

In the heart of the city but another world away ...

Adelaide Botanic Garden and the adjacent Botanic Park are an oasis of beautifully landscaped gardens, majestic avenues and stunning architecture. Take time out to explore the beauty and diversity of plants from across Australia and around the world.

Spend an hour or spend the day among the 50 hectares of magnificently maintained gardens. Relax in the shade or enjoy a coffee among some of Australia's finest plant collections.

*Explore for knowledge; explore for pleasure, just explore.*

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## Adelaide Botanic Garden

### Getting here

Entrances: North Terrace, Plane Tree Drive, Hackney Road and Frome Road (see map inside).

Parking: Metered parking on Plane Tree Drive & Hackney Road car park.

Bus: Check Adelaide Metro for public transport services into the city centre. Visit [adelaidemetro.com.au](http://adelaidemetro.com.au)

### Want to see more?

Adelaide Botanic Garden is one of three sites that together comprise the Botanic Gardens of South Australia. For more information about Gardens at Mount Lofty and Wittunga visit [botanicgardens.sa.gov.au](http://botanicgardens.sa.gov.au)

### Free admission!

### Want to donate to the Gardens?

We need and appreciate your ongoing financial support, because together as keepers and temporary custodians of the Gardens, it is our responsibility for ensuring that future generations enjoy the beauty, peace, and tranquillity we take for granted. You can donate, make a bequest or major gift through the Adelaide Botanic Gardens Foundation. You can also support the Gardens through the Garden Bench Tribute Program. The Foundation has had deductible gift recipient status for taxation purposes. For more information visit our website or call 08 8222 9311.

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# Adelaide BOTANIC Garden

Plants. People. Culture.



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## Opening hours

Admission is free. Open 7.15am on weekdays, 9.00am on weekends and public holidays. Closing times vary throughout the year:

- January 7.00pm
- February 6.30pm
- March 6.30pm
- April 6.00pm
- May 5.30pm
- June 5.00pm
- July 5.00pm
- August 5.30pm
- September 6.00pm
- October 6.30pm
- November 6.30pm
- December 7.00pm

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## Regulations

- No bicycle or scooter riding
- Do not damage or remove plants
- Do not enter garden beds
- No vehicles
- No pets
- No alcohol
- No skateboarding or rollerblading
- No BBQ's
- No ball or throwing games
- No sound equipment



J12	Amazon Waterlily Pavilion	I21	Cracked Earth	E23	International Rose Garden and National Rose Trial Garden	I6	Palm House (Madagascan Collection)	H9	☰ Simpson Kiosk
L15	Araucaria Avenue	K8	Cycad Collection	J9	Kainka Wirra/Main Lake	G12	☰ Plane Tree Lawn	G16	☰ Simpson Shadehouse
F17	Australian Forest	K19	☰ Deadhouse	J21	Kuarna Cultural Presentation	G14	● SA Water Mediterranean Garden	R12	☰ Summer House
J17	Australian Cycad Collection	G6	Economic Garden	H23	Little Sprouts Kitchen Garden	I15	☰ Santos Museum of Economic Botany	M22	☰ Sunken Garden
P23	● Australian Native Garden	M10	Elvis Memorial	R19	Mallee section	H14	☰ Schomburgk Pavilion -	F26	☰ Whipstick collection
F14	Barber Shop Rotunda	O22	Eremophila Garden	G11	☰ Murdoch Avenue	* ☰ ☰ ☰	☰ Café Fibonacci - Diggers Garden	G15	☰ Wisteria arbours
F19	Bicentennial Conservatory	I23	First Creek Wetland Viewing Area	M12	☰ Nelumbo Pond	G25	☰ Shop - Visitor Information Centre	L11	☰ Wollemi Pine
H10	☰ Botanic Gardens Restaurant	J22	First Creek Wetland	G23	Noel Lothian Hall				
I4	● Cactus and Succulent Garden	L7	Francis Arbour	C11	North Lodge				
M20	City Crop	G3	Garden of Health & Ginkgo Gate	P10	Palm collections				
D15	Classgrounds	I26	Goodman Building						

# How botanic gardens changed the world ...

Plants are fundamental to life. They bring life to our soils and provide our food, clothing, shelter, medicines and energy. Botanic gardens have collected and displayed plants for scientific research, conservation and education since the 1500s. As we have come to learn more about their unique qualities, plants have been the catalyst for world-change and have shaped civilisations.

