



Hiking Whistler and Area

Trail Name	Level	Distance & Time	Description
Brandywine Falls	Easy	1 km roundtrip No elevation gain Allow 30 minutes	Just 16 km south of Whistler on Highway 99, Brandywine Falls Provincial Park is home to a spectacular 66 m waterfall and gorgeous views of Daisy Lake and Black Tusk, the soaring monolithic remains of a dormant volcano. From the parking lot follow the trail along Brandywine Creek to the railroad track and the observation platform, and enjoy the view!
Cheakamus Lake Trail 4x4 vehicle recommended	Easy	8 -14 km roundtrip No elevation gain Allow 5 hours	As you head south on Highway 99 from the Village, turn left at the Function Junction traffic lights. Less than 1 kilometer from the lights take a left on to East Side Main logging road. Follow this gravel road for approximately 7 km to the parking lot at the trailhead. The trail is well defined. You can also bike or canoe-portage to the lake on this trail. Another worthwhile hiking opportunity is to explore the Whistler Interpretive Forest, found on the left hand side of the road as you turned off Hwy 99. Season: May to November. NO DOGS ALLOWED IN GARIBALDI PARK.
Nairn Falls	Easy	3 km roundtrip No elevation gain Allow 1 hour	Take Highway 99 north from the Village for approximately 25 minutes towards the town of Pemberton to Nairn Falls Provincial Park on the right. Following the trail from the parking lot, this easy path skirts the Green River as it winds through this traditional Lil'Wat travel route and spiritual area. As you are surrounded by Western Hemlock, Red Cedars and Douglas Fir, keep an eye on the ground for the rubber boa snake, the smallest of the boa family and the most cold-tolerant species of snake. Enjoy the 60 m waterfall as it pounds through a mass of granite, carving frothy cauldrons and giant bowls of swirling water!
Whistler Interpretive Forest	Easy	6 km roundtrip No elevation gain Allow 2 hours	Travel 8 km south on Hwy 99 from the Village, turn left at the traffic light for Function Junction. Parking is available at the start of the West Side Main Road. The Whistler Interpretive Forest is a 3,000 ha area with extensive road and trail networks accompanied with educational signs. Two trails follow the gentle grade of the Cheakamus River, with a suspension bridge crossing the river approximately 3 km up the trail. Loggers Lake along the way is a lovely scenic detour (add 1 hour). The Crater Rim Trail can be accessed in the Interpretive Forest (add 4 hours) Local transit available to the trail head - take #1 bus south or #2 bus from the village.
Ancient Cedars Loop	Medium	8 km roundtrip 150 m elevation gain Allow 3 hours	From the Village go north on Highway 99 to the end of Green Lake and turn left onto "16 Mile Forest Service Road" (follow signs for Cougar Mountain). There is a small parking lot at the trailhead approximately 5 km from the highway. The trail climbs steeply for approximately 150 m then evens out in a loop through the Cedar Grove. The trees around you are over 1,000 years old and up to 12m in diameter! BUG REPELLENT RECOMMENDED
Stawamus Chief	Medium Lots of stairs, some easy chain pulls	540 m in 1.5 km (1 st Peak) 590 m in 1.7 km (2 nd Peak) 630 m in 1.8 km (3 rd Peak)	The Chief is the mammoth rock face that towers over Squamish which offers incredible views over Howe Sound. To get to the Chief, take Highway 99 southbound toward Vancouver. Continue along the highway for the next 45-60 minutes (63 km). From Cleveland Avenue and Highway 99 in Squamish (McDonalds is on this corner), drive south for approximately 2 minutes and watch for signs on your left. You can either park at the Stawamus Chief Trailhead or the Shannon Falls Trailhead - the Shannon Falls park is slightly further from the Chief but better for a day hike if you want to see both features. The Chief has three peaks, South (First), Centre (Second), and North (Third), each accessible from the single trailhead. DOGS ARE ALLOWED.
Rainbow Trail	Medium/Hard	16 km roundtrip 825 m elevation gain Allow 5 to 6 hours	Head north on Highway 99 for approximately 10 minutes to Alpine Meadows and turn left onto Alpine Way. At the four-way stop turn left onto Rainbow Drive, which turns into Alta Lake Rd. The trailhead is further up the road on your right. You can park at the trailhead or Rainbow Park just down the road. This is a well-worn trail, but you will have to keep your eyes open for markers along the way. There is no camping or swimming at Rainbow Lake as it is the drinking water supply for Whistler. NO DOGS ALLOWED IN WATERSHED AREA.



