HARD GARIBALDI PARK VERY STEEP HUT & CAMP

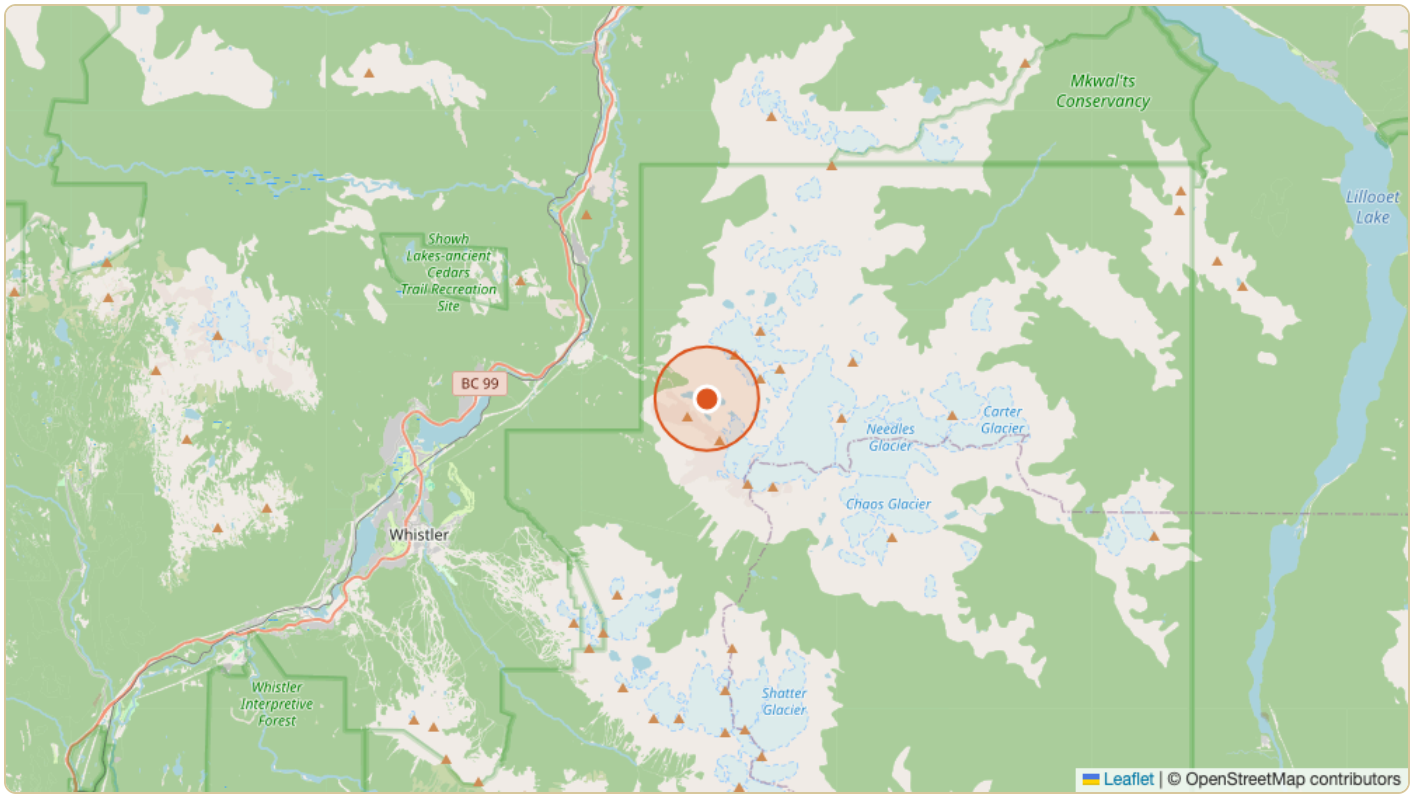
Wedgemount Lake

Garibaldi's steepest trail: 6 km and about 1,200 m of climbing to a glacier-fed lake.

DO YOUR OWN RESEARCH FIRST. This is not a navigation tool and must not be your only source. Confirm everything with the land manager.

DIFFICULTY	ONE WAY	ELEVATION GAIN
Hard	**6 km**	**≈ 1,200 m**
BC Parks: difficult, very steep	Parking lot to lake	BC Parks

RETURN	ACCESS ROAD	DOGS
≈ 12 km	**2 km gravel**	**Prohibited**
Out & back	Not plowed in winter	Park-wide



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

Park	Garibaldi Provincial Park
Access	2 km improved gravel from Hwy 99
Distance	6 km one way
Gain	≈ 1,200 m
Camping	Wedge Campground, reservation
Winter	Road not plowed

Dogs & drones	Prohibited

Overview

BC Parks lists the Wedgemount Lake trail at 6 km from the parking lot to the lake with about 1,200 m of elevation gain, and rates it difficult and very steep (Type IV). The 2 km access road from Highway 99 is improved gravel and is not plowed in winter.

BC Parks asks hikers to follow the orange trail markers and the main trail, and to avoid trail braiding to protect the sensitive environment.

≈ 1,200 m gain · 6 km one way · Very steep · No dogs

Getting there

The road From Highway 99 a 2 km improved gravel road leads to the parking lot. BC Parks says it is not plowed in winter.

Camping Reservations are required year-round for Wedge Campground, and all camping needs a permit.

Day trip BC Parks says day visitors should be capable of camping overnight in case of injury, accident or extreme weather.

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.

Stay on trail Follow the orange markers and main trail. Avoid braiding to protect fragile alpine vegetation.

Glacier and avalanche BC Parks says avalanche and glacier hazards exist in Garibaldi year-round, and travelling beyond the maintained trail needs special skills and equipment.

The descent 1,200 m of descent is hard on knees and ankles and is where many trips run late: carry a headlamp.

Questions

How long is the Wedgemount Lake trail?
BC Parks lists 6 km from the parking lot to the lake with about 1,200 m of elevation gain. It rates the trail difficult and very steep.

What is the road like?
A 2 km improved gravel road from Highway 99. BC Parks says it is not plowed in winter.

Can I camp at the lake?
Yes, at Wedge Campground, with a camping permit and a reservation.

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).

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

Outdoor recreation involves risk, including serious injury and death. This guide is general information compiled from the public sources listed above and was last checked on November 18, 2026. Conditions, access, closures, fees and rules change, and some figures differ between sources. It is not a substitute for current information from the land manager, for proper skills, equipment and preparation, or for your own judgment. You are responsible for your own safety and decisions. To the extent permitted by law, Sea to Sky Trails and its authors accept no liability for loss, injury or damage arising from use of this guide.

> Do your own research first. This guide is not a navigation tool and must not be your only source: it is general information, last checked November 18, 2026, and conditions, access and rules change. Outdoor recreation is risky. Confirm everything with the land manager before you go, and read the terms of use & disclaimer. (seatoskytrails.com/disclaimer)