



# trail head

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## frequent falcon trails guest profile

We have dedicated this space in the past to the four illustrious partners of Falcon Trails Resort (Craig Christie, Barb Hamilton, Lois Pettit, and Rich Pettit). For a change of pace, and some unapologetic promotion of our resort, we are presenting a brief bio and testimonial (please keep them coming!) from one of our frequent guests, Art Turner. Art and his wife, Lyn, have stayed at Falcon Trails at least seven times and now are veterans of cycling into High Lake for a stay at one of the two remote cabins.

*We hope you have  
a festive, safe and  
happy holiday!  
Season's Greetings*



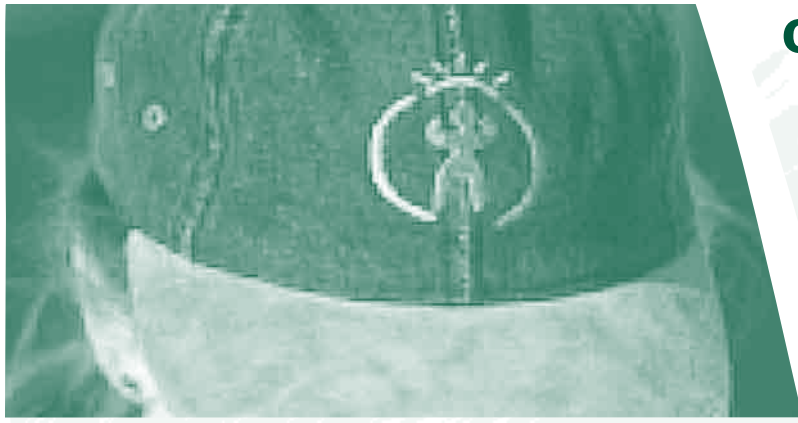
"We come whenever we can," says Art. "There is no place like it from the aesthetics of the cabins, the setting, the quiet, and the way everything is designed to connect to nature. It's a fantastic opportunity to enjoy the lap of luxury with no distractions while being close to the land."

Join us this May (2006) when we host another intimate performance by Art Turner in the Welcome Centre. With three critically acclaimed albums to his credit, Art's acoustic guitar playing has been described as haunting, articulate, and passionate. Come hear Art in a setting well suited to his music. Watch our website or visit Art's web site [www.artturner.com](http://www.artturner.com) for details.

## just far enough from the crowds

Falcon Trails Resort is a reasonable drive from Winnipeg but far enough away to help you switch from frantic to romantic or just plain relaxed and cozy. And Falcon Trails Resort makes winter not just bearable, it makes it down right attractive. We have hot tubs to soothe you, wood-burning fireplaces to romance you, and bird feeders to bring feathered entertainment to your deck. Groomed cross-country ski trails are practically right outside your door and our downhill and snowboarding runs at Falcon Ridge Ski and Recreation Area are steps down the road.





## the fine art of giving

A well-chosen gift holds more meaning than a gift bought for price not the thought. We can help you find that thoughtful gift – and the cost to you can be as little or as much as you want. From our coffee mugs with our ‘jumpy guy’ logo to a weekend of fun and relaxation at one of our chalets to a season’s pass at the Ridge, Falcon Trails/Falcon Ridge Gift Certificates and merchandise show you have exquisite taste! **Call us at 204-349-8273** to order yours or visit our website [www.falcontrails.mb.ca](http://www.falcontrails.mb.ca) and go to the ‘specials’ box for some great gift ideas.



## your wish is our command

At least, whenever it’s possible we try to follow through with guest comments. We have added dressers, for example, to all of the cabins. We’ve also repainted the exteriors and interiors of Loon and Merganser cabins as part of our ongoing maintenance to Falcon Trails. We are committed to keeping the resort fresh and welcoming for all of you who grace us with your presence and love of the place.

**email or mail** – we want to keep you posted. If you are receiving this newsletter by mail but would prefer to receive it electronically, please send us your email address: email us at [relax@falcontrails.mb.ca](mailto:relax@falcontrails.mb.ca).

