

Camping Ethics

There are 47 walk-in campsites and 15 vehicle campsites (not suitable for large RVs) with pit toilets and water.

Campfires are not permitted in the park. Use a portable stove for cooking.

A cooking shelter with picnic tables and lockers is located at the south end of the campground.

Consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in provincial parks, except in your campsite.

Excessive noise is not allowed at any time. Consider your neighbours and observe the quiet time from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. Do not operate noisy equipment or generators at this time.

Non-registered visitors are welcome during the day but must use the day-use parking and leave the park by 11 p.m.

All pets must be kept on a leash except on Chief Peaks trails. Owners are responsible for controlling their pets and disposing of pet droppings into garbage containers.

Parking is permitted only in the designated lots and on the gravel portions of vehicle campsites. Parking is not permitted on roadsides.

Things to Do

Hiking trails begin at the day-use parking and pass through the campground. They follow Oleson Creek before dividing into separate trails to each peak. The trails are also accessible from Shannon Falls Provincial Park. Be properly prepared for a strenuous hike.

First Peak: 1.5-kilometres/elevation gain: 500 metres.

Second Peak: 1.7-kilometres/elevation gain: 700 metres.

Third Peak: 1.8-kilometres/elevation gain: 750 metres.

Shannon Falls Trail: 1.5-kilometres to the third highest waterfalls in British Columbia. From the Shannon Falls parking lot, trail to the falls is 350 metres.

The cliffs of The Chief provide rock climbing opportunities for properly equipped and experienced climbers. Enquire locally for routes, difficulties and closures.

Access routes to climbing areas are not hiking trails. They should only be used by properly equipped and experienced rock climbers.

There are several excellent mountain bike trails in the Squamish area. Enquire locally.

Help Protect Our Environment

Trees, shrubs, plants and rocks are part of the park's natural heritage. Leave everything as you find it.

Obey posted closures of climbing routes on The Chief from March to July, during the critical nesting season for the peregrine falcon.

A *Rockclimbing Strategy* provides detailed information on ethics, safety and environmental concerns. Visit the website at wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/recreation/stawamus

Safety

The entrance gates are closed from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.

This park is patrolled by a Park Facility Operator. In case of an emergency, call 911 or contact the Park Facility Operator at the Park Residence.

A pay telephone is located at the information shelter at the entrance to the campground.

Rock climbing involves risk and should only be attempted by properly equipped and experienced climbers. Leave your plans, including route to be taken, destination and expected time of return with a reliable contact.

Hikers must be prepared with sturdy footwear, appropriate clothing, food and water.

Stay on the trail and keep your party together. Hazards on the trails include steep stairs and ladders, drop-offs and cliff edges.

Most injuries happen on the way down when hikers are most tired. Leave with enough time to return in daylight and be aware of rapidly changing weather conditions.

Squamish is 2 kilometres north on Hwy 99 and offers a range of services and shopping opportunities.

For More Information

BC Parks

<http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/bcparks>



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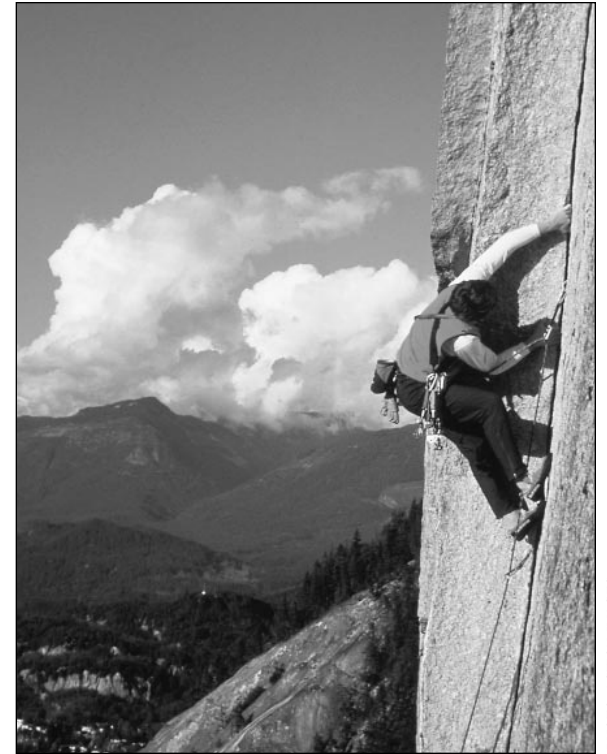


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Climber on The Sword

Welcome. Stawamus Chief Provincial Park protects the massive granite cliffs that stand at the southern entrance to Squamish on the scenic Sea to Sky Highway. Established in 1997, the 506-hectare park provides rock climbing opportunities of international significance. Hiking trails to The Chief's three summits offer rewarding views of Howe Sound, Squamish townsite and surrounding mountains.

Lower Mainland Region