

En Route to Whistler



Heading from/to Vancouver/YVR

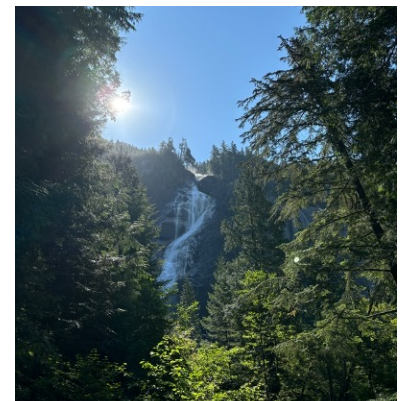
As you leave Vancouver and cross one of the bridges to the North Shore and begin travelling on the highway you will come to Horseshoe Bay, a small town with a harbour and a BC Ferries ferry terminal, with ferries travelling from Vancouver Island, the Sunshine Coast, and the Gulf Islands.

Travelling up the Sea to Sky Highway along the Pacific Ocean, you will begin to see Cultural Journey kiosks that have the shape of a cedar woven Coast Salish hat. These stops provide information about the lands, waters, and culture of local First Nations: Squamish and Lil'wat. You will also notice that the distance and location signs along the highway are in local Indigenous languages and English.

Sea to Sky Landscapes for Learning Mathematics



There are many viewpoints off to the left or right of the highway where you can see views of the local landscape. One stop you may consider is Porteau Cove. Porteau Cove is a provincial park, known for camping, boating and scuba diving. Here you truly experience the "sea to sky" landscape.



Shannon Falls is about 15 minutes beyond Porteau Cove and is a provincial park that has a parking lot right next to the highway. It is a recreation area with picnic benches, washrooms, and a small concession area. There are many hiking trails within the park and it is only a short 20-minute loop to see the falls. Shannon Falls cascade down 335 metres of granite and are surrounded by a lush forest. You can also access the Sea-to-Sky Gondola in this area.



Squamish is the last major town before Whistler and is a good place to stop for gas, a bite to eat and supplies. Squamish is the "Outdoor Recreation Capital of Canada" and is known for rock climbing, mountain biking, hiking, and river rafting. As you drive towards Squamish from Vancouver, look right to see Stawamus Chief (also just known as "The Chief"), a large granite dome.. It is one of the largest granite monoliths in the world and is popular for both hiking and rock climbing.

If you are a fan of the show "Virgin River" there are many filming locations in the Squamish and Brackendale areas, including "Jack's Bar" which is actually the Watershed Café, found along the Squamish River. Brackendale is known for its large populations of bald eagles.

As you come into Whistler, drive through Whistler Creekside and then continue to the main Whistler village area. We hope you enjoy your time in Whistler. Local information about things to do and see in Whistler can be found on this website:

<https://www.whistler.com/>