## on the wild side

Experience the wilderness from the comfort of your cabin – or from the closer views afforded from a hike, ski, or snowshoe in the woods. From the larger four-legged variety to the flighty feathered sorts, we share our Boreal forest habitat with a menagerie of creatures. From the spring into the fall, you can see bald eagles, including a pair who recognize the value of the south shore of Falcon Lake, nesting on an island near the Merlin cabin. Tickle your fancy – and your hands – by feeding chickadees and gray jays from your palm on your deck. Or just put out some seed and watch the feasting rituals of our local feathered inhabitants.

If you didn’t see any deer on your drive in, you are almost sure to see them during your stay. We have not received promises from other mammals that they’ll appear, but you just might see an otter – or its home – while visiting this neck of the woods.

## a fond farewell and a warm welcome

We bid a fond farewell to Nadine Ogilvie who was a valued part of our team for the past two years. Nadine has moved to Brandon with her family. In September, we welcomed Angie McCaw whose friendly face and voice will greet you in the Welcome Centre or over the phone.





# ridge lines



## check out the new gear

Get a grip! Struggle no more as you are pulled up the hill thanks to our new handle tow. Seat yourself – at some of our new chairs and tables in the chalet where you can head for warmth and nourishment before going back out to whoosh your way down the ski, board, or tubing hills.

## make a date with us

Come and participate or watch some exciting events we are hosting this winter, including:

### Biathlon

- Manitoba Cup #1 December 18
- Manitoba Cup #2 January 15
- Cadet Provincial - Biathlon Championships January 28 & 29
- Manitoba Cup # 4 - February 5
- Provincial Championships - February 18 & 19

### Cross-country skiing

- Falcon Open - March 12

## officials and instructor courses

We are pleased to be the host site for a Biathlon Officials Course this winter, bringing in people from all of Western Canada.

We are also a host site for a Level I Snowboard Instructors Course on December 26 – 28 – you must register by December 5. Anyone wishing to register can do so from the CASI website at <http://www.casi-acms.com>.

## expect to be amazed

If you haven't been to the Falcon Ridge Ski & Recreation Area for awhile, you are in for a pleasant surprise. Winter really can be fun! Check out:

- 11 downhill ski runs.
- snowboard terrain park: two areas, one with a Rail Park with a step up, kink, flat, curve and a fun box; the other with 2 table tops and a hip, including 2 table tops, 3 rails, and a hip jump.
- 20 kilometers of cross-country ski trails; cross-country skiers also can connect to the West Hawk and South Whiteshell trail

system by using the trail groomed by Manitoba Conservation across Falcon Lake from the ski hill parking lot – one of the best ways to experience winter and the Park is on your cross-country skis and we have some of the best trails around.

- terrific tubing – ride up with ease on the tube lift then take an exhilarating, wild ride downhill.

We also have certified downhill and snowboarding instructors as well as our very own Rich Pettit, Falcon Trails partner and cross-country ski and biathlon coach. If you need help or advice about cross-country skiing, from waxing to technique, be sure to contact Rich. He has been working with our local youth for many years helping them learn to love cross-country skiing and coaching them to be recreational and elite biathletes. One of Rich's former athletes, Falcon Lake's Megan Imrie, is now training full time with the Canadian Biathlon Team, in hopes of competing at the 2010 Winter Olympics. We are very proud of Megan and are so appreciative to have someone with Rich's skills and commitment as part of our community.

## no gear? no problem

We rent just about everything you'll need to get out and enjoy Falcon Ridge, including snowboards, snowboard boots, downhill skis, downhill ski boots and cross-country equipment. Our rates are reasonable (see our website at [www.falcontrails.mb.ca](http://www.falcontrails.mb.ca)) but you might want to book ahead during the busier times (rental advance reservations available with a credit card).





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Information provided by our guests (name, address, email, etc.) is used by Falcon Trails Resort to provide the best customer service possible and to communicate with our guests, through postcards and our newsletter, about new and exciting developments at the resort. If you would prefer not receive our publications please contact us immediately. In our effort to foster environmentally friendly practices we have developed an e-newsletter. If you would prefer to receive our newsletter vial e-mail please contact us.

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