

> VANCOUVER 2010 VENUES

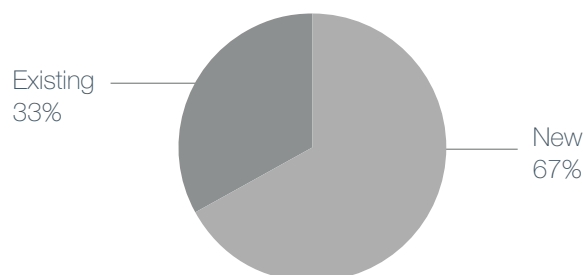


OVERVIEW

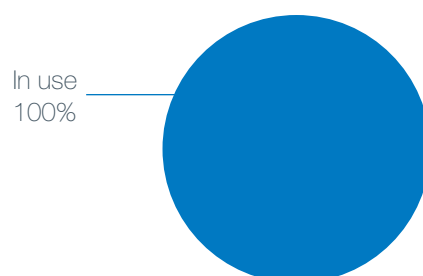
Nine competition venues were used for the Olympic Winter Games Vancouver 2010. All are still in use today and play an important part in the sporting and cultural life of the city and the province of British Columbia. Three of the competition venues were existing sites. The rest were built for the Games.

Vancouver Olympic Stadium, the venue for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, was an existing non-competition venue, while the two Olympic Villages (Vancouver and Whistler) were both built for the Games. They are still in use.

VENUE CLASSIFICATION



CURRENT USE (PERMANENT VENUES)





VANCOUVER 2010 VENUES AT A GLANCE

Venue name at Games time	Venue classification at Games time	Use at Games time	Current status
Vancouver Olympic Stadium	Existing	Opening and Closing Ceremonies	In use
Canada Hockey Place	Existing	Ice hockey	In use
Pacific Coliseum	Existing	Figure skating and short track speed skating	In use
Vancouver Olympic Center	New build	Curling	In use
UBC Thunderbird Arena	New build	Ice hockey	In use
Vancouver Olympic Village	New build	Athlete accommodation	In use

VANCOUVER 2010 VENUES AT A GLANCE (CONTINUED)

Venue name at Games time	Venue classification at Games time	Use at Games time	Current status
Venues outside Vancouver			
Whistler Creekside	Existing	Alpine skiing	In use
Cypress Mountain – Snowboard Stadium – Freestyle Skiing Stadium	New build	Snowboard and free-style skiing	In use
Richmond Olympic Oval	New build	Speed skating	In use
Whistler Olympic Park – Cross-Country Skiing Stadium – Biathlon Stadium – Ski Jumps	New build	– Cross-country skiing and Nordic combined – Biathlon – Ski jumping and Nordic combined	In use
Whistler Sliding Center	New build	Bobsleigh, luge and skeleton	In use
Whistler Olympic Village	New build	Athlete accommodation	In use

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VENUES IN USE

VANCOUVER OLYMPIC STADIUM

Originally built to host the 1986 World Expo, the stadium plays host to sporting and cultural events such as football, American football and rugby matches, and concerts.

VANCOUVER OLYMPIC CENTER

Converted into a multi-purpose community recreation centre after Vancouver 2010, the venue offers sporting activities and programmes for people of all ages and abilities. Comprising a library, pool, skating rink, curling rink, gymnasium and fitness centre, among other facilities, it is a popular gathering place and receives over two million visitors a year.

CANADA HOCKEY PLACE

Built in 1995, this 18,000-capacity venue is the home of the city's NHL team, the Vancouver Canucks, and the Vancouver Warriors of the National Lacrosse League. It continues to stage a large number of sporting and cultural events throughout the year.

UBC THUNDERBIRD ARENA

Used year-round, this multi-use facility venue caters for the University of British Columbia's athletes and the wider community, as originally planned when it was built for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games. The venue is the home of the UBC Thunderbirds women's and men's ice hockey teams, among other university teams and athletes. A venue for several Davis Cup ties, it hosts concerts, conventions, talks, film shoots and ice hockey programmes.

PACIFIC COLISEUM

The home of the Western Hockey League's Vancouver Giants between 2001 and 2016, the Coliseum is a much-used venue for concerts and other cultural and sporting events, including ice shows, boxing bouts, basketball matches, circuses and trade shows. Built in 1968, the venue underwent a major upgrade for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games, with new lighting, seats and a scoreboard installed.

VANCOUVER OLYMPIC VILLAGE

Built for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games, its 1,000 living units housed over 2,800 athletes, coaches and officials and were sold off as private homes after the Games. The units make use of innovative energy efficiency and sustainability systems, such as solar heating and green roofs. The Village is located in the False Creek area, now well known for its cutting-edge businesses, restaurants and green spaces.

