MODERATE FOREST LOOP SWIMMING TANTALUS VIEWS

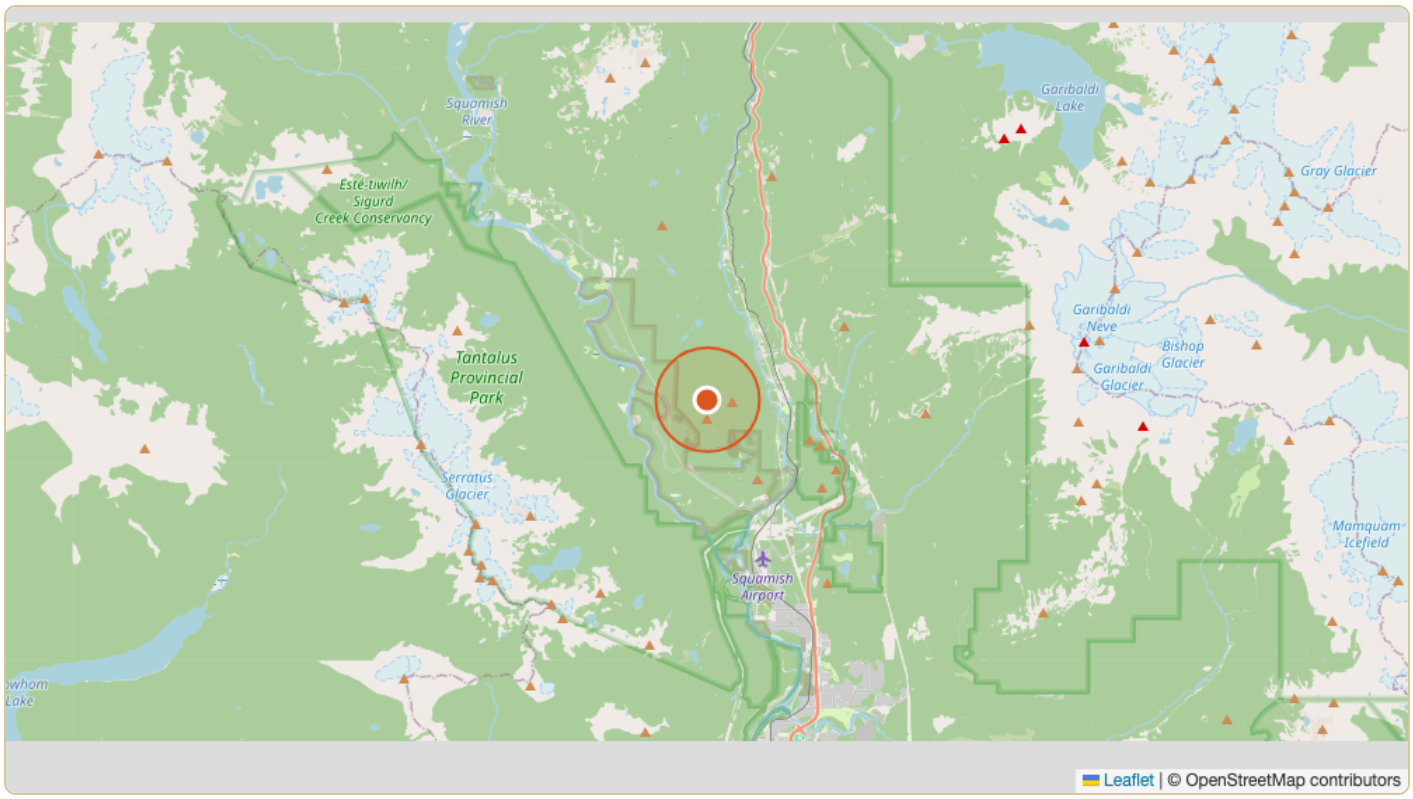
Levette Lake

A forest loop to a swim lake in the Tantalus foothills: about 10–11 km, 4.5–5 hours, about 300 m of climbing. Sources disagree on camping.

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DIFFICULTY	LOOP	ELEVATION GAIN
Moderate	**≈ 10–11 km**	**≈ 300 m**
Intermediate (Vancouver Trails)	Sources: 10–11 km	Several sources

TIME	ROAD	CAMPING
≈ 4.5–5 h	**Levette FSR**	**Unclear**
Typical	High-clearance 4x4 to the lake	Sources conflict



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

Area	Squamish Valley, Tantalus foothills
Access	Levette Lake FSR off Squamish Valley Rd
Loop	≈ 10–11 km
Gain	≈ 300 m
Time	4.5–5 h

Camping	Check current rules

Overview

Local guides describe the Levette Lake loop as an intermediate hike of about 10 to 11 km taking 4.5 to 5 hours, with about 300 m of elevation gain. It goes through mossy groves and onto rocky outcrops with views of the Tantalus Range, returning through the Evans Lake forest.

Access is via the Levette Lake Forest Service Road off Squamish Valley Road. A high-clearance 4x4 can park next to the lake, or you can hike in via the Skyline Trail or Copperbush Trail.

≈ 10–11 km loop · ≈ 300 m gain · Swimming · Camping unclear

Getting there

Road Levette Lake FSR off Squamish Valley Road. Sources say a high-clearance four-wheel-drive vehicle is needed to park beside the lake.

On foot Hikers can walk in via the Skyline Trail or Copperbush Trail to the Levette Lake Forest Service Road.

The lake Guides describe it as popular for swimming and paddleboarding. One local review notes the shoreline is dirt, not sand.

Know before you go

Camping rules conflict Vancouver Trails says camping is not permitted at the Levette Lake loop, while other reviews describe a pay-use campground on the shore. Check current rules with BC Parks or the Forest Service before planning an overnight.

Sources vary Distances range from about 10 to 11 km (6.8 miles in one listing) and times from 3 to 5 hours.

Wildlife This is bear country. Carry bear spray and keep food secured.

Questions

How long is the Levette Lake hike?
Guides put the loop at about 10 to 11 km, taking about 4.5 to 5 hours, with around 300 m of elevation gain.

Do I need a 4x4?
To park beside the lake, sources say a high-clearance 4x4 is needed. You can also hike in via the Skyline or Copperbush trails.

Can I camp?
Sources conflict. Check current rules before planning an overnight.

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 Vancouver Trails; The Georgia Straight; 10Adventures.

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