



Volkssport Association of British Columbia CVF Director's Walk



PT 330 Emerald Lake – 5/11 km – Rated 1C/4D Available approximately May 15 – September 14

START POINT: Emerald Lake Parking Lot. From Highway 1, approximately 1 hour's drive west of Banff or 50 minutes' drive east of Golden, and about 1.6 km west of Field, turn north onto a road signed to Natural Bridge and Emerald Lake. Drive 9.3 km to the end of the road at Emerald Lake Lodge. Note: after 8.4 km you will see a road on the left signed Emerald Lake Lodge Overnight Parking. Do not take this road but continue on to the end of the road. Washrooms are available at parking lot.

1. **Gawk.** Not just for a quick glimpse and an "ahhhh," or a few peaceful moments as your lungs suck in the fresh mountain air. No, the gawking will go on from the moment you arrive until the time you leave. You might even stagger as you gawk -- it's that pretty.
2. **Walk** from the parking lot to the end of Emerald Lake. Elevation is 4298 feet. Turn left on to the main trail, lake on your right. Walk on this beautiful trail to the Emerald Basin Junction. (1.6 km)
3. **Five km Walkers** Continue straight ahead on the main trail. Go to point 8.
4. **Eleven km Walkers** Turn left on to the Emerald Basin trail to the Emerald Basin Trail sign. (2.2 km)
5. Turn left up the steep trail and follow this trail through a variety of trail conditions and forest types. Come to the trail end at water's edge. (4.5 km) Elevation 5085 feet.
6. After a photo opportunity retrace your steps back down the mountain to the Emerald Basin Junction. (6.8 km)
7. Turn right on stony trail back to main trail. (7.4 km). Turn left on main trail and continue around the lake.
8. At trail junction take the right fork towards Lodge. (4.0 or 10.0)
9. At buildings take the brick path keeping the lake to your right. Cross a road and then at second road trail ends. Walk to and over the bridge to the trail head. (5.0 and 11.0 km)

We hope you enjoyed our walk!

If there are any problems with the instructions or the map, please contact:

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