

## Garibaldi Provincial Park Trail Conditions

August 27, 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. 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 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> |  |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|--|
| <b>E</b>                       | Easy      | <b>Type I</b>            | 1.5 to 2.5 m wide, paved, gravel or board walk, less than 10% grade. |
| <b>M</b>                       | Moderate  | <b>Type II</b>           | 1.5 m wide, gravel surfacing in wet areas, up to 15% grade.          |
| <b>S</b>                       | Strenuous | <b>Type III</b>          | 0.5 m wide, grade greater than 15%                                   |
| <b>D</b>                       | Difficult | <b>Type IV</b>           | 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      | <b>Snow free</b><br>Reservations are required for Elfin Campground during Peak Season and Elfin Shelter Year Round   | Open            |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Parking Lot to Red Heather Meadows  | 5 km                    | 450 m                        | S – Type II Well Defined       | <b>Snow free</b>   | Open            |
| Red Heather Meadows to Elfin Lakes  | 6 km                    | 250 m                        | M – Type II Well Defined       | <b>Snow free</b>   | Open            |
| Elfin Lakes to Opal Cone  | 6.5 km                  | 460 m                        | S – Type IV Defined            | <b>Snow free</b>   | Open            |
| Elfin Lakes to Saddle/Gargoyles   | 7 km                    | 400 m                        | D – Type IV Defined            | <b>Snow free</b>   | Open            |
| Elfin Lakes to Rampart Ponds & Mamquam Lake                                   | 11 km                   | 570 m                        | D – Type IV Defined            | <b>Snow free</b>   | Open            |
| <b>Garibaldi Lake and Taylor Meadows</b>                                      |                         |                              |                                |  |                 |
| 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                     | <b>Bicycles are prohibited in this portion of the park.</b><br>Reservations are required for Garibaldi Park, including Garibaldi Lake, Taylor Meadows, and Helm Campground during Peak Season. | Open            |
| Rubble Creek Parking Lot to Garibaldi Lake and Taylor Meadows Junction @ 6 Km | 6 km                    | 770 m                        | S – Type II Well Defined Steep | <b>Snow free</b>   | Open            |
| 6km Junction to Garibaldi Lake Campground                                     | 3 km                    | 130 m                        | M – Type II Well Defined       | <b>Snow free</b>   | Open            |
| Junction to Taylor Meadows Campground   | 1.5 km                  | 180 m                        | M – Type II Well Defined       | <b>Snow free</b>   | Open            |
| Taylor Meadows Campground to Garibaldi  | 2.3 km                  | 50 m                         | E – Type II Well Defined       | <b>Snow free</b>   | Open            |

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| Lake Campground                                  |        |       |                                 |                    |      |
| Garibaldi Lake Campground to Black Tusk Junction | 2.5 km | 230 m | S – Type II Well Defined Steep  | <b>Snow free</b>   | Open |
| Taylor Meadows Campground to Black Tusk Junction | 2 km   | 180 m | M – Type II Well Defined        | <b>Snow free</b>   | Open |
| Black Tusk Junction to Black Tusk View Point     | 4.4 km | 300 m | D – Type III Defined Very Steep | <b>Patchy snow</b> | Open |
| Black Tusk Junction to Helm Pass                 | 2 km   | 100 m | M – Type II Well Defined        | <b>Snow free</b>   | Open |
| Helm Pass to Panorama Ridge                      | 3.2 km | 330 m | S – Type IV Undefined Steep     | <b>Patchy snow</b> | Open |
| Helm Pass to Helm Creek Campground               | 5 km   | 240 m | M – Type II Well Defined        | <b>Snow free</b>   | Open |

### 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 | <b>Road has rutted sections. Vehicle with clearance is recommended</b><br>Reservations are required for Cheakamus Lake Campground and Singing Creek Campground during Peak Season. | Open            |
| Parking Lot to Cheakamus Lake Campground   | 3.5 km                  | 90 m                         | E – Type II Well Defined        | Please respect hazard tree closures  | Open            |
| Cheakamus Lake Campground to Singing Creek | 4 km                    | 50 m                         | M – Type II Well Defined        | 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 | 7 km                    | 600 m                        | D - Type IV Defined | <b>Bicycles are prohibited in this portion of the park.</b> | Open            |

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| Helm Campground  |                                |                                     |                             | <b>Snow free</b><br>Reservations are required for Cheakamus Lake Campground and Singing Creek Campground during Peak Season.   |                        |
| Helm Creek Campground to Helm Pass   | 5 km                           | 240 m                               | M – Type II                 | <b>Snow free</b>   | Open                   |
| <b>Singing Pass</b>  |                                |                                     |                             |  |                        |
| <b>Trail</b>   | <b>Estimated Distance (km)</b> | <b>Estimated Elevation Gain (m)</b> | <b>Trail Difficulty</b>     | <b>Trail Safety Information</b>  | <b>Trail Condition</b> |
| Parking Lot 5 to Singing Pass  | 11.5 km                        | 1200 m                              | S – Type II<br>Well Defined | <b>No bridge crossing at Harmony Creek, this section is hazardous during bad weather.</b><br><br><b>Bicycles are prohibited in this portion of the park.</b><br><br><b>Snow free</b><br><br>Pay camping fees at:<br><a href="https://secure.camis.com/discovercamping/">https://secure.camis.com/discovercamping/</a><br>Select “Russet Lake Campground” when camping on the Spearhead Traverse. | Open                   |
| Singing Pass to Russet Lake  | 3 km                           | 200 m                               | M– Type IV                  | <b>Snow free</b>   | Open                   |
| Whistler Mountain Gondola to Whistler Village via Musical Bumps and Singing Pass | 21 km                          | 1300 m                              | D – Type IV<br>Steep        | <b>Snow free</b><br><br>Check with ski resort<br>For lift openings.  | Open                   |
| <b>Wedgemount Lake</b>   |                                |                                     |                             |  |                        |
| <b>Trail</b>   | <b>Estimated Distance (km)</b> | <b>Estimated Elevation Gain (m)</b> | <b>Trail Difficulty</b>     | <b>Trail Safety Information</b>  | <b>Trail Condition</b> |
| Hwy 99 to the Parking Lot  | 2 km                           |                                     | Improved Gravel Road        | <b>Bicycles are prohibited in this portion of the park.</b>  | Open                   |

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| Parking Lot to Wedgemount Lake  | 7 km | 1200 m | D – Type IV<br>Very Steep | <b>Snow free</b> | Open |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motorized vehicles, dogs and fires are prohibited within the park, year-round.</li> <li>• Camping is permitted only in designated campsites.</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Please use the permanent toilet facilities provided; this may require you to remove snow to access in the winter.</li> <li>• Please stay on the trails; this will protect the fragile alpine vegetation from damage.</li> <li>• 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!</li> </ul> |      |        |                           |                  |      |