



TRIP IDEAS

FAMILY ACTIVITIES IN WHISTLER

Whistler is all about big mountains and fun stuff for families to experience. Ride a gondola between high peaks, paddle the River of Golden Dreams, or try a treetop canopy walk – and then go for ice cream in the village.

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PEAK 2 PEAK Gondola

There's no need to be skiing to ride the PEAK 2 PEAK, a gondola that glides across the valley between Blackcomb and Whistler mountains. Feeling brave? Catch one of the glass-bottomed gondolas to see just how high up the gondola is.

Ziplining and Treetrek Canopy Walk

Ziplining tours in Whistler include Ziptrek Ecotours, which can send families flying through the air over a forest, a valley and a whitewater creek. Zipliners have to be six years old to go solo, but little kids can ride tandem with a guide. And check out the TreeTrek Canopy Walk: it's like a huge tree house with bridges and boardwalks high up in the trees.

Biking in Whistler

Bring bikes or rent them in the village. At the Whistler Mountain Bike Park, ride a lift to reach more than 50 trails, complete with jump parks and skills centres. Prefer to peddle up? There are another 200km/125 mi of trails surrounding Whistler Village. For a quieter cycling option, follow the pleasant Valley Trail.

Blackcomb Base Adventure Zone

Try the bungee trampoline, the luge ride or the Spin Cycle Human Gyroscope (a spinning huge ball like the one NASA has used to train astronauts). The Blackcomb Base Adventure Zone has all this and tons more.

Paddling, Hiking and Beaches

Head out on the River of Golden Dreams – it's smooth paddling all the way. Hiking? Start with the hour-long Alpine Walk from Rendezvous Lodge. For more challenge, make the hour-long trek (or two roundtrip) to see wildflowers on the Lakeside Loop trail.

And who knew Whistler had sandy beaches? Bike or rollerblade along the Valley Trail to Rainbow Park on Alta Lake; have a barbecue, go swimming (it's not that cold!) or play beach volleyball.

Family-Friendly Restaurants

There are loads of great Whistler restaurants. Some ideas? Design a burger at Splitz Grill, grab a slice of cheesy goodness at Avalanche Pizza Co., layer cheese or chocolate at Crepe Montagne, or fill up on fresh noodles and sauces at Pasta Lupino.

Family-Friendly Hotels

Aspens on Blackcomb features all-suite accommodation ideal for families, complete with an outdoor heated pool and three hot tubs. Coast Blackcomb Suites at Whistler offers ski-in, ski-out suites with fully equipped kitchens, gas fireplaces and complimentary breakfast. Experience a home nestled in the forest just minutes from Whistler Village at the Horstman House. Enjoy a kids' centre, games room, lounge area and all the comforts of home

Whistler Transportation

Follow the two-hour Sea-to-Sky Highway driving route from Vancouver to Whistler. Cool stops en route include the Britannia Mine Museum and the West Coast Railway Heritage Park.

Like trains? Ride the Rocky Mountaineer's Whistler Sea to Sky Climb train from Vancouver to Whistler. Or go by floatplane: Whistler Air flies from downtown Vancouver to Whistler's Green Lake in about 30 minutes (May to September). Combine the train and plane for a great round trip. Once in Whistler, it's easy to get around by foot, bus or bike.