

3 Trails to Artisan Square

Time & Elevation: One hour, 250 ft.

Difficulty: Easy but there is one steep uphill trail

Access: From ferry terminal

Main Attraction: Good food, shopping, art galleries and coffee at the top of the hill, plus views of Howe Sound

Route: Walk up the hill from the ferry terminal, either on Bowen Island Trunk Road past various cafés, restaurants, curio and clothing stores and the General Store, or via the Davies Orchard where you can make a stop at the Cottage Museum. At the Miller Road crossroads, you will find Village Square on your left. The trail to Artisan Square starts at the exit from the square on Grafton Road. Pause to admire the sculpture created by Shane Tweten and Simon James, *Honoring the Spirit of the Flame*, then turn left up a steep trail. Then you have the choice of going left up the steps ahead of you via the Municipal buildings, or right between some townhouses and up the hill passing the colourful birdhouses made by local school children. This leafy trail leads right to Artisan Square. Alternatively, at the sculpture continue on Bowen Island Trunk Road and turn up the first paved road on your left. At Artisan Square you have several art galleries and other spots where you may relax and enjoy a coffee or a light meal.

Variations:

At the Miller Road/ Bowen Island Trunk Road crossroads, you can visit the Bowen Island Heritage Museum, then proceed along Miller Road, and left into the park at the first crosswalk. Take the left-hand trail 20 yards ahead that leads you up to Bowen Island Community School. Cross the road on the other side of the playing field and enter the Trans Island trail, which takes you alongside Grafton Lake Road to the entrance to Artisan Square on the left.

If you prefer an even longer walk, turn right at the school on to Mount Gardner Road and find the trail on your left that leads up the hill, then past the Child's Centre, across the road and up again through the woods to Grafton Lake Road. You will find yourself at the entrance road to Artisan Square almost immediately you emerge on to this road.

Plan your walk as a round trip, using any of these variations.

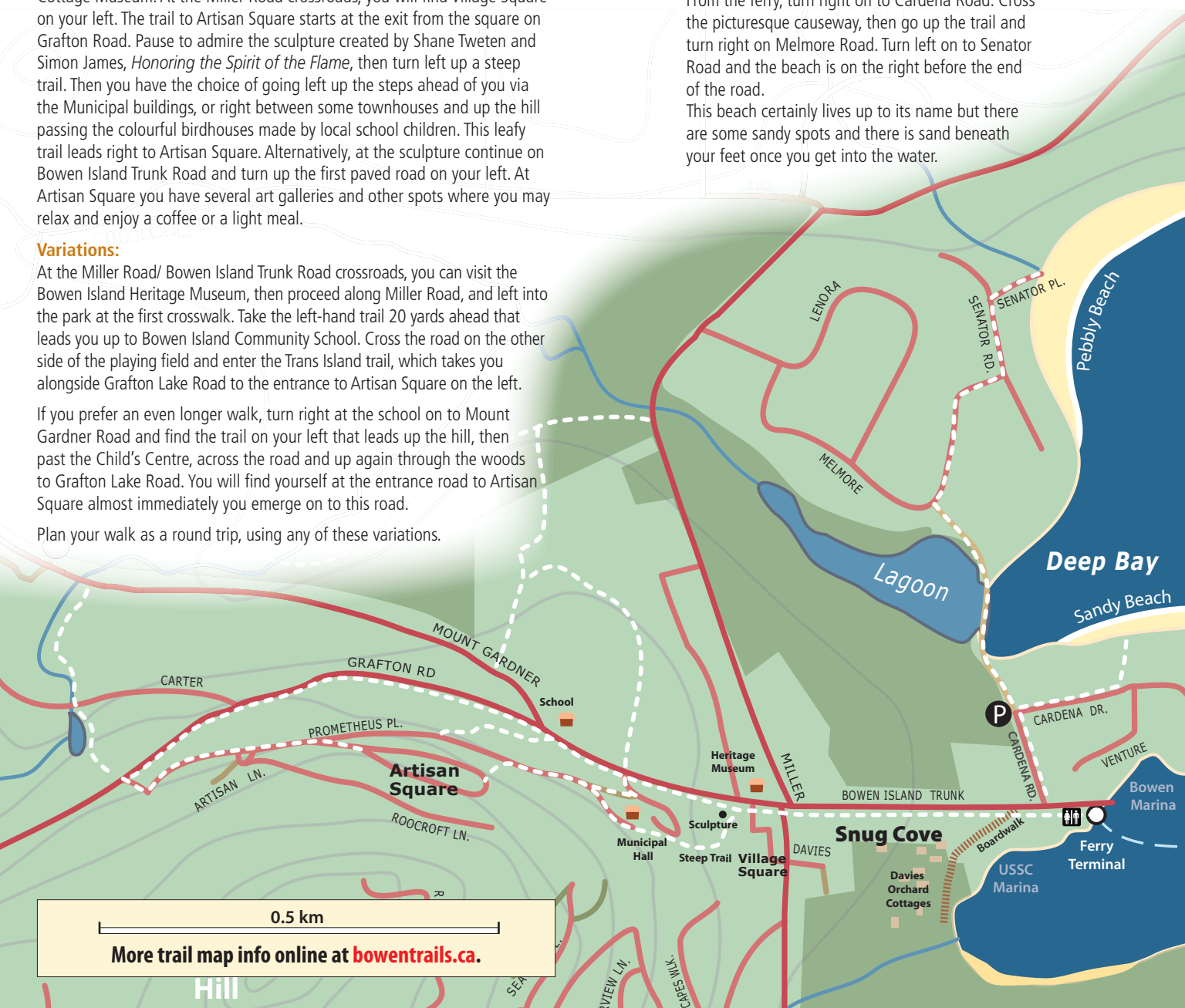
4 Beach Walks from Snug Cove

a. Sandy Beach (5 minutes)

From the ferry, turn right up Cardena Road and follow it as it turns right before the causeway. About 20 yards along is a sign to the beach. This is a popular beach in the summer for young families. However, this is not a white sand beach, so watch out for rocks and pebbles.

b. Pebbly Beach (10 minutes)

From the ferry, turn right on to Cardena Road. Cross the picturesque causeway, then go up the trail and turn right on Melmore Road. Turn left on to Senator Road and the beach is on the right before the end of the road. This beach certainly lives up to its name but there are some sandy spots and there is sand beneath your feet once you get into the water.



0.5 km

More trail map info online at bowentrails.ca.