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Mount Garibaldi

Nch'ka̓y̓, the glaciated volcano the park is named for. A portrait of the peak, where to see it and what BC Parks says about the terrain.

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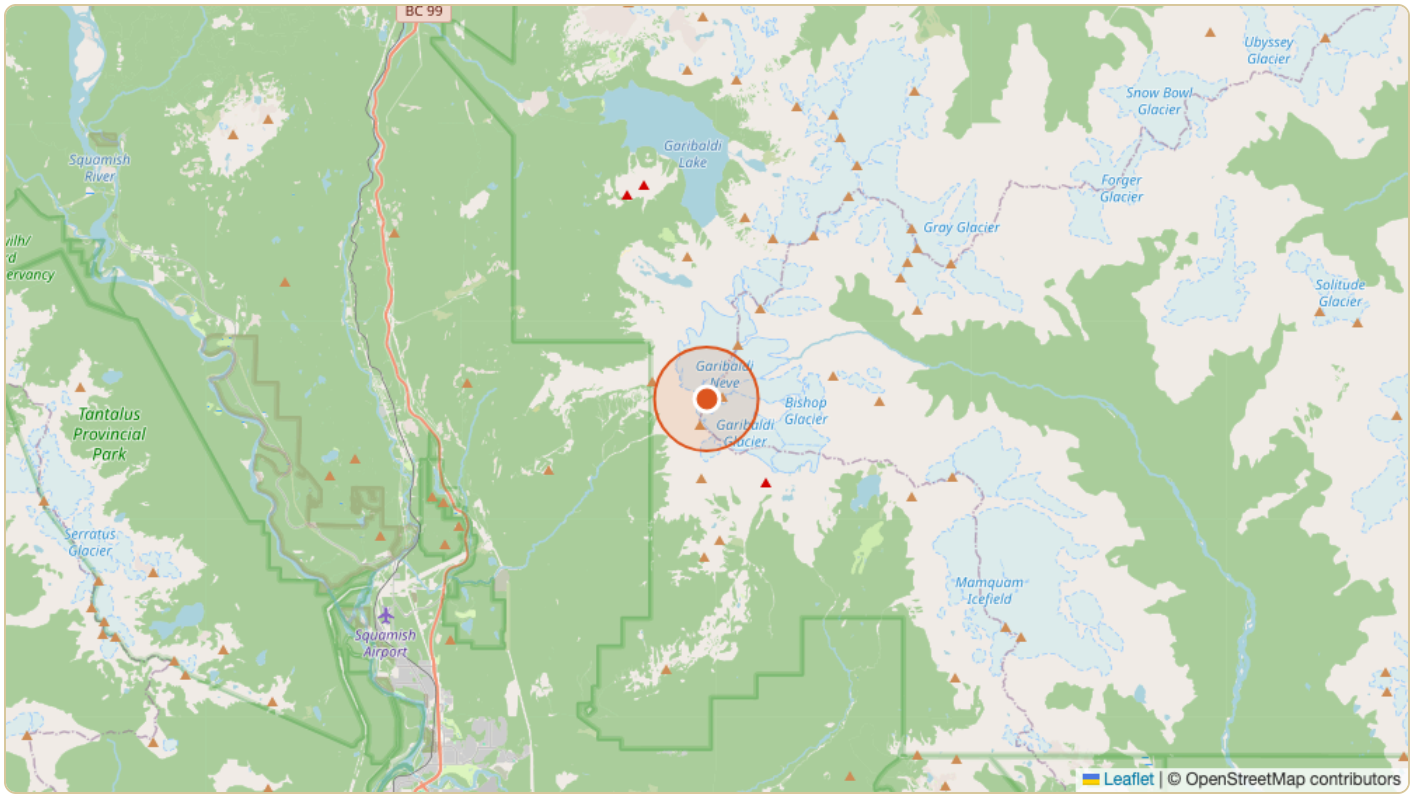
SUMMIT
≈ 2,678 m
Wikipedia

TYPE
Dormant volcano
Stratovolcano

HAZARDS
Glacier + avalanche
BC Parks: year-round

MAINTAINED TRAIL
None to summit
Not in BC Parks' trail table

TERRITORY
Squamish Nation
Nch'ka̓y̓



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

Park	Garibaldi Provincial Park
Summit	≈ 2,678 m
Type	Dormant stratovolcano
Hazards	Glaciers and avalanche year-round
Route	Mountaineering; no maintained trail

Dogs & drones	Prohibited in the park

Overview

Mount Garibaldi is the glaciated volcano the park is named for, known to the Sḵwx̱wú7mesh people as Nch'ḵaẏ̓. Wikipedia gives the summit at about 2,678 m and describes it as a dormant stratovolcano.

BC Parks warns that avalanche and glacier hazards exist in Garibaldi Provincial Park year-round, and that travelling beyond the maintained trail requires special equipment, skills, ability and knowledge. BC Parks' trail table lists no maintained trail to the summit, so reaching it is a mountaineering objective for experienced parties.

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Seeing the mountain

From Squamish The peak is visible on clear days from around Squamish and from several viewpoints in the corridor. See our guides to Garibaldi Lake and Elfin Lakes for trails in the park.

Respect the name Nch'ḵaẏ̓ is the Sḵwx̱wú7mesh name for the mountain, which is on Squamish Nation territory.

Rules & safety

Glacier and avalanche BC Parks says hazards exist year-round. Travel beyond the maintained trail needs special equipment and skills.

Prohibited BC Parks prohibits motorized vehicles, domestic animals, fires and drones in Garibaldi Provincial Park.

Camping Camping needs a permit and a reservation, in designated sites only.

Questions

How tall is Mount Garibaldi?
Wikipedia gives the summit as about 2,678 m.

Is there a trail to the top?
BC Parks' trail table lists no maintained trail to the summit. It is a mountaineering objective.

Can I bring my dog or a drone?
No. Both are prohibited in Garibaldi Provincial Park.

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 Wikipedia: Mount Garibaldi; BC Parks: Garibaldi Provincial Park Trail Information (updated May 19, 2026).

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