

GARIBALDI PROVINCIAL PARK

TRAIL CONDITIONS as of **November 12, 2009**

Garibaldi Park is located in the Coast Mountain wilderness and the weather can be severe and unforgiving. Be well prepared, equipped and informed before entering the backcountry. Day visitors should be capable of camping overnight in case of injury, accident or extreme weather.

CAUTION: Unpredictable weather may occur at this time of year. Be prepared for storms, poor visibility and an unexpected overnight stay. For warnings and information please see the "[Attention Visitor Alert](#)" 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 as worn 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 which requires special equipment, skills, ability and knowledge.

DIAMOND HEAD AREA

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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
Park access road from the Ring Creek Forest Service Road	5 km		450 m	Gravel road with potholes	<p>This is a winter 4x4 access road. Be prepared for winter driving conditions - bring tire chains, shovel, etc.</p> <p>This road is periodically plowed.</p> <p>Parking and Camping Fees must be paid in the Parking Lot prior to entering the park. Cash only, no credit cards.</p> <p>Snow, 30cm at parking lot</p>	OPEN
Parking Lot to Red Heather Meadows	5 km	1.5 hrs	450 m	S – Type II Well Defined	<p>Snow, 70cm at Red Heather</p>	OPEN
Red Heather Meadows to Elfin Lakes	6 km	2 hrs	250 m	M – Type II Well Defined	<p>Snow ~100cm</p> <p>Winter route to Elfin Lakes is NOT marked.</p>	OPEN
Elfin Lakes to the Opal Cone	6.5 km	3 hrs	460 m	S – Type IV Defined	<p>Snow</p> <p>Not marked.</p> <p>CAUTION: Ring Creek Bridge has been REMOVED for the winter season.</p>	OPEN

					Use caution at small washed out section before Lava Creek.	
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. CAUTION: Ring Creek Bridge has been REMOVED for the winter season. CAUTION: Wash out 2km from Elfin Lakes. For 200m trail narrows and is steep before Lava Creek.	OPEN

GARIBALDI LAKE and TAYLOR MEADOWS AREAS

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Hwy 99 to the parking lot	2km		75 m	Paved Road	Expect Snow	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	Expect Snow	OPEN
6km Junction to Garibaldi Lake Campground	3 km	1.5 hrs	130 m	M – Type II Well Defined	Snow CAUTION: Bridge Railings have been removed for the winter season. Bridge decks may be icy and very slippery.	OPEN
Junction to Taylor Meadows Campground	1.5 km	1 hr	180 m	M – Type II Well Defined	Snow	OPEN
Taylor Meadows Campground to Garibaldi Lake Campground	2.3 km	40 min	50 m	E – Type II Well Defined	Snow	OPEN
Garibaldi Lake Campground to Black Tusk Junction	2.5 km	2 hrs	230 m	S – Type II Well Defined Steep	Snow	OPEN
Taylor Meadows Campground to Black Tusk Junction	2 km	1.5 hrs	180 m	M – Type II Well Defined	Snow	OPEN
Black Tusk Junction to Black Tusk View Point	4.4 km	3 hrs	300 m	D – Type III Defined Very Steep	Hiking past the Black Tusk Viewpoint is not recommended due to loose and unstable rock.	OPEN
Black Tusk Junction to Helm Pass	2 km	2 hrs	100 m	M – Type II Well Defined	Snow	OPEN
Helm Pass to Panorama Ridge	3.2 km	2 hrs	330 m	S – Type IV Undefined Steep	Snow	OPEN
Helm Pass to Helm Creek Campground	5 km	2 hrs	240 m	M – Type II Well Defined	Snow Route will be hard to follow	OPEN

CHEAKAMUS LAKE TRAIL

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Hwy 99 to the parking lot 7 km	7 km			Rough gravel road with potholes	Expect Snow on road	OPEN
Parking Lot to Cheakamus Lake Campground	3.5 km	1.5 hr	90 m	E – Type II Well Defined		OPEN
Cheakamus Lake Campground to Singing Creek	4 km	2 hrs	50 m	M – Type II Well Defined		OPEN

CHEAKAMUS LAKE TRAIL to the HELM PASS

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Cheakamus Lake Trail Junction to Helm Campground	7 km	3.5 hrs	600m	D - Type IV Defined	Snow	OPEN
Helm Creek Campground to Helm Pass	5 km	3 hrs	240m	M – Type II	Snow	OPEN

SINGING PASS TRAIL

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Parking lot 4 to Singing Pass	11.5 km	5 hrs	1200 m	S – Type II Well Defined	Overnight parking is available on the west side of Lot 4 in the Whistler town site. CAUTION Harmony Creek Bridge has been washed-out. Use caution when crossing. Be aware of open creek crossings on entire length of trail. Snow	OPEN
Singing Pass to Russet Lake	3 km	1 hr	200 m	M– Type IV	Snow	OPEN
Whistler Mountain Gondola to Whistler Village via Musical Bumps and Singing Pass	21 km	8 hrs	1300 m	D – Type IV Steep	Snow	OPEN Check with Ski Hill for lift openings.

WEDGEMOUNT LAKE TRAIL

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Hwy 99 to the parking lot	2 km			Improved gravel road		OPEN
Parking lot to Wedgemount Lake	7 km	5 hrs	1200 m	D – Type IV Very steep	Snow CAUTION: Bridge Railings have been removed for the winter season.	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 campground at Elfin Lakes.
- 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.