



CALLAGHAN COUNTRY

Routes of wilderness

Driving Directions from Seattle to Callaghan Country

The Callaghan Country staging area is about a 4 to 5-hour drive from Seattle. The trip to from Seattle to Vancouver takes about 3 hours. From Vancouver, the drive takes about 1.5 – 2 hours, depending on road and traffic conditions. It is about 340km or 215 miles from Seattle to Whistler.

1. Follow I-5 north to Canada-U.S. border. (160km/100 miles)
2. Once in Canada, I-5 turns into Highway 99. Follow Hwy. 99 north over the Oak Street Bridge. (50 km/30 mi.) Highway 99 becomes 99/Oak Street.
3. Turn left onto West 41st Avenue. (1 km/0.5 mi.)
4. Turn right onto Granville Street. Follow Granville over the Granville Street Bridge into downtown Vancouver. (15 km/9 mi.) Take Seymour Street exit off Bridge.
5. Follow Seymour Street, turn left on Georgia Street.
6. Follow Georgia Street through downtown Vancouver.
7. Georgia Street becomes the Stanley Park Causeway and will take you over the Lions Gate Bridge. (3 km/2 mi.)
8. Follow the signs to West Vancouver off the Lions Gate Bridge. Continue west on Marine Drive. (0.5 km/0.25 mi.)
9. Turn right onto Taylor Way.
10. Continue up hill and turn left onto Highway 1 West.
11. Take exit #1 to get onto the scenic Sea to Sky highway, #99.
12. Follow Highway 99 to the Callaghan Country staging area. (110 km/70 miles)



Approaching Whistler

As you approach Whistler, you will cross a set of railroad tracks at an S-curve where the speed limit drops to 40km/h. Just past those tracks you will pass a Provincial Park called Brandywine Falls.

1. A couple of minutes past this park, the highway widens from 2-lanes to four. At the end of the 4-lanes, you will cross over a small bridge. The turn-off to Callaghan Country is about 15 seconds past this bridge on the left hand side.
2. Turn left here and follow the Callaghan Forest Service Road for about 500 metres (it should be plowed and easy enough to navigate in a 2WD car).
3. Follow the plowed road as it leads to the left across a small bridge and into a big parking lot. At the far end of the lot you will see a white semi-trailer. This is where we keep our snowmobiles, and this is where we will meet you!

Be sure to follow posted speed limits (80 kilometers / hour - which is 50 miles per hour, is the speed limit for most of Highway 99), there are lots of police on the road, and it is very twisty and turny. It's a beautiful drive, but be careful!

NOTE: Whistler is in the heart of the Coast Mountain Range, and we are famous for our winter storms and abundant snowfalls. While this powder is what makes the skiing here so incredible, it can create difficult driving conditions on Highway 99. **Please be sure that the vehicle you are traveling in is equipped with good winter (snow) tires, and be sure to carry chains.**

Highway 99 Road Conditions update:

<http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/roadreports/roadreport.asp?filename=hwy99.txt>

Highway 99 Improvement Project Closures Schedule:

http://www.gtmconsulting.com/info/project_updates/etc.php

Immigration & Customs

A valid passport or birth certificate with a photo I.D. (for U.S. citizens) will be accepted as proof of citizenship. Canada Customs info:

<http://www.ccradarc.gc.ca/customs/individuals/visitors-e.html>

Canada customs border wait times:

<http://www.ccradarc.gc.ca/customs/general/times/menu-e.html>

US Customs border wait times:

<http://forms.customs.gov/nemo/bordertimes/bordertimes.asp>

Tips for travelers to Canada from the US Bureau of Consular Affairs:

http://travel.state.gov/tips_canada.html

