

GARIBALDI PROVINCIAL PARK

TRAIL CONDITIONS as of **January 25, 2012**

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. Avalanche and glacier hazards exist in Garibaldi Park.

For warnings and information please see the "**Attention Visitors**" section on the main park page.

For current **Avalanche Bulletins** check out <http://www.avalanche.ca/cac/bulletins/latest/sea-to-sky>

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, snow covered.	<p>This road is a narrow, periodically plowed mountain road. It is mandatory that vehicles are equipped with good winter tires and tire chains. Be prepared by bringing a shovel, blankets, and flashlight.</p> <p>Snow~ 70 cm at Parking Lot</p> <p>Camping Fees must be paid before entering the Park.</p> <p><u>Cash only</u> at Parking Lot, or pay via www.bcparks.ca before your trip.</p>	OPEN
Parking Lot to Red Heather Meadows	5 km	1.5 hrs	450 m	S – Type II Well Defined	Snow ~250cm at Red Heather	OPEN
Red Heather Meadows to Elfin Lakes	6 km	2 hrs	250 m	M – Type II Well Defined	<p>Snow ~ 280cm at Elfin Lakes</p> <p>Winter route to Elfin Lakes is marked with orange poles. Please follow route.</p>	OPEN
Elfin Lakes to the Opal Cone	6.5 km	3 hrs	460 m	S – Type IV Defined	Snow Not marked	OPEN

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. Ring creek bridge is not in place	OPEN

GARIBALDI LAKE and TAYLOR MEADOWS AREAS

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Hwy 99 to the parking lot	2km		75 m	Paved Road	Snow – Road not plowed Parking restricted to lower section of access road. Please do not block access to private road. Camping Fees must be paid before entering the Park. Please pay at www.bcparks.ca before your trip.	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	Snow	OPEN
6km Junction to Garibaldi Lake Campground	3 km	1.5 hrs	130 m	M – Type II Well Defined	Snow Not marked 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 Not marked	OPEN
Taylor Meadows Campground to Garibaldi Lake Campground	2.3 km	40 min	50 m	E – Type II Well Defined	Snow Not marked	OPEN
Garibaldi Lake Campground to Black Tusk Junction	2.5 km	2 hrs	230 m	S – Type II Well Defined Steep	Snow Not marked	OPEN
Taylor Meadows Campground to Black Tusk Junction	2 km	1.5 hrs	180 m	M – Type II Well Defined	Snow Not marked	OPEN
Black Tusk Junction to Black Tusk View Point	4.4 km	3 hrs	300 m	D – Type III Defined Very Steep	Snow Not marked	OPEN
Black Tusk Junction to Helm Pass	2 km	2 hrs	100 m	M – Type II Well Defined	Snow Not marked	OPEN
Helm Pass to Panorama Ridge	3.2 km	2 hrs	330 m	S – Type IV Undefined Steep	Snow Not marked	OPEN
Helm Pass to Helm Creek Campground	5 km	2 hrs	240 m	M – Type II Well Defined	Snow Not marked	OPEN

CHEAKAMUS LAKE TRAIL

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Hwy 99 to the parking lot 7 km	7 km			Rough gravel road with potholes	Snow - Road not plowed Camping Fees must be paid	OPEN
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Parking Lot to Cheakamus Lake Campground	3.5 km	1.5 hr	90 m	E – Type II Well Defined	Snow	OPEN
Cheakamus Lake Campground to Singing Creek	4 km	2 hrs	50 m	M – Type II Well Defined	Snow - Not marked Wind fallen trees along trail from 3km to 7km	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 Not marked	OPEN
Helm Creek Campground to Helm Pass	5 km	3 hrs	240m	M – Type II	Snow Not marked	OPEN

SINGING PASS TRAIL

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Parking lot 5 to Singing Pass	11.5 km	5 hrs	1200 m	S – Type I I Well Defined	Snow CAUTION: No bridge crossing at Harmony Creek. Camping Fees must be paid before entering the Park. Please pay at www.bcparks.ca before your trip.	OPEN
Singing Pass to Russet Lake	3 km	1 hr	200 m	M– Type IV	Snow Not marked	OPEN
Whistler Mountain Gondola to Whistler Village via Musical Bumps and Singing Pass	21 km	8 hrs	1300 m	D – Type IV Steep	Snow Not marked Check with Ski Resort for lift openings.	OPEN

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 Not marked. CAUTION: Bridge Railings have been removed for the winter season. Bridge decks may be icy and very slippery. Camping Fees must be paid before entering the Park. Please pay at www.bcparks.ca before your	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.