HARD WHISTLER VILLAGE STRENUOUS HUT-FREE ALPINE

Singing Pass

The valley trail into Garibaldi's Spearhead country: 11.5 km and about 1,200 m of climbing to Singing Pass, with Russet Lake 3 km further.

DIFFICULTY	TO THE PASS	ELEVATION GAIN
Strenuous	**11.5 km**	**≈ 1,200 m**
BC Parks rating	One way	BC Parks estimate

THEN RUSSET LAKE	TRAILHEAD	DOGS
+ 3 km	**Lot 5**	**Prohibited**
250 m more gain	Whistler Village	Park-wide

Park	Garibaldi Provincial Park
Trailhead	Parking Lot 5, Whistler
To Singing Pass	11.5 km one way
Gain to pass	≈ 1,200 m
Pass to Russet Lake	3 km, 250 m
Camping	Russet Lake: reservation required
Dogs & drones	Prohibited

Overview

The Singing Pass Trail climbs from Whistler Village to the Singing Pass and Musical Bumps junction in Garibaldi Provincial Park. BC Parks rates it strenuous and gives it as 11.5 km one way with about 1,200 m of elevation gain.

From the junction, the trail to Russet Lake adds 3 km and 250 m. Our Russet Lake guide covers the lake and its campground in detail.

≈ 1,200 m gain · 11.5 km one way · Unbridged creek · No dogs

Getting there

Trailhead BC Parks lists the Singing Pass Trail as starting from Parking Lot 5 in Whistler.

Lift option The Musical Bumps route from the Whistler Village Gondola needs a valid lift ticket to reach the park boundary. Access to the boundary without a lift ticket is permitted only on designated routes.

Check first Check with Whistler Blackcomb for lift openings, and check BC Parks for current notices.

The route

1. Parking Lot 5 to Singing Pass *11.5 km · ≈ 1,200 m gain · Strenuous*

- Rated strenuous (Type II trail) and well defined.
- Use extreme caution when crossing Harmony Creek: there is no bridge.

2. Singing Pass to Russet Lake *3 km · 250 m gain*

- Strenuous. Russet Lake campground reservations are required year-round.

3. Musical Bumps (optional link) *3.5 km · 100 m gain*

- Flute Summit to the Singing Pass junction. Requires a lift ticket for the gondola access.

Rules & safety

Harmony Creek BC Parks: use extreme caution crossing Harmony Creek, which has no bridge.

Prohibited Motorized vehicles, domestic animals, fires and drones are prohibited in the park year-round.

Camping Camping needs a permit and reservation. Camping on the Spearhead Traverse requires a wilderness permit.

Weather and avalanche BC Parks warns of severe weather and says avalanche and glacier hazards exist year-round. Travelling beyond the maintained trail needs special skills and equipment.

Pack it out The park is user-maintained and has no garbage removal.

Questions

How long is the Singing Pass trail?
BC Parks lists it at 11.5 km one way from Parking Lot 5 to the Singing Pass and Musical Bumps junction, with about 1,200 m of elevation gain, and rates it strenuous.

Is there a bridge over Harmony Creek?
No. BC Parks says to use extreme caution when crossing Harmony Creek because there is no bridge.

Can I camp at Russet Lake?
Yes, with a reservation. BC Parks requires reservations for Russet Lake Campground year-round.

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

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