

DIRECTIONS TO/FROM WHISTLER

When you land and Vancouver, and walk out of the airport, the car rental offices are located in the car park directly opposite the terminal. Cross the roads towards the car park, then before entering the car park, take the covered concrete path that arcs to the right.

To get from the car park to Whistler:

1. Exit the car park and join the road heading away from the terminal building.
2. After about 2km, that road rises onto the Arthur Laing Bridge. Stay in the right lane marked "Granville Street/Highway 99". This lane swings eventually to the left and returns to ground level. The road then runs straight for about 200m, before taking a 90 degree right turn.
3. Continue to follow Granville Street. It is a long straight road with a gentle uphill gradient to its highest point. It then dips downhill before it turns into the Granville Street Bridge over some water.
4. Follow Granville over the bridge. Stay on the right and follow the signs for Whistler that take you off the bridge.
5. Follow the signs until you turn left onto West Georgia. Follow West Georgia, staying in the Lions Gate Bridge lane, through Stanley Park and onto Lions Gate Bridge.
7. As you come down off the bridge, get in the left lane. This swings round 270 degrees to the right to take you left under the exit ramp from the bridge. You merge into a major road (Marine Drive), almost immediately go over a green painted metal bridge, and approach a set of traffic lights. Stay right as you approach them, and turn right at the lights onto Taylor Way.
8. Drive up the hill. After the second set of lights, get in the left or next to left lane. As you pass under an elevated highway, turn left onto the ramp to join the highway.
9. You're now on Highway 1, also marked as Highway 99 (aka the Sea to Sky Highway). This road takes you to Whistler village in about 1 hour 30 mins.
11. At about 45 minutes, you'll come to Squamish. If you're hungry, there's a McDonalds and a Wendys about 5 minutes further up the road.
12. 45 minutes north of Squamish you'll come to the outskirts of Whistler. The second set of lights is at Whistler Creekside. It is advisable to fill the petrol tank on the way through Creekside at the Husky on the left at the lights.
13. About 3-4 minutes north of Creekside, the village will appear on your right. At the lights, turn right off the highway, then at the next lights (100m) turn left. The first building on your left is the Cascade Lodge (where Avis rental cars are returned). Next, with the orange roof, is Sunpath. Either turn left into the underground car park, and park on the right (3 hour stay) before the gate, or pull up in the bay at the roadside.
14. Our unit is no 38. Go through the door across from where you're parked, up the stairs, and follow the path round to the right with the pool on your right. The door to 38 is in the middle of the building furthest from the road.
15. If you want to keep the car, there is a key in the apartment that will get you into the secured area of the underground car park. Park in space 16 or 17.

16. When you want to return the car (assuming it is an Avis rental car), you can drop it off at the Cascade Lodge even if the Avis desk is closed, as long as the desk at the Lodge is open

To get from Whistler to the airport car park:

1. Exit the village and turn left onto the Sea to Sky highway. Follow this down to Vancouver.
2. Take exit 13 (Taylor Way) from the Sea to Sky. This is after exit 11 (there's no exit 12). At the bottom of the escape ramp, turn right onto Taylor Way. Follow the road to the crest of the hill, then down to the lights at the bottom of the other side of the hill. Get in the lane second in from the left at the lights, and turn left at the lights onto Marine Drive.
3. Follow this lane onto Lions Gate Bridge. Cross the bridge, and follow the road through Stanley Park onto West Georgia.
4. Turn right onto Thurlow, and after three blocks, left onto Haro. Follow Haro to Howe, and turn right onto Howe.
5. Follow Howe onto the Granville Street Bridge. As you approach the far side of the bridge, stay in one of the left two lanes, and take the left fork onto Granville Street.
6. Follow Granville up the hill and then down the long straight hill on the other side of the brow.
7. At the very bottom of Granville (in sight of the airport) follow it round to the left, and follow the signs to the Airport (Main Terminal). There's a petrol station on the airport approach road quite close to the terminal. Once you've filled up, follow the lane for Rental Car Returns.
8. International departures are on the first floor of the terminal.