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Singing Pass/Russet Lake	Medium/Hard	26 km 1000 m elevation gain Allow 8 to 10 hours	The Singing Pass trail leaves from Gondola Transit Exchange under the Blackcomb (Excalibur) Gondola. It is recommended to park your car in the Day Lots off Blackcomb Way, and if you are planning an overnight hike you should park in Day Lot 4. The first 5 km of the trail is a gravel road, and then the trail enters mixed forest as it climbs to Russet Lake. At the lake there is a small rustic cabin, available for camping on a first-come first-serve basis. You can also carry on and hike all the way to the top of Whistler Mountain. If you choose this route be prepared for a long hike as you cannot take the Whistler Gondola back down to Whistler Village. NO DOGS ALLOWED IN GARIBALDI PARK.
Garibaldi Lake	Medium/Hard	18 km roundtrip 900 m elevation gain Allow 6 to 7 hours	Just past the south end of Daisy Lake you will find the Black Tusk Access turnoff on the left hand side of the road, approximately 22 km south of Whistler Village. Follow this semi-paved road to the parking lot at the trailhead. If you plan to stay overnight a camping fee will be collected by a Ranger. The trail climbs steadily with the help of multiple switchbacks before it comes to the first of many lakes. After the climb the trail eases up into a beautiful sub-alpine meadow. NO DOGS ALLOWED IN GARIBALDI PARK.
Joffre Lakes	Medium/Hard	11 km roundtrip 370 m elevation gain Allow 5 hours	Drive North on Highway 99 to the town of Pemberton, and from the Petro Canada gas station continue on Highway 99 Northeast 30.5 km to the Joffre Lakes Recreational Area pullout. At the end of the parking lot walk a pleasant gravel trail approximately 5 minutes to Lower Joffre Lake. To continue to the Middle and Upper Lakes, continue on the trail from the North end of Lower Joffre Lake to the right. The trail ascends through beautiful trees, across bridges and through a boulder field. Middle Joffre Lake is approximately 1 hour from the trailhead, at 1,540 m, and Upper Joffre Lake is approximately 20 minutes beyond at 1,590 meters. Continue on for spectacular views of Joffre Peak, Mt. Matier and Slalok Mountain. Limited camping is available, and cold-blooded swimmers will love the plunge-hole where Joffre Creek flows into a deep, sandy bowl at the Northwest end of Upper Joffre Lake.
Wedgemount Lake	Hard	14 km roundtrip 1220 m elevation gain Allow 7 hours	Travel North on Highway 99 past the end of Green Lake, and take the first road on the right. Cross the rail tracks and Green River then take a left. Cross under the power lines, turn right then left onto a logging road. Follow this road for several kilometers. You can park at the trailhead. This trail (and road) is very steep, but offer spectacular views of waterfalls, glaciers and the Valley below. NO DOGS ALLOWED IN GARIBALDI PARK.

Safety Measures While Hiking

Please be advised that weather conditions change very rapidly in the mountains, and as a result you should always carry water, food, and warm clothing, even for short walks.

No matter how long you plan to be gone you should make someone aware of your plans, and what time you are expected to return.

Pets must be kept on a leash at all times in the areas where they are allowed.

Be mindful of machinery on all 4X4 roads.

As you explore our lovely mountains, remember to leave only footprints and take only pictures. Don't leave the marked trails. Pack out what you pack in; take your garbage with you, especially food waste. Food waste will attract wildlife.