


ABOUT


Birkenhead Lake is located 90km north of Whistler off of Highway 99 with a 17km drive along a gravel road.


Birkenhead Lake Park's geographic location affects its climate. It lies in the transition zone between the wet coast and the dry interior. These conditions provide a diverse range of plants and animal species here.


A walk along the northwest side of the lake will take you through some wonderful old-growth forest. Here there is a mix of tree species: Douglas fir, western hemlock, western red cedar, cottonwood and Engelmann spruce. Watch for moose, blue herons, grouse, snowshoe hare, osprey, deer and mountain goats.

FACILITIES AND SERVICES


 Ask a Park Attendant for information on renting canoes or purchasing firewood.

 There is a concrete double-wide boat launch available in the day-use area at this park. Trailer parking is available overnight. A floating dock is next to the boat launch.


 Pit toilets are available in both the day-use and campground areas. No flush toilets at this park.


 Drinking water is available throughout the park.

 During the collecting season a sani-station is available and a fee is charged for the service.

 There is a day-use/picnicking area with picnic tables, a sandy beach, and parking area. Some of the picnic tables have barbecue attachments; bring your own briquettes. There are no fire pits in the day-use area and open fires are not permitted. There are no phones in the park.

THINGS TO DO

 **Kayaking and Canoeing** Canoes and kayaks are welcome but be aware of strong winds which can blow up suddenly on the lake. There are no developed, boat accessible campsites on the lake. Daily and hourly canoe rentals are available on site. For more details, please contact the park operator.

 There is a sandy beach and swimming is available in this cold water lake. Please stay within the swimming area identified by the marker buoys. There are NO LIFEGUARDS on duty at provincial parks.



Hiking

For your own safety and the preservation of the park, obey posted signs and keep to designated trails.

Caution Note: The Lakeside Wilderness Trail and the Birkenhead Lake Trail cross a 50m section of Rock Debris approximately 1km from the trailhead. Use caution when crossing over loose rock rubble. Crossing should be avoided during periods of prolonged, heavy rain.

Wilderness Trail: A 2km hiking trail through old growth forest leads to a flat, treed area with views of the mountains across the lake and views back of the day use area beaches. A short section connects with the Birkenhead Lake Trail, allowing for a longer hike or a loop back to the trailhead.

Birkenhead Lake Trail: The 8km trail to Birkenhead Lake Estates at the south end of the lake joins up with Birkenhead Road and Tenas Valley logging road. This trail is used by both hikers and cyclists. Motorized vehicles are not permitted on this trail.

Goat Lookout Trail: This 1km trail on the south side of the valley is a bit rough and steep in places, but offers a view of the lake at its end and in the spring and fall mountain goats may be seen on the cliffs above the campground.



Cycling Bicycles must keep to roadways and designated mountain bike trails. The Birkenhead Lake Trail is a popular 8km gravel trail to Birkenhead Lake Estates at the south end of the lake and joins up with Birkenhead Road and Tenas Valley logging road.



Fishing Kokanee and Rainbow Trout are the main fish in the lake. Anyone fishing or angling in British Columbia must have an appropriate licence. Please note: fishing regulations require the release of all Bull Trout caught. Bull Trout are an endangered species.

ENJOY YOUR STAY

Park regulations protect the natural state of the park and ensure a quality experience for all visitors.

- Fires are permitted in designated fire rings only. Visitors may bring firewood or purchase from a Park Attendant.
- Pets must be on a leash at all times. Please be responsible for their behavior and waste.
- Anything with an odor could attract wildlife to your site. Place garbage in bins, avoid cooking inside tents and tent trailers, and store all food supplies, including coolers, in your vehicle.

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Park Map and Information Guide

Welcome. Birkenhead Lake Provincial Park was first established in 1963 to provide lakeside camping and other recreation experiences for travelers between Whistler and Lillooet.

The park was expanded in 1996 from 3,642 hectares to 9,755 hectares, adding significant conservation values of the Sockeye Creek watershed. Birkenhead Lake Provincial Park protects important habitat for a variety of wildlife, including the spotted owls, mountain goats, black bears, and grizzly bears. Old-growth forests, sub-alpine and alpine environments, large and small lakes all contribute to the park's diversity.

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Camping Regulations & Safety

Alcohol Alcohol in a public place (day use area, parking lot, etc.) is prohibited. The consumption of alcohol is only permitted within campsite boundaries for registered occupants over the age of 19.

Generator Use Generator use is only permitted from 9am to 11am and from 6pm to 8pm. Generators are not to be placed in surrounding vegetation.

Fire Collection and burning of deadwood, driftwood, leaves, branches and other debris is prohibited. Campfires are permitted in designated fire rings only. Leaving your campfire unattended is a serious offence.

Litter Deposit litter and recycling in receptacles provided and strive for "Leave no Trace". Please ensure all garbage is disposed of in a timely manner before leaving your site to avoid bear – people conflicts.

Noise Out of respect for other campers all disruptive noise is prohibited between 10pm and 7am. Excessive noise is not permitted at any time.

Gate & Checkout The park gate is closed between 10pm and 7am. Check out time is 11am for all campsites. To extend your stay speak to a Park Attendant before 11am before your permit expires (subject to availability).

Vehicles All vehicles staying beyond 10pm must be registered. The fee for a second vehicle is half the regular campsite fee. No parking is permitted along roadways/sides. No overnight parking is permitted in day-use lots.

Security The campground is patrolled regularly by staff, in the case of an emergency or if exiting the campground after hours contact a Park Operator in the service yard.

Loss of Property Never leave valuables unattended. Management is not responsible for lost or damaged property. All losses should be reported to RCMP and the Park Operator as soon as possible.

Campsites To preserve and encourage new growth of vegetation, please ensure vehicles, tents and camping equipment remain on the gravel portion of the campsite. Barbecues must be used on the ground unless barbecue attachments are provided on the picnic tables.

Bears Lock all food and cooking equipment inside vehicles when not in use. NEVER feed or approach bears. For more information about safe bear practices visit www.wild-safebc.com. To report bear sightings, poachers or polluters, contact the 24 hour conservation hot line at 1-877-952-RAPP.

Domestic Animals All dogs must be on a leash while inside the provincial park boundaries unless in designated dog beach/swimming areas. Please clean up after your pet.

