

Snowshoeing: Garibaldi Park

A Squamish classic, hiking to Elfin Lakes is a gorgeous access into Garibaldi Provincial Park. It's typically a full-day affair, but it's possible to camp or stay at the Elfin Lakes Shelter if you'd like to stay overnight. It's a great place to wake up!

How to get there:

Turn east onto Mamquam Road from Highway 99. Turn left onto Highlands Way S and exit the roundabout onto The Blvd. Pass Quest University then take a left back onto Mamquam Road. The road will turn to gravel and during winter it can be hard-packed snow. 4WD and chains are required to reach the upper parking lot. From there, the trail begins right at the sign.

Route:

A very well marked trail that begins at the Diamond Head parking lot and winds its way up through an old growth forest. The Red Heather Hut is the halfway point to Elfin Lakes and offers a propane heater and emergency only sleeping shelter. There are always plenty of Whiskey Jacks nearby and a plethora of hikers and backcountry skiers all seeking a snack at the hut. The trail to Elfin Lakes continues from Red Heather Hut and gradually ascends onto Paul Ridge into the sub-alpine. The views here are breathtaking and continue all along the trail. About a half hour past Red Heather, the trail climbs to the high point of Paul Ridge, at 1660m. From here, the path moves slightly downhill to wind its way toward the snow-covered Elfin Lakes.

When you descend be mindful of passing skiers, make sure to leave enough space for them to get past you on the trail.



Difficulty	◆	Challenging
Trail Type	↔	Out & Back
Length	📏	11 km each way
Elevation Gain	↑↓	690 metres
Duration	🕒	6 – 8 hrs
Pet Friendly?	🐕	No

Equipment:

- Good walking shoes or boots.
- Snowshoes
- Waterproof Jacket and Pants
- Water Bottle
- 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

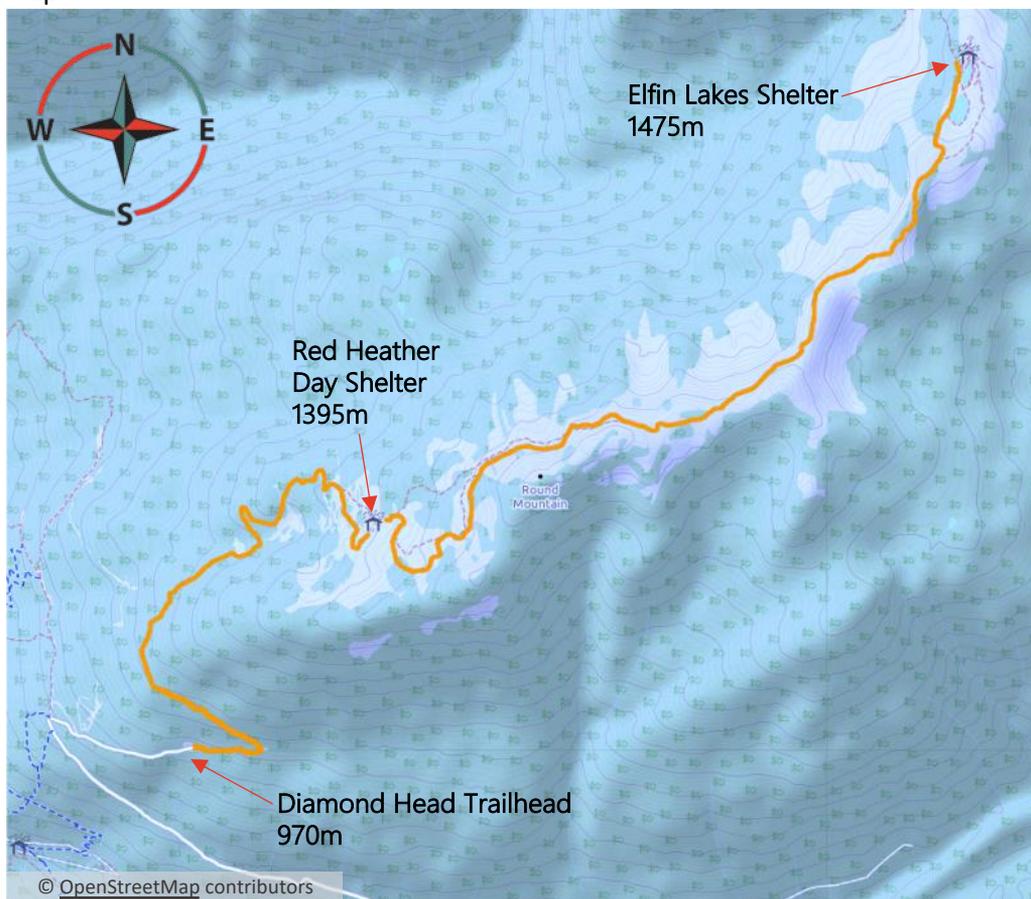


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Map



Weather

Check the weather before you go. Take care in heavy snow, high winds and low visibility.

Know before you go

- The Elfin Lakes Cabin is a fully equipped hut with cooking utensils, stove and can sleep up to 22.
- Please note that chains for your vehicle are required to access the trailhead parking lot. You can park at the lower lot without chains.

When to cancel hike

- Poor Weather.
- Inadequate equipment or fitness.
- Any situation which may jeopardise the safety of your group.

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- Feel free to take me, but If you want to *save* paper, take a photo of me instead.
- If I still look good when you're finished, please *return* me for someone else to use.
- If my time is done, *recycle* me!

Have you?

- Checked the weather
- Checked route conditions
- Got correct equipment
- Checked group fitness
- Told someone where you're going

Emergency

If you require emergency assistance, please call 911.