



Rotary Club of Bowen Island

welcomes you to the Island of Walks!

This guide is a local initiative to show both visitors and residents of Bowen Island the amazing variety of walks that the island has to offer. All the walks described are on public property and many have signs and/or arrows. We have made our maps as accurate as possible but please rely on your common sense! We haven't mentioned the flora and fauna encountered on each walk unless there is something exceptional to note, as here on the West coast, you are sure to see ferns and salal beside the paths with some exceptional mosses and fungi, and a mixture of maple, alder, cedar, old- and new-growth Douglas fir and hemlock around you on almost every walk. You will probably see ravens, crows, herons, gulls and eagles including turkey vultures circling above, and nearer eye level maybe an owl, pileated woodpeckers at work on rotten trunks, geese and ducks on the water, finches and various other smaller birds in the bushes. It is likely you will see some deer, and if you are lucky an otter, and very early in the morning maybe a beaver at work on a dam on a creek. There are no bears, coyotes or any other predators on the island at this time.

We suggest the following:

1. Wear good hiking shoes or runners, or in the summer, good hiking sandals.
2. Come prepared with a cell phone (although cell phone access is spotty on the island), a sweater and rain cover if the weather looks at all doubtful. Carry a snack and water. A hat is advisable in the summer, plus mosquito protection and sunscreen. In the winter, wear a good fleece, gloves and a tuque.
3. Dogs must be leashed on most trails and beaches.
4. This island is not flat, so most walks include hills, some steeper than others! This means that during rainy periods or immediately after, some of the steep trails become waterfalls!

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Time & Elevation: One hour, 300 ft.

Difficulty: Medium as the uphill is steep

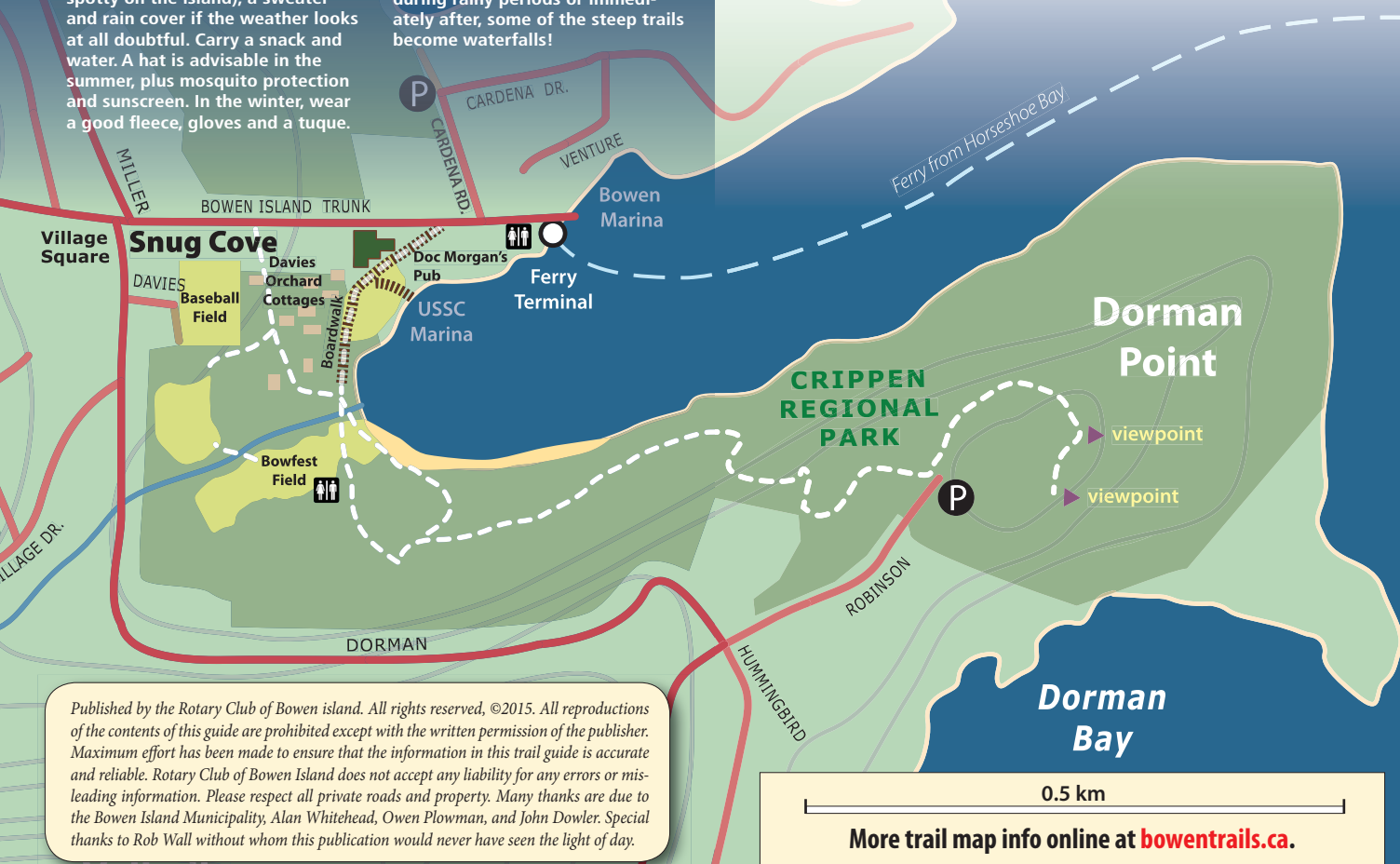
Access: Easy, right from the ferry terminal

Main Attraction: Viewpoints



Route: Take the boardwalk past Doc Morgan's Pub and into the Bowfest Field. The trail starts ahead of you on the south side of the field. It is well signposted. Up the hill a short way, take the left-hand turn. The trail winds up the steep slope and ends at Robinson Road. Turn left to the end of the road where you will see the sign to the viewpoint at 200 metres up a steep hill. There are, in fact, two viewpoints, the second being down a short trail to the right. There are good views of UBC and Georgia Strait from here with some beautiful Arbutus trees in front of you. Go back the same way (perhaps taking a short detour to the right near the end of the trail and enjoy the view of the boats in Snug Cove from the beach).

Variation: Turn right on Robinson Road, then left on to Hummingbird Lane. Good views all along this road that ends at September Morn Beach. On your return to the Cove, visit Davies Orchard (site of the annual Bowen Island Applefest) with its rustic cottages, the Museum Cottage and an info board with Bowen Island history illustrated on it.



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