

## Garibaldi Provincial Park Trail Information

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Garibaldi Park is part of the Coast Mountain range 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 year-round. 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 only supplied at trailheads.

**All camping in Garibaldi Park requires purchase of a camping permit.**

Free vehicle day use passes are required during summer months at the Cheakamus, Diamondhead, and Rubble Creek.

Book a day use pass at <https://reserve.bcparks.ca/dayuse/>

Pay camping fees at: <https://camping.bcparks.ca/>

<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.

**Diamond Head**

Trail	Estimated Distance (km)	Estimated Elevation Gain (m)	Trail Difficulty	Area Notes
Mamquam Road to Garibaldi Park Road	5 km	450 m	Gravel road with potholes	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Vehicles with 4X4 are recommended!</b>  <b>Chains mandatory above Chain-up Area in winter</b></p> <p>Reservations are required for Elfin Lakes Campground and Overnight Shelter year round  Reservations are required for Red Heather Campground (Dec 1 – April 30, closed remainder of year)</p>
Parking Lot to Red Heather Meadows	5 km	450 m	S – Type II Well Defined	Biking permitted. Pit toilet and warming hut (firewood and wood stove provided in winter months) located at Red Heather Meadows. No camping permitted in the warming hut.
Red Heather Meadows to Elfin Lakes	6 km	250 m	M – Type II Well Defined	<p style="text-align: center;">Biking permitted</p> <p>Reservations are required for Elfin Lakes Campground and Overnight Shelter year round.</p> <p>Pit toilets, day use shelter, and overnight shelter located here. Please do not use the overnight shelter unless you have a reservation.</p>
Elfin Lakes to Opal Cone	6.5 km	460 m	S – Type IV Defined	<b>Mountain biking not permitted beyond Elfin Lakes</b>
Elfin Lakes to Saddle/Gargoyles/Columnar Peak	2.5 km	330 m	D – Type IV Defined	Steep, un-maintained trail. <b>Mountain biking not permitted beyond Elfin Lakes</b>
Elfin Lakes to Rampart Ponds	11 km	570 m	D – Type IV Defined	<p>Reservations are required for Rampart Ponds Campground year round</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>No camping permitted at Mamquam Lake</b></p>

## Garibaldi Lake and Taylor Meadows

Trail	Estimated Distance (km)	Estimated Elevation Gain (m)	Trail Difficulty	Area Notes
Hwy 99 to the Parking Lot (Daisy Lake Road)	2 km	75 m	Paved Road	<p><b>Daisy Lake Rd. is plowed throughout winter but is a secondary priority after highways. Please drive at your own risk and prepare for ice, snow and narrow sections with oncoming vehicles. Use of a 4x4 vehicle with high clearance, winter tires and tire chains is recommended. Parking is not permitted near the Daisy Lake hydro dam access and anywhere blocking snow plow access.</b></p> <p>Reservations are required for Garibaldi Park, including Garibaldi Lake, Taylor Meadows, and Helm Campground year round.</p>
Rubble Creek Parking Lot to Garibaldi Lake and Taylor Meadows Junction @ 6.5 Km	6 km	770 m	S – Type II Well Defined Steep	<p><b>Please follow the main trail, do not shortcut. Shortcutting damages the environment and is extremely dangerous for park visitors as you may kick debris down the steep slope.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">There is a pit toilet at 6.5 km</p>
6.5 km Junction to Garibaldi Lake Campground	3 km	130 m	M – Type II Well Defined	
6.5 km Junction to Taylor Meadows Campground	1.5 km	180 m	M – Type II Well Defined	
Taylor Meadows Campground to Garibaldi Lake Campground	2.3 km	50 m	E – Type II Well Defined	
Garibaldi Lake Campground to Black Tusk Junction	2.5 km	230 m	S – Type II Well Defined Steep	There is a pit toilet at Black Tusk Junction
Taylor Meadows Campground to Black Tusk Junction	2 km	180 m	M – Type II Well Defined	

Black Tusk Junction to Black Tusk viewpoint	4.4 km	300 m	D – Type III Defined Very Steep	<b>Please follow the main trail and avoid trail braiding. Trail is not maintained beyond the Black Tusk viewpoint kiosk. Climbing the Black Tusk is not recommended due to difficult navigation, fall hazard and loose rocks.</b>
Black Tusk Junction to Helm Pass	2 km	100 m	M – Type II Well Defined	Helm Pass is the junction where the trails to Helm Creek Campground, Panorama Ridge, and Taylor Meadows/Black Tusk meet. Black Tusk Lake is South and Helm Lake is north of here.
Helm Pass to Panorama Ridge	3.2 km	330 m	S – Type IV Undefined Steep	Please follow the orange trail markers and main trail – avoid trail braiding to protect this sensitive environment.
Helm Pass to Helm Creek Campground	5 km	240 m	M – Type II Well Defined	Please follow the orange trail markers and main trail – avoid trail braiding to protect this sensitive environment.

