

Garibaldi Provincial Park Trail Conditions

June 25, 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/>

Trail Difficulty Rating

E Easy
M Moderate
S Strenuous
D Difficult

Trail Type Rating

Type I 1.5 to 2.5 m wide, paved, 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 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>Snow free</p> <p>Reservations are required for Elfin Campground during Peak Season and Elfin Shelter Year Round</p>	Open

Parking Lot to Red Heather Meadows	5 km	450 m	S – Type II Well Defined	Patchy snow <1 m	Open
Red Heather Meadows to Elfin Lakes	6 km	250 m	M – Type II Well Defined	Snow 2 m winter route is marked	Open
Elfin Lakes to Opal Cone	6.5 km	460 m	S – Type IV Defined	Snow 2 m not marked	Open
Elfin Lakes to Saddle/Gargoyles	7 km	400 m	D – Type IV Defined	Snow 2 m not marked	Open
Elfin Lakes to Mamquam Lake	11 km	570 m	D – Type IV Defined	Snow 2 m not marked	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	Bicycles are prohibited in this portion of the park. 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	Snow free	Open
6km Junction to Garibaldi Lake Campground	3 km	130 m	M – Type II Well Defined	Patchy snow <1 m	Open
Junction to Taylor Meadows Campground	1.5 km	180 m	M – Type II Well Defined	Patchy snow 1 m	Open
Taylor Meadows Campground to Garibaldi Lake Campground	2.3 km	50 m	E – Type II Well Defined	Snow 1 m	Open
Garibaldi Lake Campground to Black Tusk Junction	2.5 km	230 m	S – Type II Well Defined Steep	Snow 1 m not marked	Open
Taylor Meadows	2 km	180 m	M – Type II		Open

Campground to Black Tusk Junction			Well Defined	Snow 2 m not marked	
Black Tusk Junction to Black Tusk View Point	4.4 km	300 m	D – Type III Defined Very Steep	Snow 2 m not marked	Open
Black Tusk Junction to Helm Pass	2 km	100 m	M – Type II Well Defined	Snow 2 m not marked	Open
Helm Pass to Panorama Ridge	3.2 km	330 m	S – Type IV Undefined Steep	Snow 2 m not marked	Open
Helm Pass to Helm Creek Campground	5 km	240 m	M – Type II Well Defined	Snow 2 m not marked	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	Road has rutted sections. Vehicle with clearance is recommended 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 Helm Campground	7 km	600 m	D - Type IV Defined	Bicycles are prohibited in this portion of the park. Snow 1 m not marked Reservations are required for Cheakamus Lake Campground and Singing Creek Campground during Peak Season.	Open

Helm Creek Campground to Helm Pass	5 km	240 m	M – Type II	Snow 2 m 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.</p> <p>Snow 2 m not marked</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	Snow 2 m not marked	Open
Whistler Mountain Gondola to Whistler Village via Musical Bumps and Singing Pass	21 km	1300 m	D – Type IV Steep	<p>Snow 2 m not marked</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	Bicycles are prohibited in this portion of the park.	Open
Parking Lot to Wedgemount Lake	7 km	1200 m	D – Type IV Very Steep	Snow 1 m not marked	Open

- 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!