

## Rivendell Hermitage



The Hermitage is separate site dedicated to individuals on silent retreat.

Located 11 km from Snug Cove, and surrounded by 21 acres of forest, the Hermitage offers five individual rustic sleeping shelters (or hermitages) which are nestled in the forest. In addition there is one spare bedroom in the main house. Retreatants are responsible to bring their own bedding, towels and food.

The main house, known as the Forest House of Prayer, is where retreatants prepare their meals, use the washroom facilities, and gather for Centering Prayer at 8 am and 5 pm.

For more information, explore our website: [www.hermitage.rivendellretreat.org](http://www.hermitage.rivendellretreat.org)

To book a retreat at the Hermitage, please refer to the “[Contact](#)” section of our website.

## Retreat Centre and the Hermitage

**Check in time:** No earlier than 3 pm

**Check out time:** by 12 noon, unless you make other arrangements beforehand.

### **Directions:**

#### **Rivendell Retreat Centre:**

Coming off the ferry, drive straight along Bowen Trunk Rd, and turn left on Dorman Road. Then take a right on Village Drive. Follow the road to the top of the hill turning right on Rivendell Drive. The road is walkable but a steep climb.

#### **Rivendell Hermitage:**

As you exit the ferry continue straight along Bowen Trunk Road which becomes Grafton Rd and then turns right onto Adams Rd. Turn left onto Sunset Rd, and follow Sunset as it becomes Cowen Point Rd. Turn right onto Fairweather Rd, and then take the first left onto Lindy’s Road, and you will see the entrance to the Hermitage driveway (#1070) at the bend in the road.

**BC Ferries schedule:** [www.bcferrries.com](http://www.bcferrries.com)

**Bowen Island Taxi (call ahead to book):**

604-250-TAXI.

**Bowen Island Bus Service:** 604-947-0229 for schedule information.

# RIVENDELL Retreat Centre & Hermitage

*Bowen Island, BC*



**Rivendell Retreat Centre and the Rivendell Hermitage** together welcome small groups and individuals who seek spiritual renewal, respite and growth, away from the noise, distractions and pressures of the city.

Both sites are hosted by volunteer Christian communities which are rooted in the gospel values of Jesus and the practiced traditions of prayer, silence, simplicity and hospitality.

Rivendell Retreat Centre and Hermitage are governed and operated by the Rivendell Society, a charitable organization registered and incorporated since June 2001.

## *Rivendell Retreat Centre*



Rivendell Retreat Centre is a beautiful four story lodge that sits on six acres at the top of Cates Hill, near Snug Cove.

With sweeping views of Howe Sound and the surrounding mountains and forests, Rivendell offers a sanctuary of peace and beauty for those seeking a deeper intimacy with God.

### *Group Retreats*

Rivendell Retreat Centre is available for group retreats to assist people in cultivating their relationship with the divine.

Groups usually provide their own programs and facilitators and make their own arrangements regarding food. A spacious kitchen and dining room are provided to prepare and serve meals.

Group accommodation is for a maximum of 15 bedrooms for up to 25 people, with single or double occupancy.

Bedding and towels are provided. For more details about our facilities and accommodations, please refer to our website or call our office.

### *Individual Retreats*

Rooms are available for individuals who wish to do their own retreat. We recommend a minimum of 2 nights for individual retreats.

Retreatants share a small kitchenette, equipped with a hot plate, toaster oven, microwave, and small fridge. We suggest you bring food that is simple to prepare.

Spiritual Accompaniment is available upon request and by arrangement with the hosts.

### *Sacred Rhythms of Prayer*

At Rivendell, we pause twice each day for our sacred times. All are invited to join us in the sanctuary at 8 am for Centering Prayer and at 5 pm for our community prayer gathering.



## *Rates & Responsibilities*

Rivendell is committed to being financially accessible to all. Rates are based on ability to pay. Those who can afford to pay more are encouraged to do so in order that we may continue to host those who are less financially well off. Receipts for income tax purposes will be given upon request for amounts in excess of \$75/night per person.

Please note that we accept cash, cheque or e-transfer for payments, but are not equipped to accept credit cards or debit cards.

Guests of Rivendell are invited to contribute through the care and cleaning their own living spaces, the common areas, and the grounds.

### *Reservations*

**Groups:** We ask groups to include the following information when they contact us to make a booking: the name of your group, the number of people, what accommodation is needed, the nature of your retreat, and a description of your retreat plans.

**Individuals:** Please phone or email us to check availability prior to filling out the booking request form on our website.

Phone: 604 947-0077

Email: [booking@rivendellretreat.org](mailto:booking@rivendellretreat.org)

Website: [www.rivendellretreat.org](http://www.rivendellretreat.org)

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