Mount Gardner Trails

**Time & Elevation:** Allow at least 3 hours or more for any of the following trails if you plan a return to your departure point. You may be able to take a bus to either Laura Road (B) or Bluewater (C) and return to Snug Cove via the North access route on foot, or vice versa, but check bus times as buses are scarce at weekends. Use of Bowen Island’s Lift Stops is also recommended. 2,400 ft.

**Difficulty:** Challenging

**Access:**

A. **North access:** On foot to Hiker’s Trail off Mt. Gardner Road, a 30 min. walk from the ferry terminal

B. **Southwest access:** By car or bus to Laura Road (the Bluewater bus drops you at the end of West Side Road, from where there is a 10 min. walk to the Laura Road access

C. **South access:** By car or bus to Bluewater where the trail starts at the very end of the paved road.

**Main Attraction:**
Challenging walk, lovely views

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**Routes:** The Rotary Club of Bowen Island is currently engaged on a project that will make the trails easier to follow and allow them to be well managed. This is a project in progress so please have patience, as some of the signs at intersections are incomplete. We suggest you use the excellent map provided here to help you find your way. The most commonly used access is A as it is the closest to the ferry terminal. It is essential to follow the red markers located on trees along the trail. If you walk for 100 yards without seeing one, we suggest you retrace your steps to the last one you saw and check carefully.

In addition to the trails shown, there are traces of old roads, deer trails, abandoned bike trails and many intersections. Please maintain careful situational awareness and stay on the approved trails. Also, except for the trails shown on the map, there are no other escape routes. Because of the steepness of the hill and the tree canopy, rescue is difficult. Take all of the precautions required for mountain travel. These trails have recently been researched, but conditions change, and the Rotary Club of Bowen Island takes no responsibility for any misinformation. Mountain travel requires knowledge, and preparation for the unexpected including possible injury, weather changes and the possibility of spending the night on the hill. A cell phone is recommended even though coverage is spotty.

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