

## CLIMATE AND WEATHER

Generally, low-level rides in Whistler Valley are free of snow and rideable by late March. By late May, the snow level is usually above the 1,100-meter mark, thus opening up a vast amount of riding. By mid June, all of the rides in the area should be good to go. The other end of the season can be much less predictable. Snow can arrive in the valley in late October or stay away until December.

Springtime weather in Whistler can be a quick and intense affair, with unsettled systems lasting until late June. In the summer, there are two common weather patterns, both of which depend on the position of the jet stream, a fast-flowing current of atmospheric air. When the jet stream is north of the region, high pressure will usually dominate and bring clear skies and warm temperatures. When the jet stream swings south, the Pacific disturbances can allow low-pressure systems to persist and bring rain and cooler temperatures. In the summer, with the moderating effect of the Pacific Ocean, temperatures rarely climb to uncomfortable levels. A rotation of these systems generally exists through early autumn. In October and November, the dreaded wet and grey conditions will usually settle upon the region.

Daylight	
Month	Average / day
March	11:00 hours
April	12:53 hours
May	14:36 hours
June	15:57 hours
July	16:10 hours
August	15:08 hours
September	13:28 hours
October	11:40 hours
November	9:52 hours

Table 1. Average daily hours of light as measured in the Whistler valley for the months of March to November.

Rainfall		
Month	Average / month	
March	50 mm	1.92"
April	70 mm	2.76"
May	80 mm	3.12"
June	70 mm	2.76"
July	50 mm	1.92"
August	50 mm	1.92"
September	70 mm	2.76"
October	150 mm	5.88"
November	120 mm	4.68"

Table 2. Average rainfall amounts (in millimeters and inches) as measured in the Whistler valley for the months of March to November.

Table 3. Average daily temperature high and low as measured in the Whistler valley for the months of March to November.

Temperature				
Month	High (c)	Low (c)	High (f)	Low (f)
March	+8	-3	+46	+27
April	+11	-2	+52	+36
May	+17	+7	+62	+44
June	+21	+9	+70	+48
July	+27	+11	+80	+52
August	+27	+11	+80	+52
September	+20	+8	+65	+46
October	+16	+3	+60	+38
November	+5	-1	+41	+30

You can check the weather and trail conditions at such websites as [www.worca.com](http://www.worca.com), [www.whistlerbike.com](http://www.whistlerbike.com) and [www.whistlermountainbike.com](http://www.whistlermountainbike.com). Another good source of weather updates (and riding tips, for that matter) is Resort TV. Resort TV is available in most hotel rooms in Whistler and at [www.resorttv.net](http://www.resorttv.net).

