HARD GARIBALDI PARK DAY PASS VERY LONG DAY

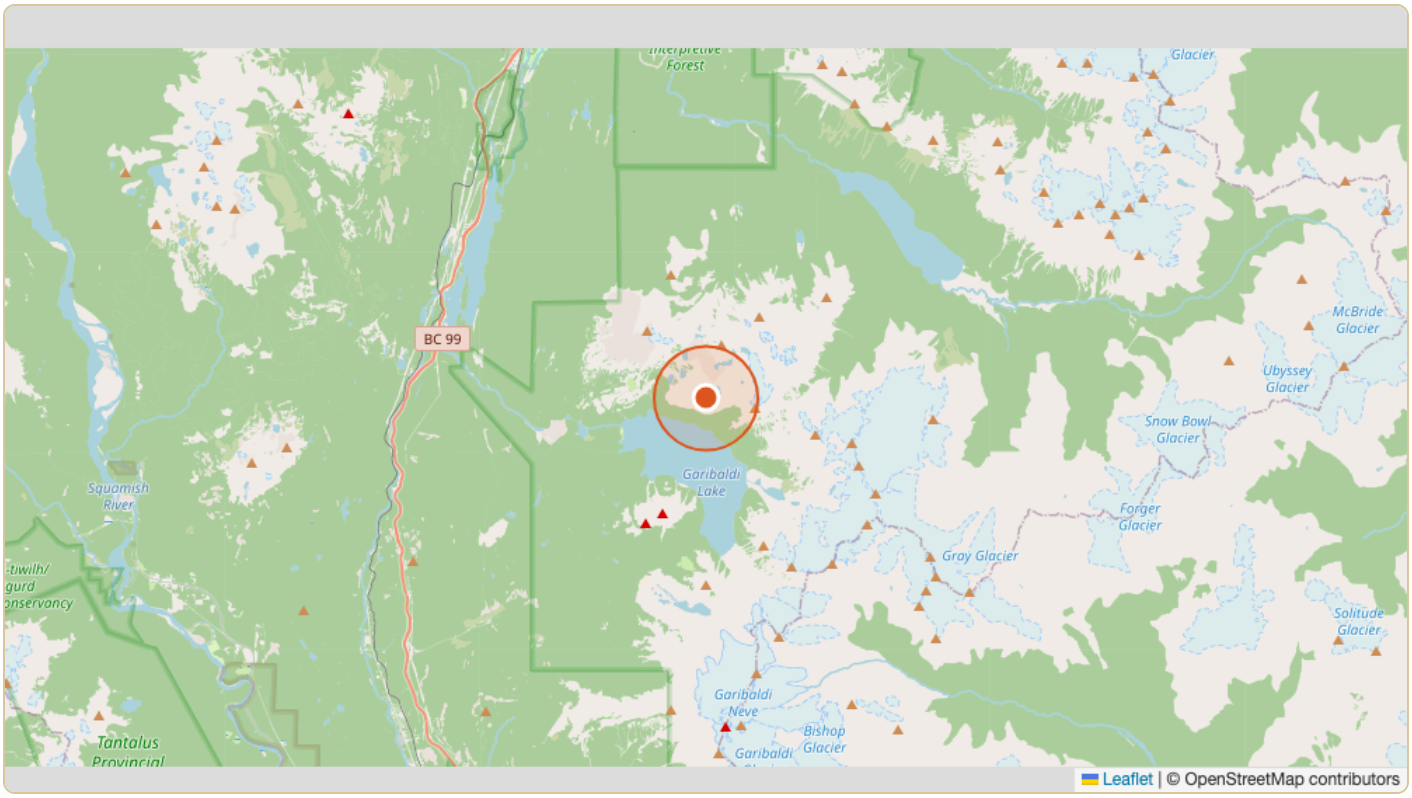
Panorama Ridge

The postcard view over Garibaldi Lake: about 14.7 km one way and 1,560 m of climbing from Rubble Creek, so roughly 29 km return.

