EASY | 70 M WATERFALL | 10–20 MIN WALK | YEAR-ROUND

Brandywine Falls

A 70 m waterfall, a covered footbridge and a short walk from the parking lot, 47 km north of Squamish.

DIFFICULTY	WATERFALL HEIGHT	WALK TO FALLS
Easy	**70 m**	**10–20 min**
Short walk	BC Parks	One way (BC Parks)

LOCATION	DOGS	LOWER FALLS
47 km N	**Leashed**	**Closed**
Of Squamish, off Hwy 99	Not on beaches	Unsafe canyon

Park	Brandywine Falls Park
Access	Off Highway 99, 47 km north of Squamish
Walk	10–20 min one way
Falls	70 m
Water	None: bring your own
Campfires	Not permitted
Season	Gate closed off-season

Overview

Brandywine Falls plunges 70 m, according to BC Parks. The Brandywine Falls Trail takes 10 to 20 minutes one way from the parking area to a covered footbridge and fenced viewpoints.

The park also has the Lava Lake Trail (2.7 km), a 1.5 km section of the Sea to Sky Trail, and a Swim Lake trail. Swim Lake has no beach, dock or lifeguards.

70 m falls · 10–20 min walk · Stay behind fences · Leashed dogs

Getting there

Highway 99 The park is 47 km north of Squamish, off Highway 99. BC Parks says illegally parked vehicles may be towed at the owner's expense.

Off-season In the off-season the park gate is closed and access is on foot only. Trails are not maintained in winter.

Railway crossing BC Parks asks visitors to use caution at the Canadian National Rail crossing.

Stay safe

Stay behind the fences BC Parks says the canyon is extremely unsafe because of unstable slopes and falling rock. Stay on designated trails, behind fences and away from the river's edge.

Lower falls closed The lower falls area is closed.

No drinking water There is no potable water. Bring your own.

Dogs Pets must be leashed. They are not allowed in beach areas or park buildings, and backcountry areas are not suitable for them.

No campfires Campfires are not permitted.

Questions

How tall is Brandywine Falls?
BC Parks says 70 metres.

How long is the walk to the falls?
BC Parks says the Brandywine Falls Trail takes 10 to 20 minutes one way.

Can I go to the bottom of the falls?
No. BC Parks says the lower falls area is closed and the canyon is extremely unsafe because of unstable slopes and falling rock.

Is it open in winter?
In the off-season the gate is closed and access is on foot only. Trails are not maintained in winter.

Safety checklist

Tell someone your plan Leave your route, group size and expected return time with someone you trust, and check in when you are back. BC AdventureSmart (adventuresmart.ca) has a free trip-plan form.

Check conditions the same day Look at the weather, road and trail conditions, closures and (in snow season) the avalanche forecast on the day you go, not last week. Use the land manager's page for this guide.

Set a turnaround time Pick a time to turn back whatever happens, start early, and carry a headlamp. Most trips go wrong in the last hours of the day.

Carry the essentials Water, food, navigation (map and offline GPS), light, first aid, extra layers, sun protection, a whistle and fire or shelter. A phone alone is not a plan.

Emergencies Call 911. Cell coverage is unreliable or absent in much of the Sea to Sky backcountry, so consider a satellite messenger and know your location.

Water and wildlife Wear a life jacket on the water: cold water can disable you in minutes. Carry bear spray where bears are present, keep food secured and give wildlife space.

Sources & disclaimer

This guide draws on BC Parks: Brandywine Falls Park.

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