

Garibaldi Provincial Park Trail Conditions

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Garibaldi Park is located in the coast mountain wilderness and the weather can be severe and unforgiving. Be well prepared, properly equipped and informed before entering the backcountry. Day visitors should be capable of camping overnight in case of injury, accident or extreme weather. Avalanche and glacier hazards exist in Garibaldi Park. Traveling beyond the maintained trail requires special equipment, skills, ability, and knowledge.

Garibaldi Park is a user-maintained park. Garbage removal service is not available. Please help by packing out all your garbage and any garbage left by others. If you use the shelters, clean the facilities prior to your departure. Please use the outhouses provided. Toilet paper is not always supplied.

All camping in Garibaldi Park requires purchase of a camping permit.

Pay camping fees at:

<https://secure.camis.com/discovercamping/>

<u>Trail Difficulty Rating</u>		<u>Trail Type Rating</u>	
E	Easy	Type I	1.5 to 2.5 m wide, paved, gravel or board walk, less than 10% grade.
M	Moderate	Type II	1.5 m wide, gravel surfacing in wet areas, up to 15% grade.
S	Strenuous	Type III	0.5 m wide, grade greater than 15%
D	Difficult	Type IV	0.3 m wide, lightly used wilderness trail, infrequent maintenance.

- Ratings are determined based on the length of the trail section, change in elevation and trail type for the average park visitor.
- Elevations shown are estimated for the trail section and reflect the maximum gain or loss.

Dogs and Fires are Prohibited in Garibaldi Park

Diamond Head					
Trail	Estimated Distance (km)	Estimated Elevation Gain (m)	Trail Difficulty	Trail Safety Information	Trail Condition
Mamquam Road to Garibaldi Park Road	5 km	450 m	Gravel road with potholes	<p align="center">Snow</p> <p align="center">Chains are mandatory beyond the chain up area, or as directed by park staff</p> <p align="center">Reservations are required for Elfin Campground and Elfin Shelter Year Round</p>	Open
Parking Lot to Red Heather Meadows	5 km	450 m	S – Type II Well Defined	Snow	Open
Red Heather Meadows to Elfin Lakes	6 km	250 m	M – Type II Well Defined	Snow, marked winter route (orange poles)	Open
Elfin Lakes to Opal Cone	6.5 km	460 m	S – Type IV Defined	Snow, route not marked	Open
Elfin Lakes to Saddle/Gargoyles	7 km	400 m	D – Type IV Defined	Snow, route not marked	Open
Elfin Lakes to Mamquam Lake	11 km	570 m	D – Type IV Defined	<p align="center">Snow, route not marked</p> <p align="center">Trail markers will be covered. One wash-out on way to Rampart ponds; trail has been marked and diverted on a safe route around the washout.</p>	Open
Garibaldi Lake and Taylor Meadows					
Trail	Estimated Distance (km)	Estimated Elevation Gain (m)	Trail Difficulty	Trail Safety Information	Trail Condition

Hwy 99 to the Parking Lot	2 km	75 m	Paved Road	Snow, access to the Rubble Creek parking lot is not maintained during the winter. Reservations are required for Garibaldi Park, including Garibaldi Lake, Taylor Meadows, and Helm Campground year round.	Open
Rubble Creek Parking Lot to Garibaldi Lake and Taylor Meadows Junction @ 6.5 Km	6 km	770 m	S – Type II Well Defined Steep	Snow	Open
6.5 km Junction to Garibaldi Lake Campground	3 km	130 m	M – Type II Well Defined	Snow Taylor bridge has been replaced and is operational Reservations are required for Garibaldi Park, including Garibaldi Lake, Taylor Meadows, and Helm Campground year round Snow	Open
6.5 km Junction to Taylor Meadows Campground	1.5 km	180 m	M – Type II Well Defined	Snow Reservations are required for Garibaldi Park, including Garibaldi Lake, Taylor Meadows, and Helm Campground year round	Open
Taylor Meadows Campground to Garibaldi Lake Campground	2.3 km	50 m	E – Type II Well Defined	Snow Reservations are required for Garibaldi Park, including Garibaldi Lake, Taylor Meadows, and Helm Campground year round	Open
Garibaldi Lake Campground to Black Tusk Junction	2.5 km	230 m	S – Type II Well Defined Steep	Snow	Open
Taylor Meadows Campground to Black Tusk Junction	2 km	180 m	M – Type II Well Defined	Snow	Open
Black Tusk Junction to Black Tusk View Point	4.4 km	300 m	D – Type III Defined Very Steep	Snow	Open
Black Tusk Junction to Helm Pass	2 km	100 m	M – Type II Well Defined	Snow	Open
Helm Pass to Panorama Ridge	3.2 km	330 m	S – Type IV Undefined Steep	Snow, route not marked	Open
Helm Pass to Helm	5 km	240 m	M – Type II		Open