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DIFFICULTY	ONE WAY	ELEVATION GAIN
Hard	**≈ 14.7 km**	**≈ 1,560 m**
BC Parks: strenuous, undefined final section	Via Taylor Meadows	Sum of BC Parks segments

RETURN	DAY PASS	TRAILHEAD
≈ 29 km	**Summer**	**Rubble Creek**
Via the lake: ≈ 33 km	Free, book online	Off Highway 99



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

Park	Garibaldi Provincial Park
Trailhead	Rubble Creek, via Daisy Lake Rd
Via Taylor Meadows	≈ 14.7 km one way
Via Garibaldi Lake	≈ 16.7 km one way
Gain	≈ 1,560 m

Day pass	Required in summer
Dogs & drones	Prohibited

Overview

Panorama Ridge sits above Garibaldi Lake at the end of the longest day in the Rubble Creek trail system. Adding up BC Parks' segment figures, the route via Taylor Meadows is about 14.7 km one way and the route past the Garibaldi Lake campground about 16.7 km one way, each with about 1,560 m of gain.

The final section from Helm Pass is 3.2 km and 330 m, rated strenuous and undefined: follow the orange trail markers and avoid trail braiding.

≈ 29 km return · ≈ 1,560 m gain · Day pass · No dogs

Getting there

Daisy Lake Road From Highway 99, 2 km of paved road to the Rubble Creek lot. In winter BC Parks recommends a 4x4 with high clearance, winter tires and chains.

Day-use pass BC Parks requires free vehicle day-use passes during summer months at the Cheakamus, Diamondhead and Rubble Creek trailheads. Book at reserve.bcparks.ca/dayuse and check current dates.

Camping Reservations are required year-round for Garibaldi Lake, Taylor Meadows and Helm Creek campgrounds, with a camping permit.

The route, segment by segment

1. Rubble Creek to the Taylor Meadows junction *6 km · 770 m · Steep*

- Follow the main trail and do not shortcut.

2. Junction to Taylor Meadows *1.5 km · 180 m*

- Moderate, well-defined.

3. Taylor Meadows to Black Tusk Junction *2 km · 180 m*

- Pit toilet at the junction.

4. Black Tusk Junction to Helm Pass *2 km · 100 m*

- Helm Pass joins the trails to Helm Creek, Panorama Ridge and Taylor Meadows/Black Tusk.

5. Helm Pass to Panorama Ridge *3.2 km · 330 m · Undefined*

- Strenuous. Follow the orange markers and the main trail, and avoid braiding.

Rules & safety

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

Weather BC Parks warns that Garibaldi's weather can be severe and unforgiving, and that day visitors should be capable of camping overnight in an emergency.

Pack it out The park is user-maintained with no garbage removal. Use the outhouses provided, and bring your own toilet paper beyond trailheads.

Below the Barrier BC Parks says the area below the Barrier is a civil defence zone: do not stop or linger there.

A very long day About 29 km and 1,560 m is a full day for most people. Start early, carry a headlamp and be prepared to camp overnight.

Questions

How far is Panorama Ridge?
Adding BC Parks' segments, about 14.7 km one way via Taylor Meadows (about 29 km return) or about 16.7 km one way past the Garibaldi Lake campground, each with about 1,560 m of gain.

Do I need a day pass?
BC Parks requires free vehicle day-use passes at Rubble Creek in summer. Book at reserve.bcparks.ca/dayuse.

Is the last section marked?
BC Parks rates Helm Pass to Panorama Ridge as undefined and asks hikers to follow orange trail markers and avoid braiding.

Can I bring my dog?
No. Domestic animals 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 BC Parks: Garibaldi Provincial Park Trail Information (updated May 19, 2026); BC Parks: Garibaldi Park.

Last checked November 18, 2026. Figures marked ≈ are approximate, and sources sometimes disagree. Always confirm with the land manager before you go.

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