Union Steamship Company

In the early 1920s, the Union Steamship Company owned and operated 180 cottages, six picnic grounds, a dance pavillion for 800 and an outdoor concert stage on the island. Steamships carried visitors to the island for picnics, camping, cottage holidays or a moonlight cruise. Although the resort era ended by the mid 1940s, a few buildings, trees and walkways act as reminders of this magical history.

Terminal Creek Hatchery

The hatchery is operated by members of the Bowen Island Fish and Wildlife Club. In fall, chum and coho salmon are taken from the creek. The eggs are fertilized and incubated to produce young salmon for release into the creek during an annual fish release event in the late spring.

Davies Orchard

In the early 1900s, William Davies planted an orchard of apple, cherry, pear, plum and other trees. Around 1928, it became a popular site for summer rental cottages. Several of these heritage cottages have been restored in partnership with the Bowen Island Heritage Preservation Association.

Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Foundation

Find out how you can donate to the parks you love at MVRPFoundation.ca.

Further information:
Area office for Crippen, 604-224-5739
Metro Vancouver, 604-432-6200
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Regional Park

Bowen Island

Experience an island park rich in history and natural beauty, learn stories of early island visitors, take in mountain and ocean views and stroll forested trails to peaceful Killarney Lake.

REGIONAL CRIPPEN PARK

Trails and Recreation

Shared Trail

Most trails between Snug Cove and Killarney Lake are shared trails. For safety and courtesy, hikers yield to equestrians; cyclists yield to hikers and equestrians. To minimize erosion and habitat damage, please stay on designated trails. The trail around Killarney Lake is shared use on the west side, but is for hikers only on the east side. Dorman Point Trail is hiking only.

Dogs

Dogs must be on leash on park trails. There is a dog off-leash area at Killarney Meadows. Please consult the map or signs for details. Trail designations are in place to protect habitat and ensure a safe, enjoyable visit for all park users.

Fishing

Fishing is permitted in Killarney Lake. A Freshwater Fishing License for BC is required. Visit fishing.gov.bc.ca for more information.

Accessibility

The Causeway, Lady Alexandra Promenade and the Snug Cove picnic shelters are wheelchair accessible.

No Camping, No Fires and No Smoking

Neither camping nor fires are allowed in the park. Smoking is not permitted in regional parks.

Enjoy the Park Safely

Regional parks are natural areas and can present hazards for the unprepared. Look and listen, and be aware of your surroundings. Be prepared for changing conditions and tides. Please obey all signs and enjoy your visit.

Emergencies

911 Contact Fire, Ambulance and Police by calling 9-1-1.

General Information

Park Hours

The park is open from 7 am to dusk. Closing time is posted at park entrances; earliest closing is 5 pm.

Park Programs and Facility Reservations

For information on programs, field trips and events, go to metrovancouveronline.org or call 604-432-6359.

