HARD TANTALUS PARK WATERCRAFT ACCESS CLUB HUT

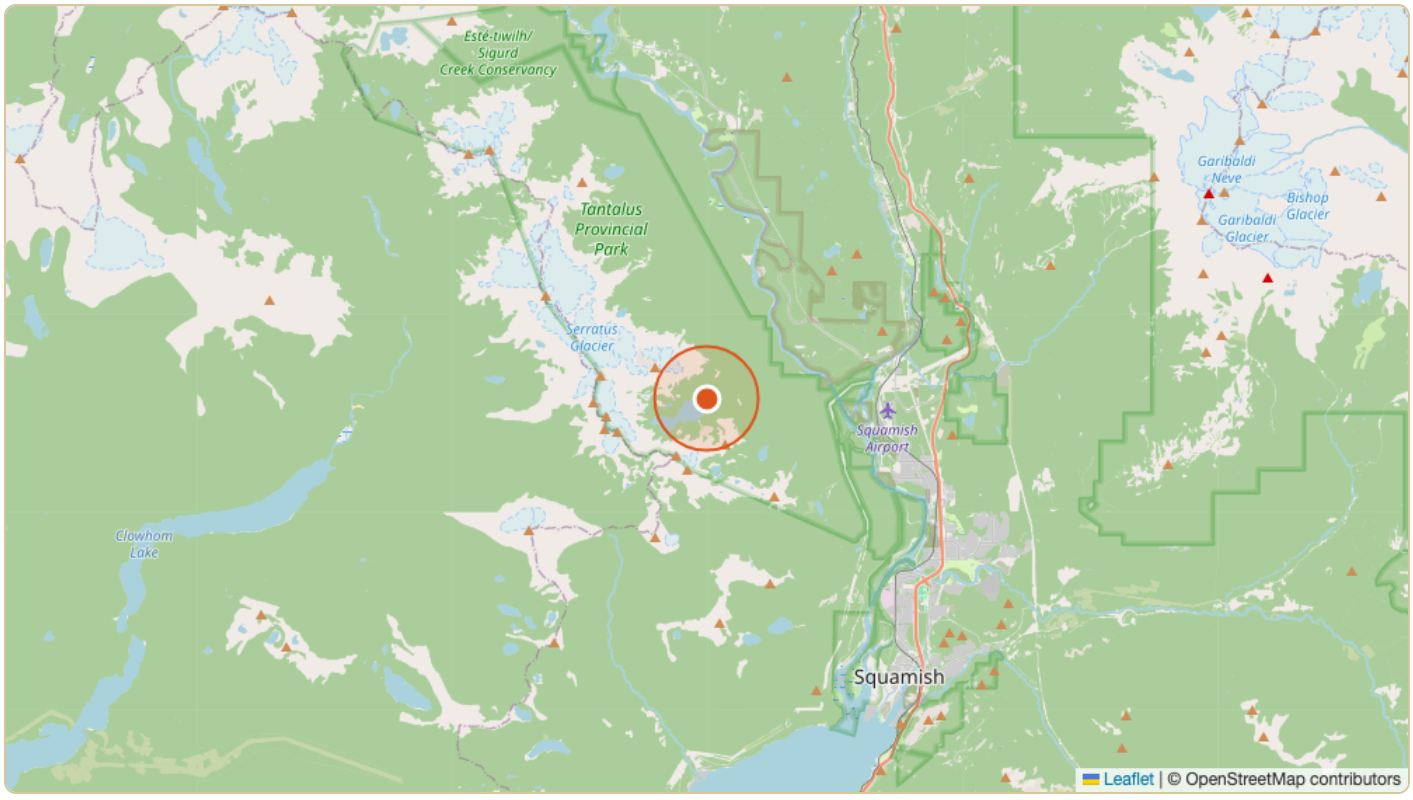
Lake Lovely Water

A high alpine lake in the Tantalus Range: cross the Squamish River by boat, then climb 6.5 km on a very rugged, steep trail.

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DIFFICULTY	HIKE	TIME
Hard	**6.5 km**	**4–6 h**
BC Parks: very rugged and steep	One way (BC Parks)	One way (BC Parks)

LAKE ELEVATION	ACCESS	FACILITIES
> 1,100 m	**By watercraft**	**None**
BC Parks	West bank of Squamish River	Route-finding required



Approximate area only, not a trailhead or route. Map data © OpenStreetMap contributors.

Park	Tantalus Provincial Park
Access	Cross the Squamish River by boat
Trail	6.5 km, 4–6 h one way
Trailhead	Private property; unmarked first 2 km
Hut	ACC cabin; canoes for paying guests

Dogs	Leashed; backcountry unsuitable

Overview

BC Parks says the trail to Lake Lovely Water is on the west side of the Squamish River and can only be reached by watercraft. The hike is 6.5 km and takes 4 to 6 hours, on a trail BC Parks calls very rugged and steep. The lake sits at over 1,100 m.

The trailhead is on private property and unmarked for the first 2 km, and BC Parks says permission should be sought to cross from the east side. That land is the traditional territory of the Squamish First Nation.

By watercraft only · Very steep · Route-finding · Club hut

Getting there

River crossing The trail is on the west side of the Squamish River and can only be reached by watercraft.

Permission The trailhead is on private property. BC Parks says permission should be sought to cross from the east side.

The hut BC Parks refers to an Alpine Club of Canada cabin near the lake and campground, with a dock nearby. Two canoes at the cabin are for paying guests only. BC Parks gives no booking or rate details: contact parkinfo@gov.bc.ca.

Know before you go

Rugged route BC Parks says good route-finding skills, proper equipment and clothing are required, and weather can change quickly and reduce visibility.

No facilities The park has no facilities.

Dogs Pets must be leashed, are not allowed in beach areas or park buildings, and backcountry areas are unsuitable for dogs because of wildlife and bears.

Hunting Hunting is permitted from September 10 to June 15.

Lifeguards There are no lifeguards in BC Parks.

Questions

How long is the hike to Lake Lovely Water?
BC Parks says 6.5 km, taking 4 to 6 hours, on a very rugged and steep trail.

How do I get across the river?
The trail is on the west side of the Squamish River and can only be reached by watercraft. BC Parks says permission should be sought to cross from the east side.

Is there a hut?
BC Parks refers to an Alpine Club of Canada cabin near the lake and campground. It gives no booking details.

Can I bring my dog?
Pets must be leashed, but BC Parks says backcountry areas are unsuitable for dogs.

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: Tantalus Park.

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