

GARIBALDI PROVINCIAL PARK

TRAIL CONDITIONS as of May 9, 2017

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.

For warnings and information please see the "[Attention Visitors](#)" section on the main park page.

Trail Difficulty Definitions

The ratings are determined based on the length of the trail section, change in elevation and trail type for the average park visitor.

Trail Difficulty Rating

E - Easy; M - Moderate; S - Strenuous; D - Difficult

Trail Type Rating

Type I: 1.5 to 2.5 m wide, paved, crushed gravel or board walk, less than 10% grade.

Type II: 1.5 m wide, gravel surfacing in wet areas, up to 15% grade.

Type III: 0.5 m wide, grade greater than 15%

Type IV: up to 0.3 m wide, lightly used wilderness trail, tread is worn or not grubbed out, infrequent maintenance.

Elevations shown are estimated for the trail section and reflect the maximum gain or loss.

**Traveling beyond the maintained trail is referred to as route finding.
Route finding requires special equipment, skills, ability and knowledge.**

DIAMOND HEAD AREA

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Dogs and fires are prohibited in Garibaldi Park

| Trail | Estimated Distance One Way (KM) | Estimated Time One Way (hours) | Estimated Elevation Gained (meters) | Trail Difficulty | Trail Safety Information | Trail Condition |
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| Mamquam Road to Garibaldi Park Road | 5 km | | 450 m | Gravel road with potholes | <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">This road is a narrow, periodically plowed mountain road. It is mandatory that vehicles are equipped with good winter tires and tire chains. Be prepared by bringing a shovel, blankets, and flashlight.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Expect snow</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">NEW: As of June 29nd 2016 reservations are required for Elfin Shelter year round and Elfin Campground for summer 2017</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">All camping in Garibaldi Park, including Elfin campground, currently requires purchase of a backcountry camping permit.</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">Camping fees must be paid before entering the park</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">Pre-pay via; https://secure.camis.com/Discovercamping/</p> | OPEN |

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| | | | | | NOTE: There are no cash payment options | |
| Parking lot to Red Heather Meadows | 5 km | 1.5 hrs | 450 m | S – Type II Well Defined | Snow | OPEN |
| Red Heather Meadows to Elfin Lakes | 6 km | 2 hrs | 250 m | M – Type II Well Defined | Snow - Winter Route is Marked | OPEN |
| Elfin Lakes to the Opal Cone | 6.5 km | 3 hrs | 460 m | S – Type IV Defined | Snow Not Marked | OPEN |
| Elfin Lakes to the Saddle/Gargoyles | 7 km | 2 hrs | 400 m | D – Type IV Defined | Snow Not Marked | OPEN |
| Elfin Lakes to Mamquam Lake | 11 km | 4 hrs | 570 m | D – Type IV Defined | Snow Not Marked | OPEN |

GARIBALDI LAKE and TAYLOR MEADOWS AREAS

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| Hwy 99 to the parking lot | 2km | | 75 m | Paved Road | <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">NEW: Online backcountry camping permits are required.</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">All camping in Garibaldi Park, including Garibaldi lake, Taylor Meadows, Helm campgrounds, currently requires purchase of a backcountry camping permit.</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">Reservations will be required for campgrounds for summer 2017</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">Camping fees must be paid before entering the park</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">Pre-pay via; https://secure.camis.com/Discovercamping/</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">NOTE: There are no cash payment options</p> | OPEN |
| Rubble Creek Parking Lot to Garibaldi Lake and Taylor Meadows Junction @ 6 km | 6 km | 3 hrs | 770 m | S – Type II Well Defined Steep | Snow Not Marked | OPEN |
| 6km Junction to Garibaldi | 3 km | 1.5 hrs | 130 m | M – Type II | Snow Not Marked | OPEN |

