

The Hermitage, 1070 Lindy's Road, Bowen Island

Directions

Once you have booked your retreat, please let us know which ferry you plan to take, and what mode of transport you plan to arrive by, so that the host knows when to expect you.

Driving Directions to the Hermitage at 1070 Lindy's Road, Bowen Island:

- From Horseshoe Bay take the Bowen Island ferry to Snug Cove.
- As you drive off the ferry, you will be on Bowen Island Trunk Road.
- Follow Bowen Island Trunk Rd as it becomes Grafton Road for 4.2 km.
- Turn Right as the S curve onto Adam's Road and continue for another 1.2 km
- Turn Left onto Sunset Road
- Follow Sunset Road as it becomes Cowan Point Drive
- Turn Right onto Fairweather Road
- Take the first Left onto Fairweather Bay (this is nearly a U-turn). You will see a sign that says Rivendell Hermitage. Follow this road to a fork which is Lindy's and take the upper part of this fork, which will take you to 1070 Lindy's, which is the Hermitage Driveway.

You are invited to unload your car near the main house and then park your car further up the driveway in the parking lot. Please do not park near the house.

For those Pilgrims who are travelling by Bus and Foot:

- If you plan to arrive via bus and foot it is best to pack lightly as the last portion of your journey will involve a hilly 4 km hike.
- For the first part of your journey, you will take the C10 Bluewater/Snug Cove Bus. This bus goes to the west side of the island. Please check the bus schedule ahead of time: http://infomaps.translink.ca/Public_Timetables/125/ttC10.pdf
- You can catch the C10 bus near the library on Cardena Drive, which is the first street on your right as you walk off the ferry. .
- Tell the bus driver that you want to get off at Sunset Road, which is approx 6 km from the ferry terminal.

- Follow Sunset as it becomes Cowan Point Drive.
- As you walk down the hill you will come to a large bank of community mailboxes on your right hand side. Just before the mailboxes you can take a shortcut down the old road which is now a walking path.
- You go down this path which meets up with Fairweather Road. Turn right and walk down Fairweather Road about 100 metres and you will find a continuation of an old hiking trail that leads right to the Hermitage.

(Possible alternatives for the walking portion)

1. Hitchhiking is a very common practice on Bowen. Someone may stop to give you a ride for a portion of your journey if you stick out your thumb.
2. If a host is at the hermitage it may be possible to get a lift from the bus stop. This is not guaranteed, and you would need to inquire about that possibility before you come.
3. Some people prefer to do an alternative walking route to the Hermitage, which is shorter but steeper and is more off the beaten path (i.e. hitchhiking won't work on this route).
 1. Get off the bus at the intersection of Grafton Road and Adams Road. Follow Cowan Road (which is blocked off to thru traffic at the top) till it meets up with Salal Road. Follow Salal till it joins up with Cowan Point Drive. Walk down Cowan Point Drive until you get to the large bank of community mailboxes. Just before the mailboxes you can take a shortcut down the old road which is now a walking path. You go down this path which meets up with Fairweather Road. Turn right and walk down Fairweather Road about 100 metres and you will find a continuation of an old hiking trail that leads right to the Hermitage.

By Bike.

The C10 Bluewater/Snug Cove bus has a bike rack, available only during daylight hours. As stated above, it is a 4 km, quite hilly ride from the bus stop at Sunset and Adams. If you plan to bike ride from the ferry, be aware that Bowen is very hilly and you need to be in good physical condition.

Blessings on your journey.