



Off the Beaten Path

GIBSONS

LANGDALE FALLS

LENGTH & DIFFICULTY: 1.5 km return | **Moderate**

The 12 metre (40 foot) Langdale Falls is part of the Sprockids Mountain Bike Park. About one km each way, the trail is quite steep in sections and will test your cardio. The final stretch to the falls has a climbing rope to give you that bit of extra stability over this precarious section.

ACCESS: Sprockids Park, 1235 Stewart Rd, Gibsons. From Langdale ferry terminal, head up Hwy 101 to the top of the bypass and turn right on Stewart Rd. Parking is on the right side and the trailhead is across the parking lot. Enter at the Sprockids Park sign.

MT ELPHINSTONE SUMMIT TRAIL

LENGTH & DIFFICULTY: 12 km return / 5-8 hours
| **Strenuous**

A good workout through the forest with beautiful views towards the Tetrahedron from the top, overlooking the Georgia Straight, Howe Sound, and Vancouver.

ACCESS: Sprockids Park, 1235 Stewart Rd, Gibsons. From Langdale ferry terminal, head up Hwy 101 to the top of the bypass and turn right on Stewart Rd. Parking is on the right side and the trailhead is across the parking lot, a short ways in, look for the Elphinstone Summit sign and trail. Continue along the trail and do not take the first two trails on the left (Pineapple Express and Lower Flume) but continue up the White Trail until you reach the Mt. Elphinstone Summit trail sign. From the Summit Trail sign, follow the YELLOW trail markers up the trail and do not go left on the To Dakota



Mt. Elphenstone lookout Photo:sunshine-coast-trails.com

Ridge trail. When you reach a logging road, continue right along it and look for the trail on the left side of the logging road. Continue up the trail until you reach the first lookout overlooking Gibsons and Howe Sound. The trail continues and brings you to the summit of Mt Elphinstone by a cell tower and helipad with phenomenal views.

SECHELT

FOOTBRIDGE OVER CHAPMAN CREEK

LENGTH & DIFFICULTY: 6 km one way | **Easy**

From the Sechelt airport, a pleasant 1.5km walk through the forest to a bridge over Chapman Creek. After crossing the bridge the trail connects with trails to the Davis Bay area or to Selma Park and on to Chapman Creek Falls (approx 4.5km).

ACCESS: From Hwy 101 take Field Rd. North to its end, turn left, and follow the gravel road to the airport. There is a parking area on the left and the trail starts there.

CHAPMAN CREEK FALLS

LENGTH & DIFFICULTY: 2 km one way | **Moderate**

An easy walk along a well-travelled gravel road to a short trail. Through the trail you can see and hear Chapman Creek Waterfalls. There are picnic areas on the rocks where you can dip your toes into the water.

ACCESS: From Sechelt, travel south on Hwy 101 about 1.9km and turn left on Selma Park Rd, then left again onto Reservoir Rd. This road leads to the power lines. Drive under the power lines and towards a chain-link fence. Turn left following the fence until you reach a gated road. Park OUTSIDE and do not block the gate. Walk along the gated road and where it turns hard left, keep right to continue onto the waterfall trail. Follow it for 200 m. Caution: at the falls there are slippery rocks, fast water and some undercut and unstable banks.

WEST SECHELT

PHARE (WORMY) LAKE, LOGGING ROAD ACCESS

LENGTH & DIFFICULTY: 3.5 km | **Easy**

Sections of new trail link with existing roads and trails to circumnavigate Phare (Wormy) Lake.

ACCESS: A logging road beginning at the intersection of Mason Rd and Heritage Rd, W. Sechelt. Take right hand forks, watching for Phare (Wormy) Lake signs. There is a parking area about 3.75km from the start of the road. Note: 4x4 type vehicles recommended. This is a one lane active logging road. Drive with care and attention, expecting industrial vehicles and other traffic. Expect changing road conditions.



HALFMOON BAY

HOMESITE CREEK

LENGTH & DIFFICULTY: 9 km of trails | **Moderate**

Area features beautiful trails and scenic waterfalls, and connects with an extensive trail network. There are two main trails. The one on the right is about 2 kms long and takes you to the Homesite Waterfall. The trail to the left takes you down past the creek and can be taken all the way out to Brooks Rd. For an extra adventure check out Home-site Creek Caves across the highway from Homesite Creek Falls.

ACCESS: On Hwy. 101 north of Sechelt, approximately 3 kms from the north end of Redrooffs Rd. A small white sign on the left side of the highway marks the trailhead and small parking area. To access the Caves, take Homesite Creek Forest Road on the right side of the highway (head-ing north) to the parking area. Caves trail begins across the road from the parking area.

TRIANGLE LAKE

LENGTH & DIFFICULTY: 4km one way | **Moderate**

Steady incline up a very attractive trail with old growth Douglas Fir. Triangle Lake is a shallow lake with rare coast-al bog ecology. From the north end of Triangle Lake, trails continue to Highway 101 at Trout Lake and connect with a number of mountain biking trails.

ACCESS: From Sechelt, go north on Highway 101, and fol-low the signs to Sargeant Bay Provincial Park. Turn left on Redrooffs Road. The trail starts near the yellow bollards on the upland side of Redrooffs across from the main en-trance to Sargeant Bay Park. Walk this trail for 500 Metres until you meet the signed Triangle Lake trail leading off to the right.



Triangle Lake trail Photo: sunshine-coast-trails.com

EGMONT

SUNCOASTER TRAIL (Egmont to Homesite Creek)

LENGTH & DIFFICULTY: Distances vary | **Moderate**

A shared use trail from Earls Cove to Halfmoon Bay. Devel-oped in several sections, with multiple access points from Highway 101. It is currently completed to the intersection of Homesite Creek Forest Service Rd and Highway 101. The trail is a mixture of old roads and trails. Klein Lake Section, the most northerly section, passes by Klein Lake, over a height of land offering some views Then the trail exits on to Hwy 101 near Dan Bosch Park.

ACCESS: Multiple access points including trailheads off Egmont Rd immediately East of Highway 101, Menacher Rd, and Homesite Creek Forest Service Rd. For more infor-mation and maps of the trail visit the this website: www.scrd.ca/Suncoaster-Trail.

For more detailed information, directions and maps see:

- SunshineCoastCanada.com/trails
- [Sunshine Coast Trails \(sunshine-coast-trails.com\)](http://SunshineCoastTrails.com)
- [Sunshine Coast Regional District Parks \(scr.d.ca/parks\)](http://SunshineCoastRegionalDistrictParks.com)
- AllTrails.com (hiking trails app)
- Trailforks.com (mountain bike app)

PLEASE CONSIDER:

- Times are rough estimates
- Local maps (apps) are highly recommended as many of the trails are in trail networks and not all are signed
- 4x4 vehicles are required/recommended for access to some of these trails
- Many of these trails are multipurpose – hiking, biking etc. Please respect and be aware of all trail users
- In the case of windy weather, it is advised to stay out of the forest
- Although rarely seen, be alert for large wildlife. Consider carrying bear spray, air horn or whistle. Make noise while on the trails