

Rainbow/ **Madeley Trails**

Bus: Summer free shuttle (search "RMOW Park Shuttle" for info)

Parking: At trailhead off Alta Lake Road

No Dogs Permitted No Bikes Permitted

The Rainbow/Madeley network has 20 km of intermediate hiking trails with just over 850 m of elevation gain. Due to snow in the alpine, the best times for these trails are July to October. Trails can be hiked in either direction.

Rainbow Falls Loop (Multi-use) (Dogs Must be Leashed (Bikes Permitted

Find the trailhead at the end of the parking lot behind the kiosks and outhouse. The turnoff to

the Rainbow Falls viewpoint is approximately 750 m from the trailhead. Past the turnoff, Rainbow Falls Loop turns right on the Utility Access Road and turns right again to cross the 21 Mile Creek Bridge. To complete the loop, follow Rainbow Falls Lower.

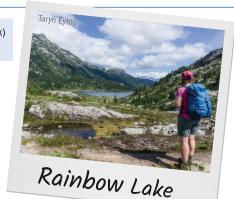
Alta Lake Road to Rainbow Lake Return (**)

Distance: 16.1 km (to lake & back)

Elevation gain: 842 m

The Rainbow Lake Trail starts with #1 above but at the Utility Access Road go straight across. After you pass a building on your right, turn right and follow a wide gravel route. The trail climbs steadily through old growth, passes over bridges and boardwalks, and has views of waterfalls and creeks along the way. Rainbow Lake sits at treeline with spectacular alpine views and wildflowers when in season.

To extend your hike you can continue around Rainbow Lake to the Rainbow Meadows Trail or the Trail High Point (see map) for a look into the Callaghan Valley before returning to Rainbow Lake. Camping is only permitted at Hanging Lake.



\(\text{t} \) Distance: 2.1 km

▲ Elevation gain: 100 m

Alta Lake Road to Madeley Trailhead 🔫 🦠

The Distance: 16.1 km ▲ Elevation gain: 842 m

Continue past Rainbow Lake to the Trail High Point and down to the Hanging Lake campsite for overnight stays. This portion of trail that continues to the Madeley Lake Trailhead is somewhat more challenging and much less travelled than the first half of the trail.



The RMOW operates the Alpine Trail Ranger Program on Rainbow Mountain seven days a week from July to October. Daily Ranger updates available at the Upper Trailhead.

Drinking Water Supply Area

21 Mile Creek supplies much of Whistler's

To protect Whistler's drinking water from contamination, no camping, dogs, swimming or bathing in the lakes and creeks. Use outhouses provided.



drinking water and is fed by Rainbow Lake and other waterways within the area highlighted grey on the map.

Your enjoyment of these trails comes with a responsibility to minimize your impact:



STAY ON THE TRAIL and take breaks on durable surfaces off the trail

TAKE ALL GARBAGE WITH YOU including food waste and tissues

LEAVE NATURAL OBJECTS in their original place and condition

PREVENT THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES by removing mud and debris from shoes, clothing, and equipment

More info at dontloveittodeath.com

Adventure Smart



You are responsible for your own safety in the backcountry. Be prepared for changing weather conditions and bring bear spray.

In an emergency call 9-1-1

- Make sure someone knows where you are going and when you expect to return
- Wear or carry suitable clothing and proper footwear
- Know your limits to avoid injury and exhaustion
- **Bring essentials** including extra food, water and clothing, a cell phone, bear spray, a first aid kit, sun protection, and a flashlight **AdventureSmart**

More info at adventuresmart.ca





You may encounter both Grizzly Bears and Black Bears on these trails. Call 1-877-952-7277 or #7277 on your cell phone to report Grizzly Bears. Trails may close if Grizzly Bears are spotted to keep humans and bears safe. Please also:

- Avoid surprising a bear: Talk loudly and slow down if visibility is limited
- If a bear is NEARBY:
 - Talk calmly to identify yourself as a nonthreatening human while backing away slowly
 - **Never run or bike away,** you may trigger a chase
 - **Leave the area** or take a wide detour
- If a bear ATTACKS:
 - Use your bear spray and then leave the area
- Never try to move a bear away from a natural food source just because you want to take that trail

Fire Safety



No campfires are permitted within the RMOW without a valid permit.

Outside the RMOW check fire bans and restrictions in the region for information on campfire rules.

Report smoke and fires by calling 9-1-1









