



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Whistler Olympic Park open for Summer on July 1 – Summer Biathlon & Electric Assist Fat Bike Rentals**

*Whistler, BC:* Canada Day will be the kickoff for Whistler Olympic Park's summer operations in 2016. With a high demand from visitors who want to explore the 2010 Olympic Winter Games legacy venue in the summer, the Park will be open from July 1 until September 4, 2016, daily from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm.

While Park access is \$5 per carload –all summer proceeds are going towards sport programming in the winter– the park entry fee includes one \$5 coupon which can be redeemed for the Park's signature activity, biathlon. With guidance from a qualified instructor, visitors learn about the sport of biathlon and shoot an authentic 22 caliber sport rifle at the Olympic Biathlon Range. 'Experience Biathlon' costs \$10 per person and is suitable for ages 8 and up, no prior experience is required. Advance booking is not necessary, check-in for the activity is at the Snack Shack at the biathlon range.

This year, Whistler Olympic Park also offers a brand new activity: Electric assist fat bikes that will be available for hourly rentals. The easy to operate bikes are ideal for cruising the designated bike routes, and the electric assist pedal feature lets users climb hills with ease. Easy to intermediate/advanced bike trails are available on the existing winter ski trails, leading bikers alongside the Olympic and First Nations landmarks and even up to the top of the ski jumps. Bike rentals are \$15/hour per bike, helmets are included. Advance booking is not available, bikes are available at the Snack Shack at the biathlon range. Only adult bike sizes are available, closed toe shoes are required for rentals.

Again this summer, Whistler Olympic Park will welcome several major events, such as the Tough Mudder (June 18 & 19), the new Tough Mudder Half (June 25), Ironman Canada (July 24) or the Red Bull 400 race (July 30). Biathlon and cross-country ski athletes from all over BC will use the Park in the summer months for training camps and competitions.

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### **About Whistler Olympic Park**

Whistler Olympic Park (WOP) is operated by Whistler Sport Legacies, a non-profit organization dedicated to grow sport at three venues: Whistler Olympic Park, the Whistler Sliding Centre, and the Whistler Athletes' Centre. Each facility plays a unique role in inspiring sport excellence for the benefit of athletes, residents, and visitors. WOP was the 2010 Olympic Winter Games venue for competitions in ski jumping, Nordic combined, cross-country skiing and biathlon; and the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games cross-country skiing and biathlon competitions. Today, participation in WOP's recreational activities helps support the growth of Nordic sport in the Sea to Sky corridor. For more information, visit [whistlerolympicpark.com](http://whistlerolympicpark.com)

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