Our collections provide a window into how plants have changed the world from the 16th century through to today.

## 16th Century

The first physic gardens in Pisa and Padua harnessed plants for medicinal use. This significant step in the use of botany for healing has been reflected in our Garden of Health.

## 17th and 18th Centuries

Scientific institutions began to study, classify and understand plants and natural science. The classification of plants can be seen in the Classgrounds, from the earliest monocots and grasses at the western end to complex flowering plants at the eastern end.

## 19th Century

Plants and their products began to be viewed as commodities that could be harvested for wealth and economic development. The great European empires shifted crops between colonies as a means of achieving wealth. A tribute to economic botany is paid in the Santos Museum of Economic Botany and the Amazon Waterlily Pavilion.

## Today

Botanic gardens address contemporary challenges in plant conservation, environmental reconciliation and food, water and energy security through program and collection development. With persistent threat from our change in climate and environmental degradation, the need to preserve the role of botanic gardens is essential to a sustainable future.



## Exploring our Garden

### Art and Architecture

Adelaide Botanic Garden is rich in art, architecture and heritage. There are statues, historic and contemporary fountains and modern artworks by artists such as Khai Liew, Hossein and Angela Valamanesh, Fiona Hall and Andy Goldsworthy; as well as changing exhibitions in the Santos Museum of Economic Botany.

Several eras of built architecture can be seen in the Garden including the 1909 red brick heritage-listed Goodman Building and the old Tram Barn A, a pseudo-classical building, which once housed trams and has now been innovatively restored as the State's herbarium, the Australian Centre for Ancient DNA and Botanic Garden library.

The Garden has three impressive glasshouses representing three centuries of the Garden's history. The glass houses display innovative architectural engineering designs for their time and house unique plant collections.

### Amazon Waterlily Pavilion

The pavilion design was influenced by the leaf structure of the Amazon Waterlily, *Victoria amazonica*. The original pond built in 1868 is still the central feature and home of the beautiful and exotic Amazon Waterlily. The pavilion replaced the original Victoria House in 2007. Open daily 10:00am — 4:00pm.

### Palm House

Built in 1877 and fully restored in 1995, the Palm House is one of the last of its kind remaining in the world. The hanging glass walls are similar to those used in modern city buildings today and were advanced for the time. It features a fascinating collection of plants from the ancient island of Madagascar. Open daily 10:00am — 4:00pm.

### Bicentennial Conservatory

The largest of the three glasshouses, was completed in 1989 for the bicentenary of Australia. The Bicentennial Conservatory is the largest single span glass house in the Southern Hemisphere.

It is the home to a number of endangered rainforest plants from subtropical and temperate forests in eastern Australia. Open daily 10:00am — 4:00pm.

### Santos Museum of Economic Botany

The Santos Museum of Economic Botany was completed in 1881 and has a classical Greek-style exterior. The building features high ceilings, ornate Victorian detail and historic cabinet displays. In 2009 the museum was reopened after a year-long extensive restoration. Open Wednesday to Sunday, 10:00am — 4:00pm.

### Tours and Trails

Free guided tours are available daily departing at 10.30am (except Good Friday, Christmas Day and days forecast over 36°C ) from the Visitor Information Centre. Self-guided tours and trails are available from the Visitor Information Centre or downloaded from our website:

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### History and Mysteries

The Garden is full of history and mystery, from the Deadhouse – the original morgue of the old Adelaide Lunatic Asylum – to the striking avenue of giant 150-year-old fig trees lining Murdoch Avenue.

Walk through the Simpson Shadehouse, built in 1919. Enjoy the coolness of the air and imagine the respite people would have felt from the stifling Adelaide heat when it first opened.

One of the last of its kind in the world the Santos Museum of Economic Botany is an exquisitely restored 'cabinet of curiosity'. The museum also hosts intriguing artworks and exhibitions. Some of the oldest plants in the world are in our prehistoric cycad collections.

Cycads are ancient plants that existed at the time of the dinosaurs. The ancient Wollemi Pine was thought to be extinct until it was found in a deep gorge in Wollemi National Park, NSW, in 1994.



## Garden activities and information

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### Schomburgk Pavilion (H14)

In the centre of the Garden is the Schomburgk Pavilion, named after the second Director of the Garden, Richard Schomburgk. Here you will find:

The Visitor Information Centre — staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Botanic Gardens and is the place to go to find out what to see and do in the Garden. Open daily 10:00am — 4:00pm. Closed Good Friday and Christmas Day.

