

Welcome to Quarry Park

A Place to Recreate

Bowen's first municipal park is a natural area wreathed with trails. Bowen Islanders, their guests and visitors to the island can walk, run, cycle or ride horses here for fun and fitness.

A Place to Enjoy Nature

Please take time to observe the regenerating forest and pond plants, along with the abundant returning wildlife. There are sunny cliffs and a mature wetland too.



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Visit Often

Each season provides many opportunities to enjoy the sights, sounds, smells and textures of nature in the outdoors. Watch the recovery of the vegetation year to year—the pace of change is surprising.

Part of a Cross-Island Greenway

A system of linked natural areas and corridors for trails and wildlife, including Quarry Park, is being secured across our island of walks.

Quarry Park History Highlights

1990s

- a previous owner clears the forest, scoops out a wetland, and builds an earth dam creating two large ponds
- the dam prevents the movement of fish and poses a safety hazard to the people and wetlands downstream

2000

- BC Ministry of Water, Lands and Parks requires the owner to restore the destroyed aquatic habitats and to address the safety of the dam

2001

- Local developer John Reid works with the land owner, municipal officials and others to find a solution
- water levels are gently siphoned lower and then the main dam is breached
- a revegetation plan is created
- a municipal park is envisioned

2002

- the Bowen Island Conservancy is asked to take on the task of restoring the landscape

2002-2005

- Bowen Island Conservancy volunteers plant, seed and control erosion
- they work with Bowen Island Parks and Recreation and consult with provincial officials to design and develop trails
- many community volunteers take part

2005

- Quarry Park is officially opened as Bowen's first municipal park

Quarry Park

A Landscape Restored



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Bowen Island's first municipal park, officially opened September 17, 2005



Legend

- P** Parking
- Shared Trail**
Bicycles Yield to horses and hikers
- Hikers Yield to horses**
- Walking Trail**
- Wetland**
- Private Land**
- Municipal Park**
- Crown Land**
- Permanent Stream**
- Permanent Pond**
- Seasonal Stream**
no flow in summer
- Seasonal Pond**
empty in summer



Trail Talk

Quarry Park has two sets of trails. Both are gravel-based and pass through some fairly steep terrain. Walking shoes are recommended.

The *Shared Trail* is a linear multiuse walking, cycling and equestrian trail. It passes through the park (approximately 1 km long from the parking lot to Thompson Rd., 2 km return). You can walk this trail in about 30 minutes.

The *Walking Trail*, a loop restricted to pedestrians, is approximately 0.7 km. You can walk this loop trail in about 20 minutes.

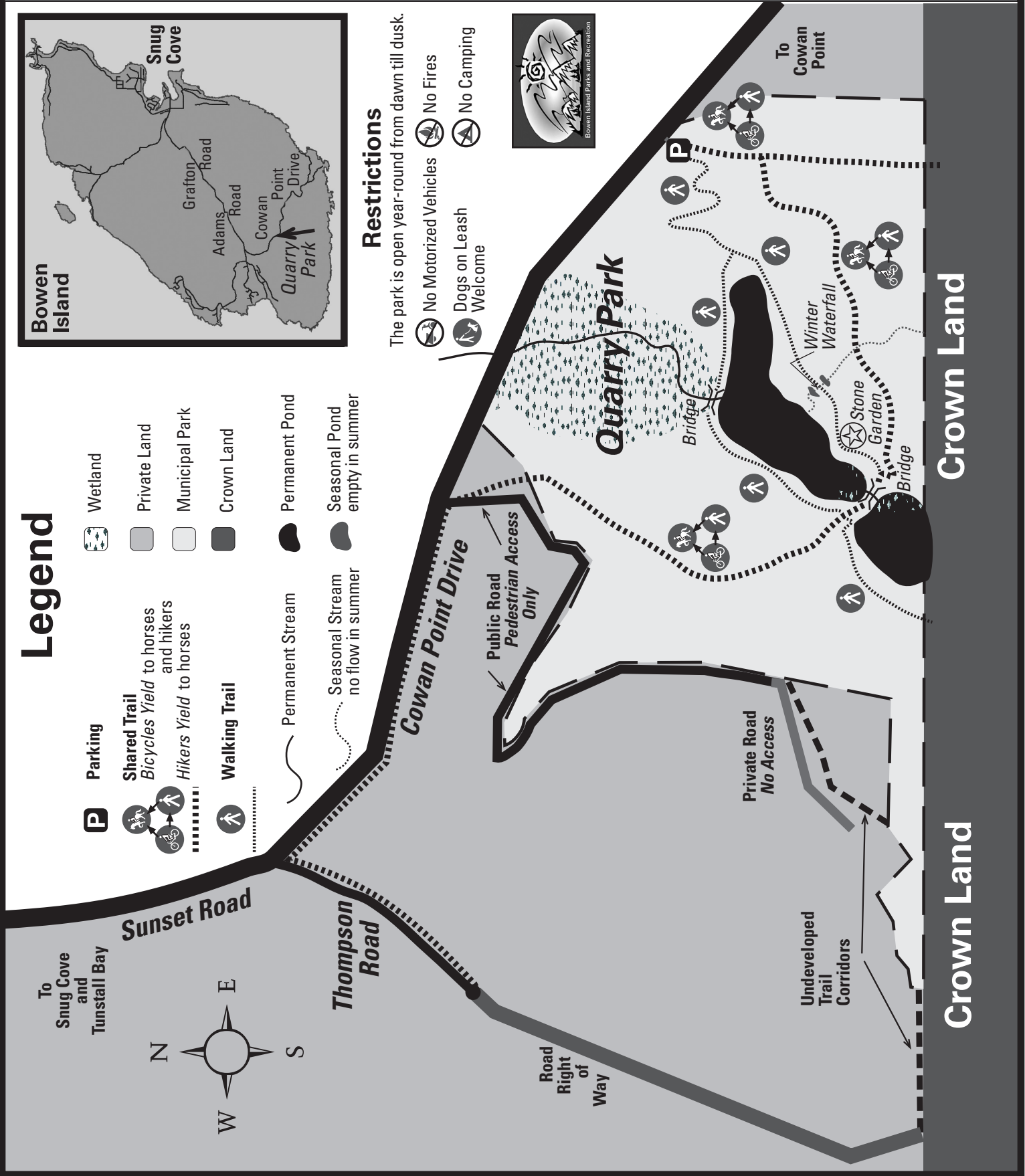
Get Involved

You can contribute to the development and stewardship of Quarry Park. Contact Bowen Parks and Recreation (604) 947-2216 or the Bowen Conservancy (604) 947-0483.

Restrictions

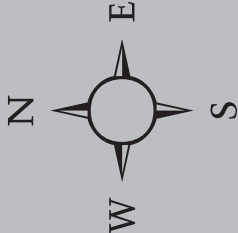
The park is open year-round from dawn till dusk.

- No Motorized Vehicles
- No Fires
- Dogs on Leash Welcome
- No Camping



Crown Land

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To Snug Cove and Tunstall Bay

To Cowan Point

Private Road No Access

Undeveloped Trail Corridors

Road Right of Way

Public Road Pedestrian Access Only

Cowan Point Drive

Quarry Park

Winter Waterfall

Stone Garden

Bridge

Bridge

Sunset Road

Thompson Road

Snug Cove

Grafton Road

Adams Road

Cowan Point Drive

Quarry Park