

The Dave Murray Downhill on Whistler Mountain is where the men's downhill, slalom, giant slalom, super combined and super-G races of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games will occur. Dropping more than one vertical kilometre in just over 3.1 kilometres, the Dave Murray Downhill is the second longest downhill course in the world and has hosted World Cup races since the 1970s.

Whistler Mountain



Photo credit: Paul Morrison

Did You Know . . .

The Dave Murray Downhill is named after Dave Murray, one of the original "Crazy Canucks," and one of the most popular ski personalities Canada has ever produced.

After retiring from the Canadian Ski Team in 1982, he joined Whistler Mountain as Director of Skiing and created a series of events and programs targeting mature skiers. The legendary Dave Murray Camps continue to be offered at Whistler Blackcomb to this day.

Dave passed away in 1989, after a valiant fight against cancer. The run was named in his honour in 1990.



There are two main ways to access the start of the Dave Murray Downhill course. Direct access to the top of the course is via the Garbanzo chairlift. Start in Whistler's main village and take the Whistler Village Gondola to "mid-station" then ski/ride over to Garbanzo chairlift.

From Creekside base, skier and riders can take the Creekside Gondola, then Big Red Express and ski/ride Upper Whiskey Jack to access the Dave Murray Downhill.

The Dave Murray Downhill has received some unique names for sections of the course since its start as a race venue. Below are some of the most notable sections.

The "Toilet Bowl" is near the start of the course and is where there is an abrupt roll-over onto a steep pitch. "The Weasel" is a steep pitch at the equivalent elevation as the top of the Creekside Gondola (mid-station). Whistler Weasel Workers got their name from the job of boot-packing the Weasel section of the course. "Afterburner" is a steep ledge that crosses Lower Insanity to Coaches Corner. "Coaches Corner" is just passed the halfway mark and has been widened in preparation for 2010 Winter Games athletes. "Boyd's Bump" is a short section just before "Murr's Jump" or "Hot Air." "Murr's Jump" is also known as "Hot Air" and is the last technical section of the course before the finish line.

Guests of Whistler Blackcomb this season can ski or snowboard the runs that 2010 Winter Games athletes will ski in 2010 and truly experience their own Olympic moment! Whistler Blackcomb will be open for the entire 2010 winter season and over 90 per cent open during the February 12 to 28 (Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games) and March 12-21 (Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games) time period.

Intrawest at Whistler Blackcomb

4545 Blackcomb Way, Whistler, British Columbia, Canada, V0N 1B4
Telephone: 604.932.3141 Fax: 604.938.7527 www.whistlerblackcomb.com