### Cheakamus Lake

Trail	Estimated Distance (km)	Estimated Elevation Gain (m)	Trail Difficulty	Area Notes
Hwy 99 to the parking lot 7 km	7 km		Rough gravel road with potholes (Cheakamus Lake FSR)	<b>Vehicles with 4X4 are recommended. Watch for oncoming traffic and pull over when safe to let others pass.</b>  Reservations are required for Cheakamus Lake Campground and Singing Creek Campground year round
Parking Lot to Cheakamus Lake Campground	3.5 km	90 m	E – Type II Well Defined	<b>Fires are not permitted</b> Biking is permitted
Cheakamus Lake Campground to Singing Creek	4 km	50 m	M – Type II Well Defined	<b>Fires are not permitted</b> Biking is permitted

### Cheakamus Lake Trail to Helm Pass

Trail	Estimated Distance (km)	Estimated Elevation Gain (m)	Trail Difficulty	Area Notes
Cheakamus Lake Trail Junction to Helm Campground	7 km	600 m	D - Type IV Defined	<p>Biking is <b>not permitted</b> beyond the bridge to Helm Creek over the Cheakamus River.</p> <p>Reservations are required for Helm Creek Campground year round</p>
Helm Creek Campground to Helm Pass	5 km	240 m	M – Type II	<p>Helm Pass is the junction where the trails to Helm Creek Campground, Panorama Ridge, and Taylor Meadows/Black Tusk meet. Black Tusk Lake is South and Helm Lake is north of here.</p>

### Singing Pass

Trail	Estimated Distance (km)	Estimated Elevation Gain (m)	Trail Difficulty	Area Notes
Singing Pass Trail (Parking Lot 5 to Singing Pass/Musical Bumps junction)	11.5 km	1200 m	S – Type II Well Defined	<p><b>Use extreme caution when crossing Harmony Creek – there is no bridge</b></p> <p><b>Camping on the Spearhead Traverse requires a <a href="#">WILDERNESS PERMIT</a></b></p>
Russet Lake Trail (Singing Pass/Musical Bumps Junction to Russet Lake)	3 km	250 m	S – Type II	<p>Reservations are required for Russet Lake Campground year round.</p> <p>Skiers and snowboarders re-entering Whistler Blackcomb ski area boundaries from the backcountry should check in with patrol (604 905-2324) or the <a href="#">Terrain Status Map</a> for up-to-date avalanche conditions and terrain closures.</p>

Musical Bumps Trail (Flute Summit to Singing Pass/Musical Bumps Junction)	3.5km	100 m	S – Type III	<p>Check with Whistler Blackcomb ski resort for lift openings.</p> <p>Access from Whistler Village Gondola to Musical Bumps and Garibaldi Provincial Park boundary area requires a valid lift ticket.</p> <p>Access to the Garibaldi Park boundary without a lift ticket is permitted only on designated routes.</p> <p>Whistler: Singing Pass trail Blackcomb: Blackcomb Bench Climb -&gt; South Route (open 5 am-9:30 am) or North Route.</p>
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**Wedgemount Lake**

Trail	Estimated Distance (km)	Estimated Elevation Gain (m)	Trail Difficulty	Area Notes
Hwy 99 to the Parking Lot	2 km		Improved Gravel Road	Reservations are required for Wedge Campground year round This road is not plowed in the winter.
Parking Lot to Wedgemount Lake	6 km	1200 m	D – Type IV Very Steep	Please follow the orange trail markers and main trail – avoid trail braiding to protect this sensitive environment.

- Motorized vehicles, domestic animals, fires, and drones are prohibited within the park, year round.
- Camping is permitted only in designated campsites and a reservation is required year round.
- 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 and bring your own TP.
- 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!