

# Visiting Bowen Island?

Here are some things you may want to know.

## Bowen Island is Loaded with History That You Can See

There are still visible remnants of the resort era on Bowen to remind us of the past.

The old Union Steamship Store (presently housing the Bowen Library) was restored through community effort. Built in the 1920s, it had served the community as a general store until the 1960s.

The Old Union Steamship Store



The Davies Orchard and Bowen's Apple Festival

In Snug Cove, Bowen Island's Heritage Preservation Association is working to preserve the **1890 Davies Orchard** in Snug Cove as a heritage site and to return it to working condition. Recently, heritage apple species have been planted among the century old fruit trees.



Cabin 10 in the Davies Orchard

In 1928 the Union Steamship Company built 20 holiday cottages amongst the orchard trees. **Cottage # 10** has been restored as a museum to reflect its early use as a holiday dwelling.

The **Boulevard Cottage**, adjacent to the old Union Steamship Company store, was moved from across the lagoon and restored as another example of resort architecture. This building now serves as the visitor information centre.



The Boulevard Cottage is also an information centre run by Bowen's Chamber of Commerce—a good place to get maps and other information.

## A Glimpse of the Past



Steam ships like the *Lady Alexandra*, shown here, delivered hundreds of holiday makers from Vancouver who rented campsites and cabins and enjoyed the summer sun, boating and swimming.



Terminal Resort was in operation from 1900 to 1920.



Agriculture is part of the island's heritage. Many of the original farm families grew fruit and vegetables for the thriving resort.

## Want to Learn More About Bowen's History?

Stop at the interpretation kiosk in Davies Orchard to learn about Bowen's past as one of the major summer resorts for Vancouver.

Or carry on up Government Road to Bowen's Archives and Museum to see photos of the island's history and displays of clothing and tools used by settlers and island visitors.

And don't forget to pick up a map of Crippen Regional Park at the information sign beside the Old General Store in Snug Cove, and a copy of the Historic Walking Tour Brochure or a map showing selected Bowen businesses from the Chamber of Commerce Information Centre next door.

Please help "preserve and protect ..." by taking only your photographs and leaving only your footprints.