

Vancouver/Whistler Driving Map

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Directions from Vancouver Airport to Whistler, BC (137 km / 2 hours 15 minutes)

1. Depart from Vancouver International Airport
2. Continue along Grant McConachie Way and continue to Arthur Laing Bridge – 4.1 km
3. Take the ramp to Granville Street/City Centre – 0.6 km
4. Merge onto SW Marine Drive – 0.2 km
5. Continue on Granville Street – 7.8 km
6. Take the Seymour Street/Highway 99-N ramp to BC Ferries/Horseshoe Bay/Whistler – 0.4 km
7. Merge onto Seymour Street – 1.0 km
8. Turn left at West Georgia Street – 2.0 km
9. Continue through Stanley Park and on to Lions Gate Bridge – 4 km
10. Take the exit toward West Vancouver
11. Merge onto Marine Dr. – 0.4 km
12. Turn right at Taylor Way – 0.5 km
13. Continue west on Rte 1 to Exit 2 – 14 km
14. Take the Hwy-99 N exit toward Squamish/Whistler
15. Continue to Whistler Village – 101.6 km



Washrooms



Museum



Waterfall



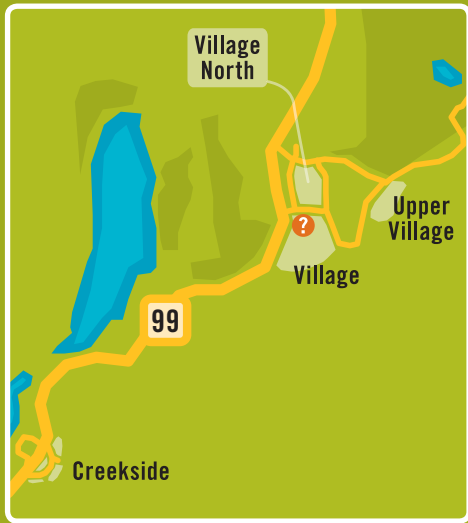
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Brandywine Falls



Tantalus Lookout



Garibaldi Provincial Park



Alice Lake



Squamish Adventure Centre



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Shannon Falls



Britannia Beach



Furry Creek

Porteau Cove

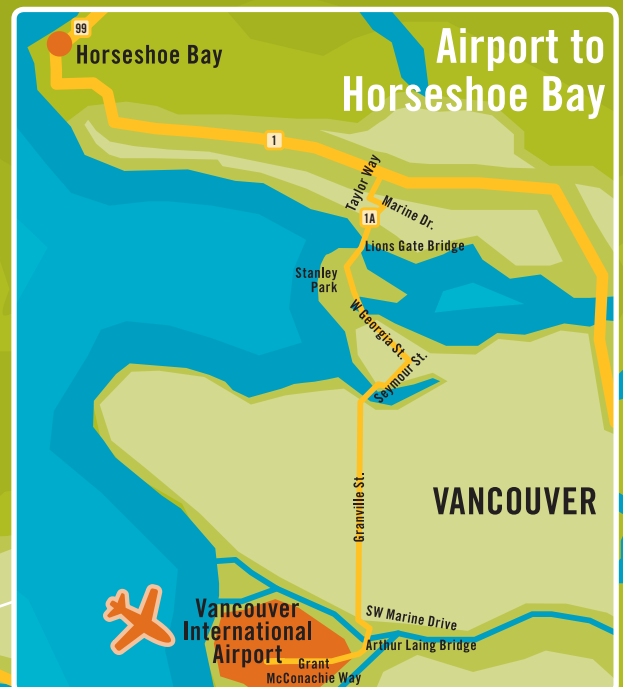


Lions Bay

Horseshoe Bay

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Vancouver International Airport





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Vancouver to Whistler: A journey to remember

The opportunities to sightsee and to enjoy the pristine natural beauty of British Columbia begin on your drive to Whistler.



Washrooms Museum Waterfall Park Lookout Info Centre

Highway 99, from Vancouver to Whistler, rewards travelers with a multitude of spectacular photo opportunities as it winds along the dramatic Pacific coastline and up into British Columbia's Coast Mountain range — a route more commonly, and very appropriately, referred to as the “Sea to Sky Highway”. Its breathtakingly beautiful vistas include snow-capped peaks, rushing waterfalls, emerald lakes and numerous points of interest.

Highway 99 is undergoing a \$600-million upgrade, including new signage that reflects the cultural heritage of the area's First Nations people. Construction is scheduled to be completed in 2009. Drivers are asked to use caution through all work sites and are reminded that traffic fines double in construction zones.

For more on the Improvement Project go to seatoskyimprovements.ca or call **1.800.4.SAFE99**.

Discover Sea to Sky Country

Porteau Cove Provincial Park

An excellent place to stop and stretch your legs, with a picnic area at the entrance to the park, public washrooms, parking, a large beach, a public pier and awesome scenery all at one location.

BC Museum of Mining – Britannia Beach

The town of Britannia Beach was originally centred around an active copper mine which has become the BC Museum of Mining, a natural historic site that has also been used as a location for more than 50 films and television shows such as the X-Files, Smallville, Dark Angel, Stargate, Insomnia and Scooby Doo Two.

Shannon Falls

Located just before the town of Squamish, Shannon Falls can easily be seen as you pass by on Highway 99, but it is well worth the five-minute walk from the large parking lot to get up close to the falls and snap a few pictures. You'll also find washroom facilities and picnic tables right beside the lot.

Alice Lake Provincial Park

Just north of Squamish is Alice Lake Provincial Park, a 397-hectare campground in a forest of

old-growth hemlock featuring hiking/biking trails, picnic areas, two protected beaches and the popular Alice Lake itself.

Tantalus Lookout

You won't need much prompting to stop here to admire the awe-inspiring view and shoot a picture or two to show your friends back home. There are two lookout points from which to view the spectacular Tantalus Range, one going north and one going south.

Garibaldi Provincial Park

The 195,000-hectare Garibaldi Provincial Park is by far the largest park in Sea to Sky country. Most of this park is a vast protected wildlife area while the portion situated along Highway 99 is accessible through a network of well maintained trails.

Brandywine Falls

This park is another popular spot for visitors to the area. From the parking lot right off Highway 99, an easy 10-minute walk through the forest takes you to a viewing platform for the spectacular Brandywine Falls. The 143-hectare park features a picnic area, trails and washrooms.

Tips for the drive

Keep an eye out for some of the area's incredible wildlife as you travel through Sea to Sky country, and have your camera ready for when you do spot a black bear, cougar, deer or bald eagle. But remember, these are wild animals that are best viewed from a safe distance. Never approach or attempt to interact with the local wildlife.

Summer is also forest fire season in British Columbia, so please be fire smart:

- Never toss a lit match
- Extinguish cigarettes completely
- Do not discard cigarettes and matches from vehicles or off your balconies and decks. Always use an ashtray
- Take the time to become fire aware: check for advisories on highway signs, radio and newspaper, or call 1.888.3.FOREST for pre-recorded fire information updates
- Obey all backcountry and trail closures and fire bans

Highway 99 is a mountain highway, and during the winter it can be quite slippery, so make sure you have adequate tires or chains, give yourself some extra travel time, don't tailgate – just take it easy and enjoy the drive.

Get the latest news and traffic updates from the area's local radio station Mountain FM (107.1 FM in Squamish, and 102.1 FM in Whistler).

Once you arrive in Whistler, be sure to stop by the Whistler Visitor Centre to learn more about Whistler and all the activities available in the resort.