The Santos Museum of Economic Botany — housing an intriguing collection of plant specimens and their uses as well as botanically inspired and influenced exhibitions. Open Wednesday to Sunday, 10:00am — 4:00pm.

The Diggers Garden Shop — offering a variety of heirloom plants and seeds as well as botanically inspired wares. Open daily 9:00am — 5:00pm (4:30pm June and July). Closed Good Friday and Christmas Day. For more information visit [diggers.com.au](http://diggers.com.au) or call 08 8232 8671.

### Garden highlights

#### SA Water Mediterranean Garden (G14)

See the clever strategies of water wise plants from the five Mediterranean zones of the world.

#### Garden of Health (G3)

An iconic health and wellbeing demonstration garden. Displaying plants used to heal and promote wellbeing in western and non-western cultures. A tranquil retreat in the city.

#### Australian Native Garden (P23)

An inspirational and innovative garden demonstrating ways to use Australian native plants that are both sustainable and water wise.

#### International Rose Garden (E23)

Stroll among thousands of species of roses in the International Rose Garden and National Rose Trial Garden. The roses flower in spring and autumn.

#### Amazon Waterlily Pavilion (J12)

See the largest waterlily in the world, which has been drawing crowds to the Garden since 1868.

#### Australian Forest (F17)

Discover the diversity of Australian plants including spectacular trees dating back to the original plantings of the Garden over 150 years ago, as well as trees from across Australia.

#### Economic Garden (G6)

Developed to demonstrate what a variety of fibres, oils, herbs and spices look like in their living plant form, before being harvested and processed into the many products we know and use today. Be sure to visit the Santos Museum of Economic Botany to learn the value of these plants and how they are used.

#### Cactus and Succulent Garden (I4)

Discover how plants from South America and Africa have evolved to deal with their harsh environments and the similarities between them.

#### First Creek Wetland (J22)

In addition to providing a sustainable water supply for the gardens, the First Creek Wetland shows how beautiful, essential and useful wetlands are for maintaining a healthy environment.

#### Little Sprouts Kitchen Garden (H23)

Designed as an educational space for children from schools and preschools, the Little Sprouts Kitchen Garden provides children with hands-on learning experiences relating to the benefits of edible gardening.

#### Botanic Park

Directly north of Adelaide Botanic Garden is the glorious Botanic Park. Purchased by the Gardens in the 19th century, rich public debate was had at Speakers Corner on a Sunday. Today Botanic Park is popular for picnics and events such as Moonlight Cinema and WOMADelaide.

### Food and dining

Nestled in the shade of a giant oak tree, the Simpson Kiosk (H9) overlooks the Main Lake and offers a range of lunch and snack items. Open daily 10.00am — 4.00pm.

Overlooking the Main Lake the Botanic Gardens Restaurant (H10) serves delicious and innovative cuisine and some of South Australia's finest wines. For opening hours, visit [botanicgardensrestaurant.com.au](http://botanicgardensrestaurant.com.au)

Café Fibonacci (H14) offers alfresco style meals and drinks overlooking the SA Water Mediterranean Garden.

For more information visit Blanco Events at [blancofood.com.au](http://blancofood.com.au) or call 08 8223 3526.

### The Diggers Shop

Indulge your inner-gardener in the Diggers Shop, the home of heirloom vegetables and flower seeds. Offering gardeners a range of seeds, books and garden ware, the Diggers Garden Shop also provides access to the national network of gardeners through The Diggers Club.

### Wedding enquiries

For wedding enquiries, please contact Blanco Catering: [botanic@blancofood.com.au](mailto:botanic@blancofood.com.au) or 08 8223 3526.

### Get an expert to guide you

The Friends of the Botanic Gardens of Adelaide Garden Guides conduct free daily (except if forecast temperature over 36°C) guided walks departing 10.30am from the Schomburgk Pavilion (H14).

### Something for children

Children of all ages will find plenty of things to see, do and discover in Adelaide Botanic Garden. Learn about the botanical buccaneers who travelled the world discovering and collecting plants from the new world, as seen in the Amazon Waterlily Pavilion.

Our interactive School Holiday programs are a perfect way for children to engage with plants and the environment. For information and bookings call 08 8222 9311.