



Kid-Friendly WHISTLER

Banish boredom with activities galore to keep tots, tykes and teens amused **BY NICOLE CAPELO, SHERI RADFORD & KRISTINA URQUHART**

PLAY

Fearless little folks love whizzing along on skis or snowboards. For almost as much speed but with less skill required, the Coca-Cola Tube Park (page 18) appeals to both the young and young-at-heart. Whistler Bungee (page 19) offers a 50-m (160-ft) plunge over the Cheakamus River, guaranteed to get hearts racing. Tiny adrenaline junkies also enjoy ziplining and snowmobiling. Slow down the pace with a snowshoe excursion through picturesque forests or a rafting trip to view bald eagles. Experience the countryside the old-fashioned way with Blackcomb Sleighrides (page 17) or the high-tech way on the Peak 2 Peak Gondola (page 15), which travels between the peaks of Whistler and Blackcomb in 11 minutes. To inject some education—that won't feel like boring old school—into the vacation, let the kids learn about local First Nations people and history at the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre (page 15), copper mining at the Britannia Mine Museum (page 15) and olden-days railway equipment at the West Coast Railway Heritage Park (page 16).—SR

SHOP

If you need a break from the slopes, take the kiddies on a shopping adventure. Head to Whoola Toys (page 10), where kids can test out different games, knick-knacks and books. To satisfy a sweet tooth, the Great Glass Elevator Candy Shop (page 10) stocks all kinds of goodies for little ones, along with nostalgic treats for grown-ups. Visit Cows (page 24) to find irresistibly quirky ice cream flavours, souvenirs and gifts that celebrate the much-loved cartoon cow. And when the family is all shopped out, enjoy some kid-friendly R&R at a relaxing spa such as Eco Chic Spa (page 10), Hidden Lodge Day Spa & Salon (page 11) or The Spa at the Four Seasons Whistler (page 11). Be sure to ask for a kids' massage or a manicure/pedicure combo.—NC

EAT

When there are hungry mouths to feed after playing in the snow, parents turn to the kids' menus at The Old Spaghetti Factory (page 25) and Caramba! Restaurant (page 27). White Spot (page 25) salutes pint-sized patrons with its Pirate Pak: a kiddie meal served in a cardboard pirate ship. Tots and teens don't have to miss out on Whistler's renowned après-ski scene with family-friendly pubs including Black's (page 28), The Brewhouse (page 28) and Dubh Linn Gate (page 28). On the go? Zog's Dogs (page 26) dishes up hot dogs, hamburgers and ooey-goey poutine. Also here: BeaverTails (page 24) pastries, named after Canada's national animal. Mom and Dad may go for the simple cinnamon-sugar topping, but we're guessing candy-crazed kids will beg for a chocolate tail coated in Reese's Pieces. Don't miss the ski-up BeaverTails location on Whistler Mountain, where children can get a sugar fix on the go.—KU

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