 12 and 28! Pick the best weather day in your area and *Go the Distance*. If you would like to sign up, you have until Friday, February 19 at Noon MST [to register](#).



In-person and virtual emails sent out

Emails were sent to in-person and virtual Birkie registrants over the past couple of weeks. In-person Birkie registrants were sent a code on January 27 and February 4 to sign up for the **Virtual Birkie for free**. Virtual Birkie registrants were sent important details about **bibs and results** on February 11. If you missed getting your email for some reason, please [contact us](#). We would love to help you out!



Prizes are lining up

Over \$2,300 in prizes have arrived at the Birkie office and are available to win in the [Virtual Birkie Contests!](#)

The new Virtual Canadian Birkie Facebook Group provides participants with prize information, updates, support and inspiration. Join the conversation by using this link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/virtualcanadianbirkie>.

Check out virtual participant photos from February 12 to 28 on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#); search for #VirtualBirkie and #CdnBirkie. Your likes are greatly appreciated as we promote the Canadian Birkie around the world.



Birkie Baby wishes

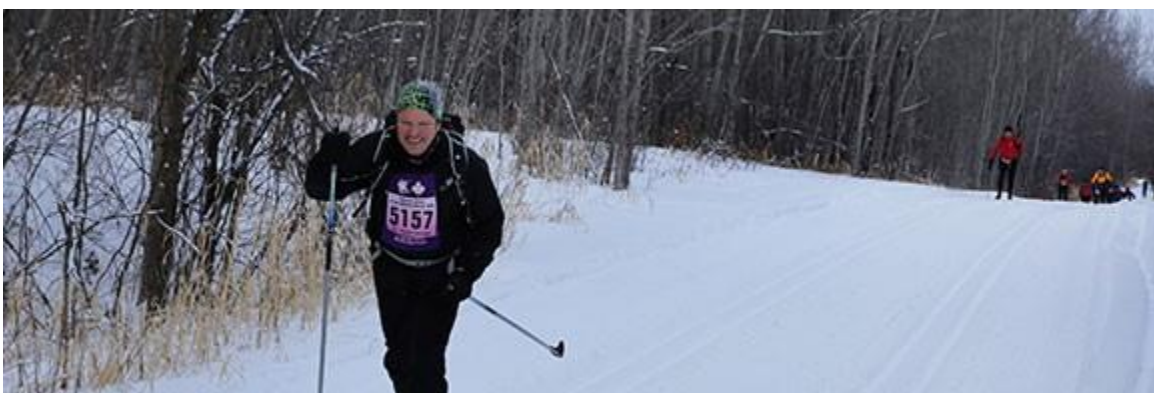
Birkie Baby James wishes all the Canadian Birkie participants a safe and fun virtual race! He hopes everyone stays warm and healthy. May everyone feel accomplished in whichever distance they choose! Those in the 55km with the pack, thanks for saving me! - Prince Haakon Haakonsson (James Crosby)



Ski virtually with an Olympian

After achieving her Personal Best on the world circuit, Maya Maclsaac-Jones just signed up for the Virtual Canadian Birkie. Looking forward to seeing her Virtual Birkie posts from Europe! Read the Birkie 2020 interview with one of our national treasures, Maya Maclsaac-Jones, [here](#).

To participate alongside Maya and people from across Canada, US and seven European countries, [sign up](#) for the Virtual Birkie!



Program and maps online

Check out the 2021 Canadian Birkie Virtual Ski Event details in our new [Program Guide](#). See maps of the 13 km Global Edmonton Mini Birkie, 31 km Imperial Oil Birkie Tour and 55 km Torskeklubben Birkebeiner that our fantastic Loppet Committee designed.



Birkieland is open, but...

Birkieland is open 7 am-11 pm, seven days a week. Please note there are NO skier supports, Birkie signs, trail sweep, food/aid stations, or warm-up fires. Skiers at [Cooking Lake-Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area](#) must be self-contained with their own food, drinks, and emergency plan. They must also remember to share the trail with beginner skiers and non-skiers.



Thanks to our sponsors!

Special thanks to our sponsors who provided cash and in-kind donations during these unpredictable times. This year we had to rely on our Birkie perseverance; it was financially the most challenging year in our 36-year history. Due to economic challenges this year, we lost the support of three key sources. These were big hits and the reason we ask you to support our current [community-minded sponsors](#). We also appreciate our Birkie community which made donations [here](#).



Help out our non-profit

Committee volunteer positions for next year are now available. We are looking for people to join our finance, loppet, administration and marketing committees. Now is the time we start planning for next year's Birkie events. Join our amazing group of fun, skilled and wonderful people; **we want you!**

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