EASY SHORT WALK-IN SWIM LAKE UNSIGNED TRAIL

Lucille Lake

A small swim lake a short walk off the Chance Creek forest road. The trail is unsigned, so read the access notes.

DO YOUR OWN RESEARCH FIRST. This is not a navigation tool and must not be your only source. Confirm everything with the land manager.

DIFFICULTY	WALK IN	LAKE LOOP
Easy	**≈ 15 min**	**1.6–2.2 mi?**
Short walk-in	One rental-company guide	Sources vary: 1.6 km to 2.2 mi

PARKING	TRAIL	WILDLIFE
Chance Creek FSR	**Unsigned**	**Bears, cougar**
Pull-out off Highway 99	Two trails at the gate	Carry bear spray

Trailhead	Chance Creek FSR off Highway 99
Parking	Pull-out at start of the FSR
Walk in	≈ 15 min
Navigation	Unsigned: use a map or GPS
Swimming	No facilities or lifeguards
Wildlife	Bear spray advised

Overview

Lucille Lake is reached from a parking pull-out at the start of the Chance Creek forest service road off Highway 99, just after the bridge over the Cheakamus River. One guide puts it about 26.6 km south of Whistler. A rental-company guide says it is roughly a 15-minute walk to the lake.

The trail is not signed. A 2011 blog warns there are two trails at the closed gate and says the correct one follows the BC Hydro transmission lines, but a commenter called the directions contradictory, so verify on a current map and drop a GPS pin.

Unsigned trail · Swim lake · Bear country · ≈ 15 min walk

Getting there

Parking The parking pull-out is at the start of the Chance Creek forest service road. One source says a vehicle with some clearance is the comfortable choice on the rough spur.

The trail Sources describe the walk-in as short but confusing at first. Do not rely on a single blog's directions: use a current map or GPS.

Distance Distance figures disagree: 1.62 km around the lake (Komoot) and 2.2 miles (10Adventures). They may describe different routes.

Know before you go

Wildlife A 2011 blog reports bear scat on the trail and the possibility of a cougar encounter. 10Adventures advises bringing bear spray.

Swimming There are no beach facilities or lifeguards. Swimming is at your own risk.

Navigation The trail is unsigned. Carry a map and a GPS or phone with offline maps.

Questions

How do I get to Lucille Lake?
From Highway 99, take the Chance Creek forest service road and park at the pull-out near the start, after the Cheakamus River bridge. Walk in on the unsigned trail, about 15 minutes according to one guide.

Is the trail marked?
No. Sources say the trail is unsigned and can be confusing at the gate. Verify the route on a current map.

Are there facilities?
No beach facilities or lifeguards, according to sources.

Are there bears?
Yes. Carry bear spray.

Safety checklist

Tell someone your plan Leave your route, group size and expected return time with someone you trust, and check in when you are back. BC AdventureSmart (adventuresmart.ca) has a free trip-plan form.

Check conditions the same day Look at the weather, road and trail conditions, closures and (in snow season) the avalanche forecast on the day you go, not last week. Use the land manager's page for this guide.

Set a turnaround time Pick a time to turn back whatever happens, start early, and carry a headlamp. Most trips go wrong in the last hours of the day.

Carry the essentials Water, food, navigation (map and offline GPS), light, first aid, extra layers, sun protection, a whistle and fire or shelter. A phone alone is not a plan.

Emergencies Call 911. Cell coverage is unreliable or absent in much of the Sea to Sky backcountry, so consider a satellite messenger and know your location.

Water and wildlife Wear a life jacket on the water: cold water can disable you in minutes. Carry bear spray where bears are present, keep food secured and give wildlife space.

Sources & disclaimer

This guide draws on 10Adventures: Lucille Lake Loop; Eco BC blog (2011); Komoot.

Last checked November 18, 2026. Figures marked ≈ are approximate, and sources sometimes disagree. Always confirm with the land manager before you go.

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