

# Visitor map

## Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha



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# Highlights

- Tropical Dome open 9am-4pm daily
- Fern House open 9am-4pm daily
- Japanese Garden
- Bonsai House open 10am-3pm Saturday and Sunday; 10am-12 noon and 1-3pm weekdays
- Kitchen in the Garden
- Playground
- Conservation Trail
- Hide 'n' Seek Children's Trail
- Arid Zone and Cactus House
- Exotic Rainforest
- Australian Rainforest
- Lagoon and Bamboo Grove
- Temperate Garden
- Fragrant Plant and Herb Garden
- Australian Plant Communities
- National Freedom Wall

- The Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha are open every day 8am-5.30pm (closing 5pm April to August).
- Entry to the gardens is free.
- Gates are closed to vehicle access on weekends, public holidays and from 4pm weekdays.
- For public transport information, contact Translink on 13 12 30 or visit [www.translink.com.au](http://www.translink.com.au)

# History

Brisbane has two botanic gardens, one in the Central Business District (CBD) and the other at Mt Coot-tha. Both are managed and maintained by Brisbane City Council.

## City Botanic Gardens

The City Botanic Gardens, Brisbane's first botanic gardens, were established in 1855 on a riverside site set aside as a botanic reserve in 1828. This land initially supplied food for the penal colony when Brisbane was settled by the early Europeans. Later, as a botanic garden, it trialled crops and other plants from around the world that were suited to growing in Brisbane's climate. These gardens are now regarded as the cradle of Queensland horticulture.

## Adding a second botanic gardens

A second site for a botanic gardens was needed after several major floods swept through the City Botanic Gardens, damaging valuable plant collections. An open woodland site nestled into the eastern slopes of Mt Coot-tha was selected seven kilometres from the city centre as a flood-free alternative.

## Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha

The Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha are recognised as Australia's premier subtropical botanic gardens, displaying distinctly different gardens arranged in thematic and geographical displays. Founded in 1970 and officially opened in 1976, the 56 hectare botanic gardens feature more than 20,000 plants representing approximately 5000 species from around the world. Arid, tropical and temperate plants, both native and exotic, thrive here.



## Ongoing development at Mt Coot-tha

The Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha's latest addition opened in 2015. Delivered as part of the Legacy Way tunnel project, this four hectare area includes a conservation walk, kitchen garden, new lagoon and children's playground.

With these exciting new developments, plant collections, educational and research programs, reference and lending library, and the Queensland Herbarium onsite, the botanic gardens offer casual visitors and amateur or professional horticulturists a large variety of rewarding experiences.

## Attractions

- **Free minibus tours** available Monday to Friday. Phone (07) 3403 2535 for times.
- **Free guided walks** leave the Information Kiosk daily at 11am and 1pm (except Sundays, public holidays and between mid-December and late-January).
- **Free booked walks** can be arranged for group bookings and special-interest walks. Phone (07) 3403 2535.
- **Auditorium** features horticultural shows most weekends. Fees may apply.
- **School education program** includes 19 lessons linked to P-12 curricula. Phone (07) 3403 2535. Fees apply.
- **Community program of lectures and activities.** For information visit [www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/botanicgardens](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/botanicgardens) Fees may apply.
- **The Cosmic Skydome (Planetarium)** features a range of astronomical shows and displays. Phone (07) 3403 2578 for show times and bookings. Ticket prices apply.
- **The Botanic Gardens Library** open 10am-4pm Tuesday to Thursday and 10am-3pm Friday to Monday.
- **Queensland Herbarium** phone (07) 3896 9326.



# Facilities

## Café, functions and events

### Café

Botanical is a café and functions centre that serves breakfast, lunch, snacks and beverages, and is open seven days, 9am-4pm on weekdays and 8am-5pm on weekends.

A beautifully-refurbished venue, the café has multiple rooms for hire and Botanical Events can assist you with corporate functions, weddings, engagements and christenings for 10 to 600 people. For bookings phone (07) 3371 6685.

### Weddings

There are three locations in the botanic gardens that may be booked for weddings. Contact Council on (07) 3403 8888 for details.

### Picnics

With a multitude of picturesque and shaded areas, the botanic gardens are a great place for picnics. Shelters, seating, drinking fountains and toilets are provided throughout the botanic gardens.

## Access

Entry to the main carpark is from Mt Coot-tha Road, Toowong. Wheelchair accessible parking is available and access for people with a disability is possible to most areas of the gardens. The Brisbane Mobility Map gives detailed access information and is available from the Administration Building.

Bicycles are permitted on the ring road only. On weekdays, vehicles are permitted to drive on the ring road until 4pm.

Dogs are not permitted in the grounds.



## More information

- Email [BotanicGardens@brisbane.qld.gov.au](mailto:BotanicGardens@brisbane.qld.gov.au)
- Visit the Administration Building situated to the right of the ring road entrance, open weekdays 8am-4pm.
- Visit the Information Kiosk to the left of the ring road entrance, open every day 10am-1.30pm.
- Phone Council on (07) 3403 8888 or visit [www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/botanicgardens](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/botanicgardens)

The botanic gardens are another way Council is growing a clean and green Brisbane and achieving our vision for the city's future.

若需有關布里斯本各植物園的更多資訊，請撥打13 14 50致電筆譯與口譯服務處 (TIS)，並要求撥打 (07) 3403 8888 與布里斯本市政府通話。

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|-------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Parking     | Accessible        | Shelter          |
| Bus stop    | Drinking fountain | Unsealed pathway |
| Information | Picnic shelter    | Bikeway          |
| Toilets     |                   |                  |

This map is not to scale and should not be used as an indication of walking distances.

**Park Facilities**

- 1 Main entrance
- 2 Administration and Library
- 3 Auditorium
- 4 Information Kiosk
- 5 Queensland Herbarium

**Thematic and Geographical Communities**

- 6 Australian Rainforest
- 7 Bamboo Grove
- 8 Temperate Region Plants
- 9 Arid Region Plants
- 10 Demonstration Garden
- 11 Fossil and Primitive Plants
- 12 Fruit Trees
- 13 Kitchen in the Garden
- 14 Playground
- 15 Conservation Walk
- 16 Fig Collection
- 17 Cacti and Bromeliad House
- 18 Fragrant Plants and Herbs
- 19 Bamboo Walk
- 20 Hide 'n' Seek Children's Trail start
- 21 Palm Tree Lawn (Wedding Lawn 1)
- 22 Fig Tree Lawn (Wedding Lawn 2)
- 23 Lychee Lawn (Wedding Lawn 3)
- 24 Exotic Rainforest
- 25 African Region Plants
- 26 Bougainvillea
- 27 American Region Plants
- 28 Conifer Collection

**Australian Plant Communities**

- 29 Eucalypts and Acacias of Brisbane
- 30 Bunya Forest
- 31 Grevillea and Kangaroo Paw Collection
- 32 Native Plants for Brisbane Gardens
- 33 Native Grasses
- 34 Subtropical Rainforest
- 35 Wollemi Pines
- 36 Melaleuca Wetlands
- 37 Open Eucalypt Forest
- 38 Heathland
- 39 Tropical Rainforest