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| Lake Campground | | | | Well Defined | CAUTION: Bridge Railings have been removed for the winter season. Bridge decks may be icy and slippery. | |
| Junction to Taylor Meadows Campground | 1.5 km | 1 hr | 180 m | M – Type II Well Defined | Snow Not Marked | OPEN |
| Taylor Meadows Campground to Garibaldi Lake Campground | 2.3 km | 40 min | 50 m | E – Type II Well Defined | Snow Not Marked | OPEN |
| Garibaldi Lake Campground to Black Tusk Junction | 2.5 km | 2 hrs | 230 m | S – Type II Well Defined Steep | Snow Not Marked | OPEN |
| Taylor Meadows Campground to Black Tusk Junction | 2 km | 1.5 hrs | 180 m | M – Type II Well Defined | Snow Not Marked | OPEN |
| Black Tusk Junction to Black Tusk View Point | 4.4 km | 3 hrs | 300 m | D – Type III Defined Very Steep | Snow Not Marked | OPEN |
| Black Tusk Junction to Helm Pass | 2 km | 2 hrs | 100 m | M – Type II Well Defined | Snow Not Marked | OPEN |
| Helm Pass to Panorama Ridge | 3.2 km | 2 hrs | 330 m | S – Type IV Undefined Steep | Snow Not Marked | OPEN |
| Helm Pass to Helm Creek Campground | 5 km | 2 hrs | 240 m | M – Type II Well Defined | Snow Not Marked | OPEN |

CHEAKAMUS LAKE TRAIL

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| Hwy 99 to the parking lot 7 km | 7 km | | | Rough gravel road with potholes | <p style="text-align: center;">Road is not plowed in winter. Expect Snow</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CAUTION: Road has rutted sections. Vehicle with clearance is recommended</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Camping fees must be paid online, before entering the Park.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pre-pay via; https://secure.camis.com/Discovercamping/</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOTE: There are no cash payment options</p> | OPEN |
| Parking Lot to Cheakamus Lake | 3.5 km | 1.5 hr | 90 m | E – Type II Well | <p style="text-align: center;">Snow Not Marked</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please respect hazard tree closures</p> | OPEN |

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| Campground | | | | Defined | | |
| Cheakamus Lake Campground to Singing Creek | 4 km | 2 hrs | 50 m | M – Type II Well Defined | Snow Not Marked Please respect hazard tree closures | OPEN |

CHEAKAMUS LAKE TRAIL to HELM PASS

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| Cheakamus Lake Trail Junction to Helm Campground | 7 km | 3.5 hrs | 600m | D - Type IV Defined | Snow Not Marked Camping fees must be paid online, before entering the Park. Pre-pay via; https://secure.camis.com/Discovercamping/ NOTE: There are no cash payment options Camping allowed in designated area only | OPEN |
| Helm Creek Campground to Helm Pass | 5 km | 3 hrs | 240m | M – Type II | Snow Not Marked Camping allowed in designated area only | OPEN |

SINGING PASS TRAIL

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| Trail | Estimated Distance one-way(KM) | Estimated time one-way (hours) | Estimated Elevation gained (meters) | Trail Difficulty | Trail safety Information | Trail Condition |
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| Parking lot 5 to Singing Pass | 11.5 km | 5 hrs | 1200 m | S – Type II Well Defined | CAUTION: No bridge crossing at Harmony Creek, this section is hazardous during bad weather. Snow Not Marked Camping fees must be paid online, before entering the Park. Select Russet Lake campground when camping on the spearhead traverse. Pre-pay via; https://secure.camis.com/Discovercamping/ NOTE: There are no cash payment options | OPEN |
| Singing Pass to Russet Lake | 3 km | 1 hr | 200 m | M– Type IV | Snow Not Marked | OPEN |
| Whistler Mountain Gondola to Whistler Village via Musical Bumps and Singing Pass | 21 km | 8 hrs | 1300 m | D – Type IV Steep | Snow Not Marked Check with Ski Resort for lift openings. | OPEN |

WEDGEMOUNT LAKE TRAIL

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| Hwy 99 to the parking lot | 2 km | | | Improved gravel road | <p style="text-align: center;">Road is not plowed in winter.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Snow</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Camping fees must be paid online, before entering the Park.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pre-pay via; https://secure.camis.com/Discovercamping/</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOTE: There are no cash payment options</p> | OPEN |
| Parking lot to Wedgemount Lake | 7 km | 5 hrs | 1200 m | D – Type IV Very steep | Snow Not Marked | OPEN |

PLEASE NOTE:

- 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.