

**11 Nelson Canyon** ♥

4.4 km

STATS: 172 m, Year-round, TH: 10 U 48126 5467599

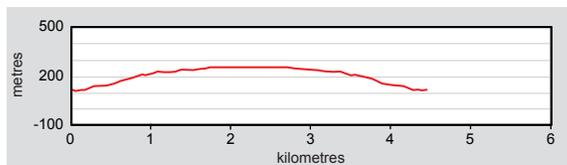
This short mission leads through the lush and exotic Nelson Canyon for 2.5 kilometres to the quaint Whyte Lake. Many enjoy a refreshing dunk in the cool water before making the return journey. This is one of the most beautiful trails on the North Shore – the trees are literally covered in green fur. Listen closely for owls and watch out for Ewoks.

**The Dirt**

▶ From the parking lot, run past the yellow gate and go under the freeway bridge on a gravel service road. Reach a large, black water tank and continue STRAIGHT uphill following signs for the *Trans-Canada* and *Whyte Lake* trails.

▶ Quickly reach a second water tank and continue up into the forest on the *Trans-Canada Trail*. Slog uphill for 500 m to a signed junction. Turn LEFT and follow the more technical *Whyte Lake Trail* through spectacular rainforest. Along the way, pass two short paths leading right to Whyte Lake.

▶ Continue a short distance to a three-way junction below an amazing outhouse (you'll want to visit this one!) This is your turn-around point. On the way back check out the Whyte Lake viewpoint and newly constructed dock. Pretty nice woodwork!



**Access:** Start at a gravel parking lot beside Highway 99, just off Westport Road in West Vancouver.

**To Get There:** From downtown Vancouver, follow Route 99/1A (West Georgia Street) north over the Lions Gate Bridge and go LEFT into West Vancouver. Turn RIGHT at the Taylor Way traffic lights, head uphill to Highway 1 and zero your odometer. Enter the freeway westbound and drive 8.2 km toward Horseshoe Bay.

Take Exit 4 for Woodgreen/Caulfeild Drive and immediately turn LEFT onto Westport Road. Drive 200 m to a four-way stop and continue STRAIGHT ahead. Drive for 1.5 km, pass underneath the freeway and immediately turn RIGHT into the parking area.

**Map:** Pages 92–93

**Nelson Canyon** Senja Palonen on the *Whyte Lake Trail*.

**Trans-Canada Trail:** This country-wide route is over 20,000 km long and connects Canada's Arctic, Pacific and Atlantic coastlines! It links 400 individual trails and is rumoured to be the longest recreational route in the world. It was pieced together via a monumental volunteer effort, likely the largest ever in Canada. As you explore the North Shore trails, navigation can sometimes get confusing as you'll find *Trans-Canada Trail* markers next to existing trail markers. Just remember that the *Trans-Canada Trail* is simply a route that follows preexisting trails. For full details visit [www.tctrail.ca](http://www.tctrail.ca).

