



Whistler Public Transportation Update for March 2010 and 2010 Paralympic Winter Games Transportation Information

As the 2010 Olympic Winter Games come to a close, there are a number of transportation-related initiatives that will change as Whistler prepares to welcome the world to the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games, March 12-21.

Parking / Day Skier parking as of March 1st

- Sea to Sky Checkpoint permit is no longer required as the checkpoint will cease operation on February 28, 2010 at 6pm.
- Lots 1, 2, and 3 are open for general public use
- Driving Range (Lot 10) and Mons (Lot 11) parking lots are open for day skier parking (fee-based)

Bus Service

- Transit services in Whistler, Squamish, and Pemberton return to regular winter service
- Whistler #10 Games Express, running from Function Junction to Gondola Transit Exchange, will continue from March 1-21; running every 15min from 5:00am to midnight
- The first #10 Games Express leaves the Athletes Village at 5am and Gondola Exchange at 5:25am
- The last #10 Game Express leaves the Athletes Village and Gondola Exchange at 12midnight
- Regular fares apply on the Pemberton and Squamish connector services as well as local services in each community
- BC Transit operates four round trips daily between Squamish and Whistler (schedules at bctransit.com)
- BC Transit operates two round trips daily between Pemberton and Whistler (schedules at bctransit.com)
- Paralympic event tickets include public transit in Whistler on event day until 3:00am
- Whistler's transit fleet is 100% accessible
- Ski and snowboards are permitted on BC Transit buses.
- All buses that were previously rerouted to the temporary Main Street exchange will return to the Gondola Transit Exchange
- #1 Creekside Express and #2 Whistler Creek will not route through Creekside on London Lane, but will continue to travel along Hwy 99 with stops at Hwy 99 and Lake Placid Road.

Road Closures or Restrictions

- Blackcomb Way closed to public access March 1-21
- Whistler Way open one way only from March 2-23, then returns to normal operations
- London Lane under bridge in Creekside open March 1-6, then closed March 7-21
- Localized Vehicle permitting in effect, Nordic Drive at Taluswood Place, March 7-21, 7am to 5pm
- Localized Vehicle permitting in effect, London Lane at Highway 99, March 7-21, 7am to 5pm
- Olympic (now Paralympic) Lane from Function Junction to Lorimer Road continues in effect until March 21

Commercial Traffic Restrictions in Whistler as of March 1

- Master Delivery schedule no longer in operation
- Overnight delivery restrictions lifted
- Commercial Carrier permits are no longer required
- Quick Delivery zones and time restriction are lifted

- Some restriction for deliveries into Sunshine Place – traffic control management in place
- Some restrictions for deliveries into Creekside Franz's Trail - businesses will be informed specifically

Paralympic Spectator Travel

Whistler Creekside – Alpine skiing

From Vancouver, Squamish:

- Carpool or self-drive to spectator parking provided at Callaghan Station (across from Callaghan Valley Rd. on east side of Hwy99)
 - Then board spectator shuttle to Whistler Creekside
 - Shuttle operates 1.5 hours before start of competition and then two hours after end of competition
- Or take commercial coach directly to Whistler Creekside or to Whistler Village and then transfer to public transit to Creekside

From Whistler:

- Board the BC Transit bus # 1, #2 or #10
- Exit on Highway 99 at Creekside
- Enter the venue on north side of Lake Placid Road, to the left of Legend's hotel

Accessible Access

- VANOC offers an accessible shuttle departing from all load zones around Creekside base (BC Transit, MP, Spectator Shuttle, School Children's Program at Snowridge). Contact transportation personnel on-site to request the accessible shuttle
- The accessibility shuttle will drop off spectators at the Timing Flats
- Individuals with accessibility challenges are able to travel with one additional individual.
- For spectators who have purchased accessible tickets and would like to request an accessible parking space to access the venue via wheelchair, please email your request to: Accessibleparkingwhistler@paralympic.vancouver2010.com
 - The availability of parking spaces is very limited and will be allocated on a "first come, first served" needs basis.

Whistler Paralympic Park – Cross Country, Biathlon

From Vancouver, Squamish, and Whistler:

- Drive to the Callaghan Valley road located approximately 5km south of Function Junction.
- Spectator parking will be provided at both the venue entry and at the base of the Callaghan Valley Road, filled on a first come first served basis. Spectators will be required to catch a shuttle from both parking areas to the venue entry point.
- There is also the Whistler Paralympic Park express (limited service) departing from the Whistler Transportation Mall (lot 4) to Whistler Paralympic Park – *schedule TBD*

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- Accessible Parking will be provided in the parking area closest to the venue entry. An accessible shuttle will run from this location to the stadium entry.
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Vancouver venues (there is no spectator parking at these venues):

UBC Thunderbird Arena – Sledge Hockey

- Carpool or self-drive to commercial parking in Vancouver, then take public transit to UBC (public transit is included in your event ticket)
- Travel to Vancouver by commercial motor coach then take public transit to UBC (public transit is included in your event ticket)

Vancouver Paralympic Centre – Wheelchair Curling

- Carpool or self-drive to commercial parking near Vancouver Paralympic Centre then take public transit to venue (public transit is free with your event ticket)
- Travel to Vancouver by commercial motor coach then take public transit to venue (public transit is included in your event ticket)

For the most up-to-date transportation information, visit www.travelsmart2010.ca and www.whistler2010.com,