

# WHISTLER HIKING TRAILHEADS



- 1 GARIBALDI LAKE**  
 Distance: 18 km (11 mi) round-trip  
 Elevation Gain: 900 m (2,800 ft)  
 Time Required: 6 hrs  
 Difficulty: Moderate/Difficult
- 2 BRANDYWINE FALLS**  
 Distance: 1 km round-trip  
 Elevation Gain: None  
 Time Required: 30 mins  
 Difficulty: Easy
- 3 SEA TO SKY TRAIL**  
 (Cheakamus to Brandywine)  
 Distance: 22 km (13 mi) round-trip  
 Elevation Gain: Variable  
 Time Required: 6-8 hrs  
 Difficulty: Easy/Moderate
- 4 TRAIN WRECK TRAIL**  
 Distance: 5 km (3 mi) round-trip  
 Elevation Gain: Minimal  
 Time Required: 1-3 hrs  
 Difficulty: Easy
- 5 WHISTLER INTERPRETIVE FOREST**  
 Distance: 6 km (4 mi) round-trip  
 Elevation Gain: 100 m (300 ft)  
 Time Required: 2-3 hrs  
 Difficulty: Easy
- 6 CRATER RIM TRAIL**  
 Distance: 6 km (4 mi) round-trip  
 Elevation Gain: 300 m (950 ft)  
 Time Required: 2-3 hrs  
 Difficulty: Moderate/Difficult
- 7 CHEAKAMUS LAKE TRAIL**  
 Distance: 7-14 km (4-8 mi) round-trip  
 Elevation Gain: 150 m (500 ft)  
 Time Required: 2-5 hrs  
 Difficulty: Easy
- 8 RAINBOW LAKE TRAIL**  
 Distance: 16 km (10 mi) round-trip  
 Elevation Gain: 850 m (2,600 ft)  
 Time Required: 5-6 hrs  
 Difficulty: Moderate
- 9 RAINBOW FALLS TRAIL**  
 Distance: 2 km (1.2 mi) round-trip  
 Elevation Gain: 150 m (450 ft)  
 Time Required: 1 hr  
 Difficulty: Easy
- 10 SKYWALK TRAIL**  
 Distance: 20 km (12 mi) round-trip  
 Elevation Gain: 1,100 m (3,300 ft)  
 Time Required: 7-9 hrs  
 Difficulty: Difficult
- 11 ANCIENT CEDARS LOOP**  
 Distance: 5 km (3 mi) round-trip  
 Elevation Gain: 150 m (450 ft)  
 Time Required: 2-3 hrs  
 Difficulty: Moderate
- 12 WEDGEMOUNT LAKE**  
 Distance: 14 km (8 mi) round-trip  
 Elevation Gain: 1,200 m (3,700 ft)  
 Time Required: 6-8 hrs  
 Difficulty: Difficult

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Discover hiking in Whistler—we've got a long list of must-do trails that span the distance between a gentle stroll in the forest to all-day hikes and paths to secret alpine lakes.



Washrooms



Waterfall



Lookout



Parking



Bus Access

## 1 GARIBALDI LAKE

Drive 22 km south of Whistler Village, just past the south end of Daisy Lake to the Black Tusk access turnoff. Follow the semi-paved road to the parking lot at the trailhead. The switchbacked trail climbs steadily before reaching the first of many lakes and a beautiful sub-alpine meadow. **NO DOGS ALLOWED.**

## 2 BRANDYWINE FALLS

Drive 16 km south of the Village on Hwy 99 to Brandywine Falls Provincial Park. Take a short walk along Brandywine Creek to the rail track and observation platform, where spectacular waterfalls and volcanic views of Daisy Lake and Black Tusk emerge in the landscape.

## 3 SEA TO SKY TRAIL

Travel 8 km south on Hwy 99 from the Village and turn left at Function Junction. Follow Cheakamus Rd. and turn right after the bridge on Jane Lakes Rd. Go approximately 1 km and park on the side of the road. The trailhead is marked by a Sea to Sky Trail sign. From there, follow the signs to Brandywine Falls. Return the same way.

## 4 TRAIN WRECK TRAIL

Decades ago a train derailed south of Whistler near what is now Function Junction. Seven train cars were left scattered next to the Cheakamus River. Time and local effort has transformed this wreck into a wonderful work of art. Travel 8 km south on Hwy 99 from the Village, turn left into Cheakamus Crossing. Turn right on Jane Lakes Road. Parking is available at the bottom of Bayly Park. Follow the trail to the Train Wreck. Alternatively, take bus #20 or #20x south to Cheakamus Crossing. Follow the Sea to Sky Trail through Bayly Park, near HI Whistler, to the Train Wreck Trail.

