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Whistler Blackcomb to Open for Summer with Adventure, Wellness, Culinary and Sightseeing Experiences

Inaugural UCI Mountain Bike World Series, return of Crankworx Whistler, and expanded Nourish Wellness partnership headline an ultimate summer at North America's largest all-season resort

Whistler Mountain Bike Park opens May 15; early summer sightseeing begins May 16

New! Book early and save up to 35% on Downhill Bike Rentals, or 20% on Path and Trail Bike Rentals

Whistler, BC – May 14, 2026 – Summer arrives at Whistler Blackcomb Friday, May 15, with the official opening of the Whistler Mountain Bike Park (WMBP), followed by ultimate alpine experiences all summer long. It's a season that promises to be unforgettable, featuring North America's best summer event calendar and a variety of wellness, adventure, culinary, and family friendly experiences across both mountains.

At Whistler Mountain Bike Park - North America's largest - summer 2026 is shaping up to be one of the most significant seasons in the park's history, highlighted by the 21st edition of Crankworx Whistler (July 24–August 2) and the inaugural 2026 UCI Mountain Bike World Cup Downhill (September 25–27). The Bike Park officially opens on May 15 – a day affectionately known as Whismas - with the launch of the Fitzsimmons Zone. Throughout the season, riders can expect high-energy programming including the Phat Wednesday race series, and the return of the BC Cup and Canada Cup, further cementing Whistler's status as the global epicenter of mountain biking.

"This summer marks a defining moment for Whistler Mountain Bike Park," said Belinda Trembath, Chief Operating Officer at Whistler Blackcomb. "With the arrival of the inaugural UCI Mountain Bike World Cup Downhill and the return of Crankworx Whistler, the season reflects the park's deep legacy and global influence. Alongside world-class riding, guests can expect a full spectrum of alpine activations - from culinary and arts programming to wellness and movement - complementing our unparalleled sightseeing experience. We're excited to welcome visitors back for what will be one of the most memorable summers we've ever delivered."

More Ultimate Summer Experiences at Whistler Blackcomb

At the heart of the summer season is theSummer Alpine Experience - a holistic sightseeing journey offering access to more than 50 kilometres of hiking trails, sweeping Coast Mountain views, lingering summer snow walls, wildflowers, ancient glaciers, and the record-breaking PEAK 2 PEAK Gondola.

- **Early summer access begins May 16** via the Whistler Village Gondola, with the PEAK 2 PEAK operating on weekends through June 12. The Blackcomb Gondola will open May 16-18.
- **Full summer offerings begin on June 13**, including daily access to Whistler Village Gondola, Blackcomb Gondola and the PEAK 2 PEAK. Peak Express Chairlift and the Top of the World Summit, home to Cloudraker Skybridge and Raven's Eye Lookout, will also open on June 13.

Tourism Whistler's Nourish Wellness Series returns June 4–28 featuring expanded on-mountain programming and more than 75 wellness experiences. Events take place in the Dome at Roundhouse Lodge on Whistler Mountain, and at The Lookout - a new popup venue on Blackcomb. Programming includes yoga and Pilates classes, guided meditations, sound baths, live music, speaker sessions, culinary workshops, stargazing, and more.

Guests can also look forward to the return of popular seasonal experiences, including the Celsius Mountain Top Movement Series, Mountain Top Summer Feast, Bear Viewing Tours, and the Family Adventure Zone. Other highlights include Whistler Farmer's Market, Valley Bike Rentals, Ziptrek Ecotours, and a variety of activities fromCanadian Wilderness Adventures to Mountain Skills Academy and Adventures.

Your Ticket to Ultimate Adventure

Summer Alpine Experience Passes and single-day lift tickets are available now, with early bird rates in effect through June 14. For mountain bikers, Whistler Mountain Bike Park Season Passes and lift tickets are also on sale, with additional perks available until May 17, and early bird pricing available through June 12.

Guests looking to make the most of their Whistler Blackcomb Bike Park experience can unlock significant savings by planning ahead. **NEW for this summer**, riders who book downhill bike rentals in advance for three or more days can save up to 35%. Those looking to explore the resort's expansive path and trail network can save 20% by booking trail bikes online ahead of arrival. 2026/27 Epic Pass Holders receive an additional 20% off all bike rentals, making early planning the smartest first move of the summer season.

Guests are encouraged to secure their2026/27 Epic Passes now at the lowest price before rates go up on May 25. Doing so will unlock access to the Summer Alpine Experience and exclusive summer benefits through Epic Mountain Rewards, including 20% off bike rentals, accommodations, and dining. Whistler Blackcomb Unlimited Pass and EDGE Card hHolders receive similar perks, including access to the Summer Alpine Experience, plus retail and lodging discounts.

To stay connected throughout the summer, download theMy Epic app, tap the bell icon in the top-right corner for real-time alerts and updates. You can also follow Whistler Blackcomb on Instagram, Facebook, Resort Twitter/X, and Mountain Operations Twitter/X.

ABOUT WHISTLER BLACKCOMB

WHISTLER BLACKCOMB in British Columbia is North America's largest ski resort offering year-round adventure for all ages and skill levels. Summer is an incredible time to visit, with plenty to do, from mountain biking in our world-class Whistler Mountain Bike Park, to sight-seeing and hiking more than 50km of high alpine trails, to incredible events and experiences on-mountain.

Whistler Blackcomb operates on the unceded territories of the Líl̓wat7úl (Lil'Wat) Nation and Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish) Nation, who have lived on these lands since time immemorial. The Whistler Blackcomb team has deep gratitude for the opportunity to live and work in this beautiful place, colonially known as Whistler. We encourage all guests of the resort to visit the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre for an opportunity to respectfully learn about these lands, their people and culture.

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