

Hiking: Stawamus Chief Trails

These classic trails up the Stawamus Chief lead to three distinct summits, each offering a unique, challenging experience.

How to get there:

Just south of Squamish turn off Highway 99 at either Shannon Falls or Stawamus Chief Provincial Park. The main Chief trail starts at a well marked staircase.

Route:

FIRST PEAK: The closest of the three in terms of distance from the parking lot, First Peak is the busiest with the best views of Howe Sound. With sheer cliffs on three sides, it's a spectacular perch from which to have lunch or a snack.

SECOND PEAK: The largest of the three summits, has all kinds of perches offering panoramic views of Howe Sound, Squamish and the peaks of Garibaldi Provincial Park. You may spot the odd rock climber completing an adventure!

THIRD PEAK: Accessible either from the Chief Trail itself or from Second Peak (recommended), Third Peak is the highest of the three summits. It feels endless up here and if you are coming from Second Peak, you will pass over the North Gully. One of coolest viewpoints in the area, the North Gully sits between Second and Third Peak and has sheer cliff walls with a 60-metre gap in between. It offers a stunning view of Mt. Garibaldi and the Squamish townsite below.

A good half to full day hike is to ascend Second Peak and then continue on, following the orange trail blazes, to Third Peak. This 7km round trip should be given 6-7 hours to complete.



Difficulty	◆◆	Difficult
Trail Type	↗	One way
Length	▬	4-7km return
Elevation Gain	↑↓	918 metres
Duration	🕒	2 - 7 hr
Pet Friendly?	🐕	On Leash

Equipment:

- Good walking shoes or boots.
- Waterproof Jacket and Pants
- Water Bottle
- Sun Hat or Warm Hat
- Sun Cream
- Food
- Map
- First Aid Kit
- Mobile Phone

Be Adventure Smart 🌲

- Plan ahead and prepare
- Leave what you find
- Dispose of waste properly
- Respect wildlife and control pets
- Be considerate of other visitors



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