## 5 WHISTLER INTERPRETIVE FOREST

Travel 8 km south on Hwy 99 from the Village, turn left at Function Junction and park in the lot immediately to the left. Alternatively, take bus #20 or #20x south from Whistler Village. The 3,000 ha forest includes two educational trails that follow the gentle slope of the Cheakamus River. For a scenic detour, cross the suspension bridge approximately 3 km up the trail and hike to Loggers Lake (add 1 hour).

## 6 CRATER RIM TRAIL

Travel 8 km south on Hwy 99 from the Village and turn left at Function Junction. Follow Cheakamus Rd. and turn left on the second road after the bridge (Mt. Fee Rd.). Follow signs for the Ridge Trail and keep right at the fork. Trail climbs steeply and levels out as it passes through alders. Follow the Crater Rim Trail to get to the top. Fork right to continue along the crater rim, then left towards Loggers Lake. Follow the path around the lake to join back to the Ridge Trail.

## 7 CHEAKAMUS LAKE TRAIL

Head south from the Village on Hwy 99 and turn left at Function Junction. In less than 1 km, turn left onto East Side Main logging road. Follow the gravel road for approximately 7 km to the parking lot at the trailhead. **NO DOGS ALLOWED.**

## 8 RAINBOW LAKE TRAIL

From the Village, head north on Hwy 99 to Alpine Meadows and turn left onto Alpine Way. At the three-way stop turn left onto Rainbow Dr., which becomes Alta Lake Rd. In 7 km, look for the trailhead on the right. Park at the trailhead or at nearby Rainbow Park. Camping or swimming is not permitted at Rainbow Lake. **NO DOGS ALLOWED IN WATERSHED AREA.**

## 9 RAINBOW FALLS TRAIL

Follow the above directions and parking instructions for Rainbow Lake Trail. Starting on the right side of the trailhead, follow signs for Flank Trail. Keep left at each fork on the trail and cross the bridge over 21 Mile Creek. Follow the access road to the trail and continue on the path until looping back to the trailhead.

## 10 SKYWALK TRAIL

From the Village, head north on Hwy 99 to Alpine Meadows and turn left onto Alpine Way. Turn right onto Valley Dr., then left onto Mountain View Dr. Trailhead begins at the end of the road. Follow the steep trail and fork right towards 19 Mile Creek Trail until merging with Skywalk Trail. Take in the views at the small, glacial lake, or continue into the alpine and connect with Flank Trail. Loop back to the 19 Mile Creek intersection to return to the trailhead.

## 11 ANCIENT CEDARS LOOP

From the Village, head north on Hwy 99 and turn left onto 16 Mile Forest Service Rd., just past Green Lake. Follow signs for Cougar Mountain and park at the trailhead in approximately 5 km. Trail climbs steeply for 150 m, then levels for a scenic loop through Cedar Grove, where 1,000-year-old trees grow up to 12 m in circumference. **BUG REPELLENT RECOMMENDED.**

## 12 WEDGEMOUNT LAKE

Travel north on Hwy 99 past the end of Green Lake and take the first road on the right. Cross the rail tracks and Green River, then take a left. Turn right after the power lines, then left onto a logging road. Follow the steep road for several kilometres and park at the trailhead. The very steep trail offers spectacular views of waterfalls, glaciers and the valley below. **NO DOGS ALLOWED.**

### Hiking Safety:

Please be advised that weather conditions change very rapidly in the mountains, and as a result you should always carry water, food, and warm clothing, even for short walks.

No matter how long you plan to be gone you should make someone aware of your plans, and what time you are expected to return.

Don't leave marked trails.

Pets must be kept on a leash at all times in the areas where they are allowed.

Be mindful of machinery on all 4x4 roads.

### Backcountry Ethics:

Leave it cleaner than you found it.

Remember that no garbage is appropriate, even organics such as orange peels, apple cores or biodegradables like tissue.

Take only memories and pictures, leaving any wildflowers for all to enjoy.

### Summer is also forest fire season in British Columbia, so please be fire smart:

Never toss a lit match.

Extinguish cigarettes completely.

Do not discard cigarettes and matches from vehicles or off your balconies and decks. Always use an ashtray.

Take the time to become fire aware: check for advisories on highway signs, on the radio and in the newspaper, or call **1.888.3.FOREST** for pre-recorded fire information updates.

Obey all backcountry and trail closures and fire bans.