Rules and You

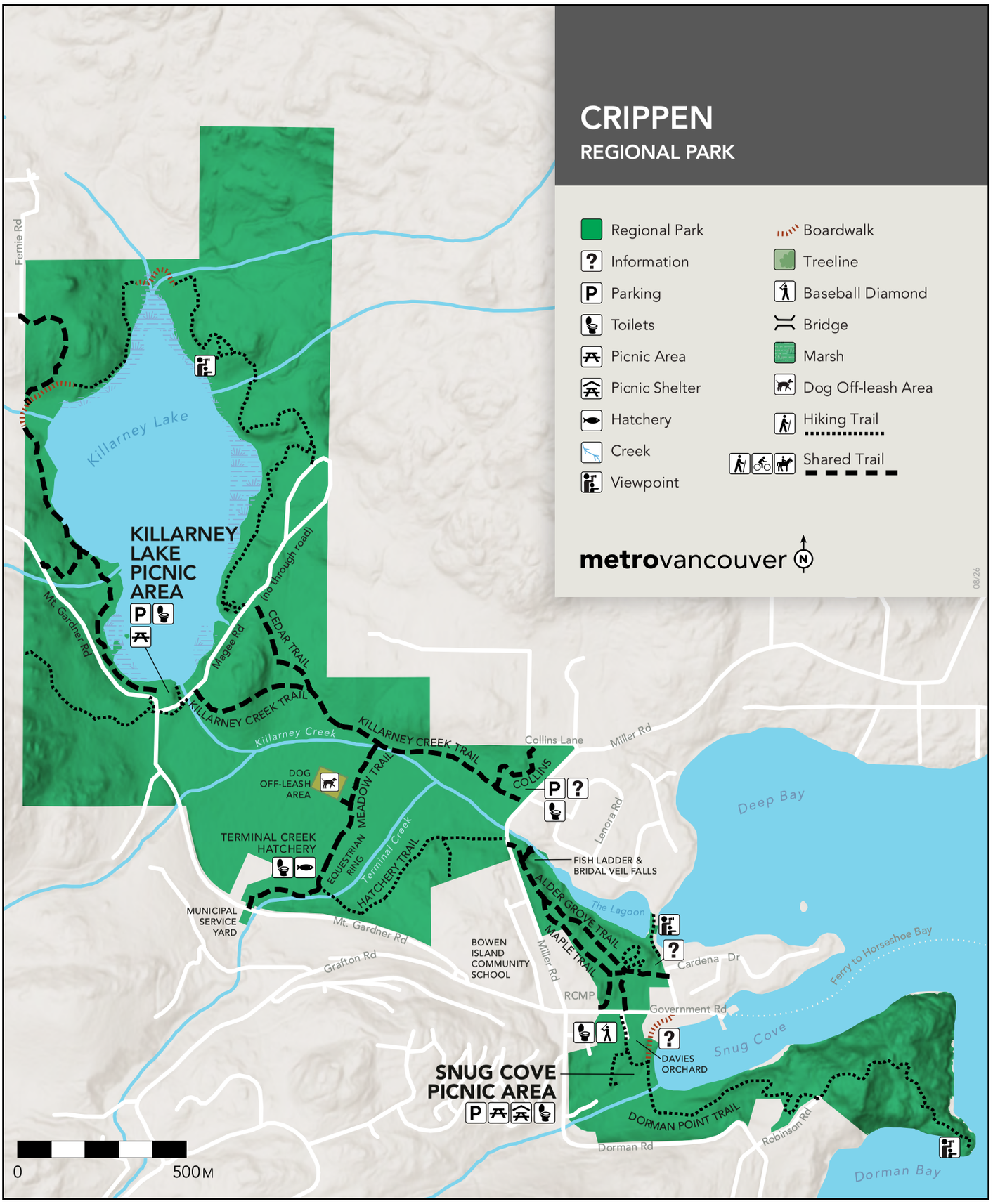
Help ensure the future of our region's natural treasures. Please follow park regulations, established to protect park habitats, wildlife, and facilities. You can make a difference!

Park Conditions

Park conditions are posted on metrovancouver.org. To report conditions or situations requiring the assistance of Regional Parks, phone or leave a message at the Park Area office: 604-224-5739.

How To Get There

Park trails are walking distance from the Snug Cove ferry terminal on Bowen Island. BC Ferries offers regularly scheduled sailings between Bowen Island and Horseshoe Bay.
Visit bcferries.com for details. Water taxi services are also available.



TRAIL INFORMATION

Trail	Distance to Return	Time to Return	Terrain	Comments
Dorman Point Trail to Dorman Point	3.6 km (from ferry dock)	2.5 hours	Steep sections and uneven surfaces	Climb to a rocky outcrop, then descend to the point with 360° views of Howe Sound
Alder Grove Trail to Bridal Veil Falls	1.5 km (from ferry dock)	45 minutes	Flat and relatively easy	Stroll through the Memorial Garden and mixed forest to the falls viewpoint
Killarney Lake Loop	4 km (from lake picnic area)	2 hours	Some narrow, steep and rugged sections	Forested trails, views of the lake and rich marsh habitat

PLEASE STAY ON DESIGNATED TRAILS, RESPECT OTHER USERS AND KEEP YOUR DOG LEASHED.