CYPRESS MOUNTAIN

The Olympic aerials competition venue still exists, at the foot of the ski area. Next to it is the moguls run, which is now known as Alexandre Bilodeau's Gold, after the Canadian freestyle skier who won the event at Vancouver 2010. The resort, which is also home to 53 Alpine ski runs and 19 kilometres of cross-country trails, runs freestyle camps for youngsters, teaching them terrain park and free-skiing/free-riding skills, jumps and tricks.

The slope that hosted the 1,135-metre snowboard and ski cross runs still exists. The snowboard cross, parallel giant slalom and ski cross runs have all been renamed after the Canadian women boarders and skiers who won gold medals on them at Vancouver 2010: respectively Maëlle Ricker, Jasey-Jay Anderson and Ashleigh McIvor. Part of the stadium infrastructures were temporary, however, and were taken down, as planned, after the Games, including the half-pipe.

RICHMOND OLYMPIC OVAL

As planned, the venue was converted after the Games into a multi-purpose hub of sport, fitness and wellness for the community. Used by local residents and high-performance athletes, its facilities include two Olympic-sized ice sheets, six hardwood courts, seven multi-use courts, a 200-metre running track, an indoor climbing wall, a fitness centre, five fitness and personal training studios, an indoor rowing and paddling centre and the Richmond Olympic Experience (part of the Olympic Museums Network). The venue is the official training centre for Volleyball Canada's national women's team, Table Tennis Canada, Speed Skating Canada, Climbing Escalade International and Wheelchair Rugby Canada. The Richmond Olympic Oval is also an international sporting venue and has staged the FIVB Volleyball World Grand Prix, North American Cup Climbing Series, Judo Pacific International and Fencing World Cup events.

WHISTLER CREEKSIDE

The Olympic Alpine skiing runs are still marked at a resort that is home to 8,100 acres of slopes, 16 Alpine bowls, three glaciers, several terrain parks and over 200 marked trails. Two of the resort's main chairlifts will be replaced for the 2022/23 season.

WHISTLER OLYMPIC PARK

Whistler Olympic Park has nearly 90 kilometres of cross-country trails for skiers of all abilities, including high-performance junior cross-country athletes. It hosts a number of national, provincial, regional and club cross-country skiing competitions, including the BC Winter Games Trial, the Haywood Western Canada Cup and the Coast Outdoors Payak. The park caters for recreational skiers too and offers introductions to cross-country skiing. Whistler Olympic Park also includes a biathlon shooting range. It offers biathlon lessons led by experienced instructors and is the home of the Whistler Nordic Development Center, nine of whose young biathletes represented Canada in the 2019/20 season. It also stages a number of biathlon competitions.

The Whistler Olympic Park Ski Jumps hosted the FIS Continental Cup women's ski jumping and men's and women's Nordic combined competitions in March 2022. The ski jumps are used for youth training and camps. Following the closure of the Calgary Ski Jumps and Ski Jumping Canada's decision not to relocate to Whistler for the time being, the site's owner, Whistler Sport Legacies, is contemplating the long-term future of the facility.

WHISTLER SLIDING CENTER

A national training centre for luge, bobsleigh and skeleton, the venue has staged a number of international competitions, including FIL Luge World Cup events and the IBSF Bobsleigh and Skeleton World Championships. It is also home to the BC Sliding Development Center, which was founded in 2017 and runs development programmes for bobsleigh, skeleton and luge athletes of all abilities. The venue is also open to the general public all year round, allowing people to experience the three sports in a safe, controlled environment.

WHISTLER OLYMPIC VILLAGE

The village provided accommodation for 2,850 people during the Games. Afterwards, temporary accommodation from the Village was sent to six communities in British Columbia to provide 156 permanent, affordable homes for elderly, homeless and low-income residents, while 300 of the Village's sustainably built homes were made available to local residents. Another part of the Village was converted into the Whistler Athletes' Center, which offers short- and long-term accommodation for coaches, athletes and sports staff, as well as state-of-the-art strength and conditioning facilities.

> DID YOU KNOW?

With over one million visitors annually, the Richmond Olympic Oval was the third-busiest tourist attraction in British Columbia in 2017.

The Richmond Olympic Oval is home to the Richmond Olympic Experience, which opened in 2015 and is an official member of the IOC's Olympic Museums Network.

BC Place Stadium was the first in Canada to be fitted with a roof.

The Olympic Winter Games Vancouver 2010 venues and villages were sustainably built. In 2010, they were recognised by the Canada Green Building Council and BC Hydro as the largest group of simultaneously constructed, low-environmental-impact facilities in North America. As well as consuming less energy and water than other buildings, they required fewer construction materials, minimising waste, emissions and use of toxic materials.