exploring the Cultural Connector is one of many ways to enjoy Whistler’s vibrant arts, culture and heritage scene. visit whistler.com for upcoming events and additional cultural itineraries.

our world of culture at your feet.

Whistler’s cultural connector

a journey of adventure and discovery

First Nations, pioneers, adventurers, visionaries, free spirits, makers and creators. Whistler is home to so much more than majestic mountains. for five years, passionate community builders have laid the foundation for a rich cultural landscape, which has allowed arts and culture to grow and flourish. With this guide in hand, you’ll find Whistler’s world of culture at your feet. step back in time with the First Nations, unearth pioneer history, stride through the golden days of the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games and revel in artistic excellence. as you follow the Cultural Connector route, you’ll discover the stories that enrich Whistler’s culture, the venues that celebrate it and the milestones that we’ve achieved along the way. The pathway will lead you through beautiful surroundings and six cultural institutions: squamish lil’wat Cultural Centre, Whistler Museum, Whistler Public Library, Maury Young Arts Centre, Lost Lake Passivhaus, and audain art Museum.

the physical aspects of the Cultural Connector will be completed in a phased approach by the Resort Municipality of Whistler in 2016 and 2017. the project is funded in part by the government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia’s Resort Municipality initiative, and invites admirers of Whistler to embark on an exciting adventure—one step, one story, one discovery at a time.

Points of interest

uncovering whistler

Canadian host

the Whistle Public Library was rebranded as Whistle Canada Olympic House during the 2010 Olympic Winter Games. the building served as an accreditation hosting facility for the Canadian Olympic Committee, the Government of Canada, the Government of British Columbia, and the Resort Municipality of Whistler.

history in snow

the museum’s living history exhibit celebrates the decades-long love affair between Whistler and sliding sports. explore the evolution of skiing, watch a retro ski movie and take a seat in Whistler’s first gondola.

bear’s blessing

when the Squamish Lil’wat Cultural Centre was under construction, a mother bear and her cub wandered through the site. in first Nations culture, we understood that the bear had blessed the building and that it will be good for our families, as well as for other families who come to visit.

indigenous welcome

members of the Squamish and Lil’wat Nation are ambassadors who welcome guests at their Cultural Centre. each year, a graduate from the aboriginal youth ambassador program welcomes visitors with song and dance.

walk in the woods

while walking from the Upper Village to the Squamish Lil’wat Cultural Centre, get into the forest on the Salish stroll, an ethnobotanical path that marvels about local flora and fauna.

Early Days

before there was skiing in Whistler, fishing reigned supreme! see Whistler through the eyes of early settlers and take in the Rainbow lodge display at the Whistler Museum for a glimpse of the old days.

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The Squamish Lil’wat Cultural Centre
Gallery - Café
4344 Blackcomb Way | 604.935.2120 | squamishlilwat.org

The Squamish and Lil’wat people, proudly invite you to learn about our cultures of the Squamish Lil’wat Cultural Centre (SLCC). This is the traditional territory of our peoples–our history and cultures are deeply connected to it. Come and hear our stories and see the mountains, rivers, and forests through our eyes.

On the north side of Lefroy Road is another stretch of the 48 km Valley Trail which, along pedestrian paths and cross-country skiing trails can be journeyed between Whistler Village and Lost Lake Park, the largest park in Whistler. This park has a network of local neighbourhoods, exercises and 31 public points across the community.

The Maury Young Arts Centre
Gallery - Theatre
4325 Blackcomb Way | 604.935.9410 | artwhistler.com

The Maury Young Arts Centre welcomes everyone to enjoy its community art gallery, theatre and youth spaces. Visit this old church to see an indoor and leaves with a packed daily of creative classes and fine entertainment. Located at the heart of The Village, the Arts Centre is the engine of arts and culture in Whistler and home of the Maury Young Arts Council.

Whistler Public Library
4205 Main Street | 604.932.2222 | whistlerlibrary.ca

Founded in 1985, Whistler Public Library is one of the busiest libraries in the province. This library’s location means it can serve a broad, multi-hued audience. The library has been built to be light, vibrant, and seasonal. Approximately 350,000 people per day make use of the library's facilities at home in Whistler's Living Room.

Along the route through the Village Stroll, view 20 former objects as Site-lines (20) once used as the edges of the bridge and located on route to the Olympic Plaza. These purple interactive sculptures have always attracted a community. A modern brick kiosk boxes Site-lines at a row of 55 features in the community public art program.

Whistler Museum
Gift Shop
4333 Main Street | 604.932.2300 | whistlermuseum.org

Whistler Museum tells Whistler’s many stories, starting from its logging pioneers, to the development of skiing in the area and the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. With entry by donation, explore the Museum’s exciting exhibits for kids, a hands-on cemetery and wildlife exhibition which invites the chance to view photos with a real Olympic torch. Its exhibits and tours tell each story of Whistler’s most famous non-human resident: local bears.

Accessed from the Valley Trail, Lost Lake Passivhaus was the home base of Team Austria during the 2010 Olympic Winter Games and was donated by the Austrian Passive House Group to the community afterward. A model for sustainable design, the Lost Lake Passivhaus is now a four-season day lodge, café, cross-country skiing and mountain biking rental shop, offices and meeting space.

Pleachers Court is a blue glazed ceramic from the walls of the pedestrian bridges and underpasses in Whistler Village. Discover colourful murals painted by local artists on the walls of the pedestrian bridges and underpasses that cross between Whistler Village and the Upper Village.

The Maury Young Arts Centre
Audain Art Museum
4333 Blackcomb Way | 604.932.0182 | audainartmuseum.com

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Whistler Museum Gift Shop
4335 Blackcomb Way | 604.935.8410 | artswhistler.com

4329 Main street | 604.935.8435 | whistlerlibrary.ca

4333 Main street | 604.932.2019 | whistlermuseum.org

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