

Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne Map



Welcome to Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne



Discover a Melbourne icon

Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne was established in 1846 and is the living heart of Melbourne. The land that the Gardens are situated on is a significant site to its Traditional Owners, the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong peoples. More than 8,500 plant species grow within these grounds, with 98% of the world's sovereign nations represented through plants. Leading plant research takes place onsite in the National Herbarium of Victoria, which houses the precious State Botanical Collection and the Victorian Conservation Seedbank – our insurance against plant extinction.



Living Collections

Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne is home to 21 Living Collections, curated much like a gallery. Collections range from the extraordinary assortment of cacti at Guilfoyle's Volcano to the unusual specimens in the Rare and Threatened Species Collection. Ask at the Visitor Centre to find out which collections to see during your visit.



Wildlife

Animals and insects find a haven in the habitat at Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne. Turtles, fish, eels, frogs, possums, bats and more than 50 species of birds live within its habitats. Look for Black Swans, Eastern Rosellas and Sulphur-crested Cockatoos.

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work and learn and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and future.

Enhance your visit

Gardens Shop

Remember your visit with something special. Choose from local designs and botanic-inspired products. Proceeds from every purchase go directly towards supporting the work of the Gardens.

Next to the Visitor Centre
Next to The Terrace cafe

Food & drink

Jardin Tan
Choose from French-Vietnamese delights that celebrate organic, biodynamic produce.

Next to the Visitor Centre
Bookings 03 9691 3878

The Terrace

Take in lake views while enjoying high tea, freshly baked scones and tasty sandwiches, or order from the menu.

Near Ornamental Lake
Bookings 03 9820 9590



Visitor Centre

Located at O gate next to Jardin Tan.

Access

For details on wheelchair hire and an all abilities access key, visit rbg.vic.gov.au/melbourne-gardens/getting-here/accessibility/

Free wi-fi

Free wi-fi is available near the Visitor Centre.

Guidelines for your visit

Please help protect the Gardens by observing the following regulations



For your own safety



Need help on site?

In an emergency call 000. For on-site assistance during business hours, contact the Visitor Centre on 03 9252 2429.

Guided experiences

The Explorer

See sweeping landscapes, garden highlights and enjoy live commentary from a comfortable, open-air bus.



Free Guided Walk

Discover seasonal garden highlights with an expert guide.

Punting on the Lake

Cruise between the bays and islands of Ornamental Lake.



Aboriginal Heritage Walk

Discover the significance of these Gardens with an Aboriginal Guide.

Via mobile phone

Flora and The Baron

Flora and the Baron is a self-guided audio tour. Access via QR Code at Gate F.



Sonica Botanica

Sonica Botanica is an immersive audio experience. Access via the link at rbg.vic.gov.au

Seeing The Invisible

Seeing the Invisible is an augmented reality exhibition of contemporary artwork. Access by downloading the STI app.



Bookings

At the Visitor Centre
Visit rbg.vic.gov.au
Call 03 9252 2429

Seasonal events

Special events, workshops and talks take place each season. To see what's coming up visit rbg.vic.gov.au/melbourne-gardens/what-s-on-melbourne/



Details for your visit

Entry details

Entry to Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne is free.

	Days open	Opening time	Closing time
Melbourne Gardens	April – September	7.30am	5.30pm
	October–March	7.30am	7.30pm
Visitor Centre	Weekdays	9am	5pm
	Weekends	9.30am	5pm
	Closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day		
Ian Potter Foundation Children's Garden	School term, Wed – Sun	10am	See Melbourne Gardens closure time.
	School holidays, daily		
	Closed for regeneration for eight weeks in winter		
Gardens Shop	Daily	9.30am	5pm

Discover Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne

Explore the award-winning Australian Garden and surrounding remnant bushland at Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne, less than an hour's drive from Melbourne's city centre. rbg.vic.gov.au/cranbourne-gardens/



Thank you for visiting

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Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria relies on the generous support of our visitors. As well as contributing to the maintenance of this precious site and its Living Collections, your tax-deductible donation will help support world-leading botanical and plant diversity research. Help protect our rare and threatened Victorian flora from extinction and ensure future generations can enjoy the Gardens too. Please donate at rbg.vic.gov.au/donate



Self-guided walks

Departing from the Visitor Centre

There are many ways to see the beauty of the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne. For a custom walk, ask at the Visitor Centre.

Half-hour visit

Venture into nature with a stroll through the lush oasis of Fern Gully. Let yourself unwind as you soak up views of abundant ferns and shady, majestic trees.

One-hour visit

Visit the Arid Garden and Guilfoyles Volcano for amazing views, photo opportunities and contemporary landscape design.

Living Collections

- ① Arid Garden
- ② Australian Forest Walk
- ③ Camellia Collection
- ④ Corymbia & Eucalyptus
- ⑤ Cycad Collection
- ⑥ Fern Gully
- ⑦ Grey Garden
- ⑧ Guilfoyle's Volcano
- ⑨ Herb and Medicinal Garden
- ⑩ Ian Potter Foundation Children's Garden
- ⑪ Lower Yarra River Habitat
- ⑫ New Zealand Collection
- ⑬ North America Drylands
- ⑭ Oak Collection
- ⑮ Palms
- ⑯ Perennial Border
- ⑰ Southern Africa Collection
- ⑱ Southern China Collection
- ⑲ Species Rose Collection
- ⑳ Victorian Rare & Threatened Species Collection

Visitor facilities

- Visitor Centre
- Toilets
- Drinking fountain
- Telephones
- Explorer stop
- Gates
- Living Collection
- Gardens Shop / Café
- Pavilion
- Punting – departure point
- Path with steps
- Path on hill, arrows point uphill