Creek Campground			Well Defined	Snow Reservations are required for Garibaldi Park, including Garibaldi Lake, Taylor Meadows, and Helm Campground year round	
Cheakamus Lake					
Trail	Estimated Distance (km)	Estimated Elevation Gain (m)	Trail Difficulty	Trail Safety Information	Trail Condition
Hwy 99 to the parking lot 7 km	7 km		Rough gravel road with potholes	Snow Vehicle with clearance is recommended Attention: There will be limited access to Cheakamus Lake Provincial Park due to a scheduled Fuel Reduction Program along Cheakamus Lake Road Please see information notice for further details: http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/garibaldi/ Reservations are required for Cheakamus Lake Campground and Singing Creek Campground year round	Open
Parking Lot to Cheakamus Lake Campground	3.5 km	90 m	E – Type II Well Defined	Snow Please respect hazard tree closures	Open
Cheakamus Lake Campground to Singing Creek	4 km	50 m	M – Type II Well Defined	Snow Please respect hazard tree closures	Open
Cheakamus Lake Trail to Helm Pass					
Trail	Estimated Distance (km)	Estimated Elevation Gain (m)	Trail Difficulty	Trail Safety Information	Trail Condition
Cheakamus Lake Trail Junction to Helm Campground	7 km	600 m	D - Type IV Defined	Snow Bicycles are prohibited in this portion of the park. Reservations are required for Cheakamus Lake Campground and Singing Creek Campground year round	Open
Helm Creek Campground to Helm Pass	5 km	240 m	M – Type II	Snow, route not marked	Open

Singing Pass					
Trail	Estimated Distance (km)	Estimated Elevation Gain (m)	Trail Difficulty	Trail Safety Information	Trail Condition
Parking Lot 5 to Singing Pass	11.5 km	1200 m	S – Type II Well Defined	<p>No bridge crossing at Harmony Creek, this section is hazardous during bad weather.</p> <p>Bicycles are prohibited in this portion of the park. Be prepared for winter conditions Expect snow at higher elevations</p> <p>Pay camping fees at: https://secure.camis.com/discovercamping/ Select “Russet Lake Campground” when camping on the Spearhead Traverse.</p>	Open
Singing Pass to Russet Lake	3 km	200 m	M– Type IV	<p style="text-align: center;">Snow</p> <p>Reservations are required for Russet Lake Campground year round</p>	Open
Whistler Mountain Gondola to Whistler Village via Musical Bumps and Singing Pass	21 km	1300 m	D – Type IV Steep	<p style="text-align: center;">Snow</p> <p>Check with ski resort For lift openings.</p>	Open
Wedgemount Lake					
Trail	Estimated Distance (km)	Estimated Elevation Gain (m)	Trail Difficulty	Trail Safety Information	Trail Condition
Hwy 99 to the Parking Lot	2 km		Improved Gravel Road	<p style="text-align: center;">Expect variable snow</p> <p>Bicycles are prohibited in this portion of the park.</p> <p>Reservations are required for Wedge Campground year round</p>	Open

Parking Lot to Wedgemount Lake	7 km	1200 m	D – Type IV Very Steep	<p style="text-align: center;">Snow</p> <p>Trail was cleared of trees and windfall on June 29th, 2018.</p>	Open
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motorized vehicles, dogs and fires are prohibited within the park, year-round. • Camping is permitted only in designated campsites. • Biking opportunities are limited to the Cheakamus Lake trail as far as Singing Creek and the Diamond Head Trail as far as the Elfin Lakes campground • Please use the permanent toilet facilities provided; this may require you to remove snow to access in the winter. • Please stay on the trails; this will protect the fragile alpine vegetation from damage. • Backcountry facilities and campsite areas within Garibaldi Park are maintained by you. Please help by packing out what you pack in and by keeping the park and the facilities clean for others. Leave knowing that you did your part! 					