

17 Northwest Passage Loop ★ . . □

STATS: 8.2km, 276m, June–October, N50 05.715 W122 59.360



Access: Same as Big Timber.

This loop starts at Creekside and takes the Northwest Passage to Brio before crossing the highway and returning via the Valley Trail. It's a great workout!

Hiking: From the point where Whistler Creek flows under London Lane, start walking uphill along the double track on the south side of the creek (the same side of the creek as Legends Hotel). This trail will lead you up the side of a ski run known as the Lower Dave Murray Downhill. Continue uphill (passing the wooden footbridge on your left) and look carefully for the point where Whistler Creek flows under the ski run. At this point, a dirt road leads into the forest on your left. Walk onto the dirt road and follow it, avoiding two intersecting dirt roads, until you meet the paved road, Nordic Way.

Walk uphill beside Nordic Way until you see At Nature's Door condominiums. Walk through the gate and immediately look for a gravel road on your left. Follow it as it winds uphill past a wooden observation platform, eventually joining the Lower Dave Murray Downhill. Once back on the ski run, walk directly uphill for a short distance and turn left onto an overgrown road, known as the Northwest Passage. Follow it under a small cliff, which is at the same elevation as Tower 12 (if you are unsure, walk over to the lift line and verify that you are in the right spot).

The Northwest Passage traverses the northwest flank of Whistler Mountain before steadily descending. At the end of the descent, you will cross a crude bridge over a small creek. Immediately after crossing the creek, look for a singletrack heading into the forest on your left. At this point, leave the Northwest Passage and take the singletrack into the forest. Once on the singletrack, stay right at a junction of trails and follow it to the paved road, Panorama Ridge, in the subdivision of Brio. Turn right onto Panorama Ridge, followed by a left onto Arbutus Drive and a right onto Brio Entrance. Follow Brio Entrance to Highway 99. Walk south along the shoulder of Highway 99 for a short distance to the traffic lights at Blueberry Drive and cross the highway at the crosswalk. After crossing the highway, join the Valley Trail and follow it back to the parking lot at Creekside.

