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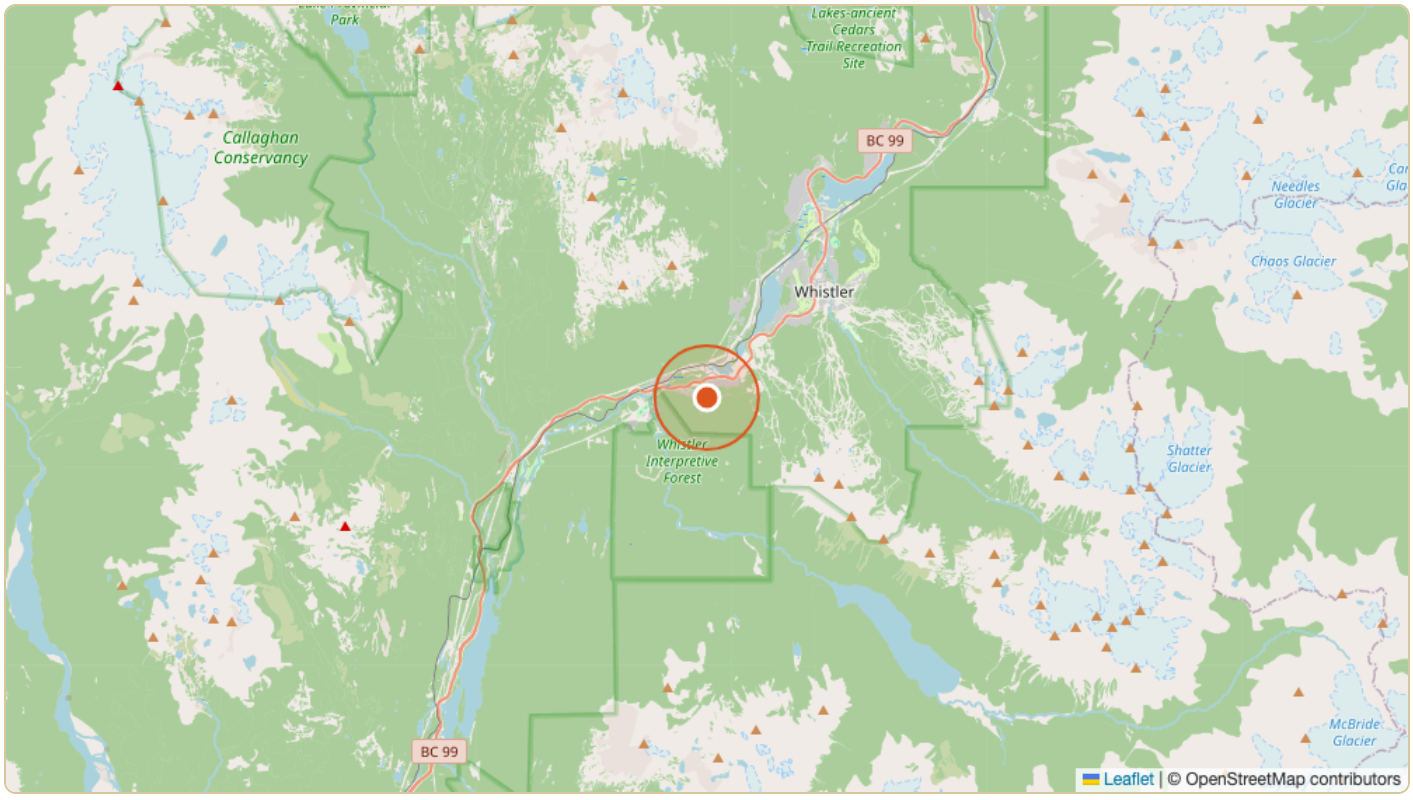
The Train Wreck

Graffiti-covered boxcars in the forest above the Cheakamus River: about 5 km return on an easy trail with a 2016 suspension bridge.

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DIFFICULTY	DISTANCE	ELEVATION GAIN
Easy	**≈ 5 km return**	**Minimal**
Whistler's hiking map	Guides range 2–7 km	Whistler's hiking map

TIME	PARKING	TOILETS
1–3 h	**Jane Lakes Rd**	**None**
Whistler's hiking map	Most cited; confirm signs	Along the trail



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Area	Cheakamus, Whistler
Parking	Jane Lakes Road (most cited)
Distance	≈ 5 km return
Time	1–3 hours
Gain	Minimal

Transit	Bus 20 / 20x to Cheakamus Crossing
Toilets	None on trail

Overview

Whistler's official hiking map lists the Train Wreck Trail at about 5 km round trip with minimal elevation gain, 1 to 3 hours and easy difficulty. Other guides give anything from about 2 km to 7 km round trip depending on where they start.

A suspension bridge over the Cheakamus River was built in 2016, giving hikers a legal route that avoids the train tracks. One boxcar sits near a cliff edge above the river, so keep back from edges.

≈ 5 km return · 1–3 hours · No toilets · Transit available

Getting there

Parking Sources name different lots. The most consistently cited is a gravel lot on Jane Lakes Road in Cheakamus, signed Train Wreck. Older posts mention the Interpretive Forest lot off Cheakamus Lake Road, so confirm current signs.

Transit Whistler's official map says to take bus 20 or 20x south to Cheakamus Crossing.

Rail line Use the trail and the suspension bridge, not the train tracks. Active rail lines are dangerous and trespassing on them is illegal.

Know before you go

Cliff edges One boxcar is near a cliff above the Cheakamus River. Keep back from edges.

No toilets There are no toilets along the trail or at the site.

Variable distances Sources disagree on distance because they start from different places. Check your starting point.

Questions

How long is the Train Wreck hike?
Whistler's official hiking map lists about 5 km round trip, minimal elevation gain and 1 to 3 hours. Other guides range from about 2 to 7 km.

Where do I park?
Whistler.com says on Jane Lakes Road in Cheakamus. Older sources mention other lots, so confirm current signs.

Is there a bridge?
Yes. A suspension bridge over the Cheakamus River was built in 2016 to avoid the train tracks.

Are there toilets?
No toilets along the trail or at the site.

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 Whistler.com: Train Wreck hike; Vancouver Trails; Outdoor Vancouver.

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