EASY · 335 M WATERFALL · 350 M WALK · YEAR-ROUND

Shannon Falls

The easiest big waterfall in the corridor: a short walk off the highway to the third-highest waterfall in British Columbia.

DIFFICULTY	WATERFALL HEIGHT	WALK
Easy	**335 m**	**≈ 350 m**
Short, well-built trail	Third highest in BC	Along Shannon Creek

FACILITIES	DOGS	SEASON
Toilets	**Leashed**	**Year-round**
Concession & info centre	Not on beach areas	Reduced winter services

Park	Shannon Falls Provincial Park
Access	Right on Highway 99
Walk	≈ 350 m to the platforms
Falls	335 m (BC Parks)
Facilities	Toilets, picnic areas
Season	Open year-round

Overview

BC Parks says Shannon Falls rises 335 m above Highway 99, making it the third-highest waterfall in British Columbia. A short trail along Shannon Creek leads to the viewing platforms.

The park is a popular day-use area next to the highway, with picnic areas, viewing platforms, a flush toilet building and a small concession and information centre.

335 m falls · ≈ 350 m walk · Toilets · Stay out of the water

Getting there

Highway 99 The park sits right on Highway 99 south of downtown Squamish. Follow posted signs for current parking arrangements.

The Chief link BC Parks lists the distance from the Stawamus parking lot to Shannon Falls as 1.5 km, so you can combine the falls with the Stawamus Chief.

Winter Open in winter with reduced services. Snowfall may limit access, and trail and stair treads may be slippery.

Stay safe

Keep out of the creek BC Parks: rocks and river edges are extremely slippery, wading in the creek is extremely dangerous, and heavy rain can suddenly increase flow.

Stay behind the railings Stay on the trail and within the viewing area.

Slippery treads Trail and stair treads may be slippery in winter.

Dogs Pets must be leashed. They are not allowed in beach areas or park buildings, and owners must dispose of waste.

Questions

How tall is Shannon Falls?
BC Parks says the falls rise 335 m above Highway 99, making them the third highest in British Columbia.

How long is the walk?
The easy trail along Shannon Creek is about 350 m. BC Parks gives no time, but most visitors spend well under an hour including the viewing platforms.

Can you swim at Shannon Falls?
BC Parks warns that wading in the creek is extremely dangerous and the rocks are very slippery. Stay on the trail and in the viewing area.

Is it open in winter?
Yes, with reduced services. Snowfall may limit access.

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: Shannon Falls Park; BC Parks: Stawamus Chief Park.

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