



Botanic Gardens
and State Herbarium

ADELAIDE BOTANIC GARDEN

ACCESS GUIDE

WHAT IS AN ACCESS GUIDE?

- In this guide we will show you what to expect when you come to Adelaide Botanic Garden.
- We provide access information about step-free paths, sensory sensitivities and facilities.
- This guide is an evolution of the *Chihuly in the Botanic Garden Access Guide*, which was created in collaboration with Access2Arts.
- If you have any other questions, get in touch with our friendly team at botanicgardens@sa.gov.au or call (08) 8222 9311.

WHAT IS IN THIS GUIDE?

This guide is designed to outline key information about getting to and around the Adelaide Botanic Garden. It also provides key information on the facilities and spaces that are available at the Garden.

Before you visit

- Wheelchair Hire
- Assistance Animals

Getting to the garden

- Entrances
- Parking and drop off zones
- Public Transport
- Cycling

Getting around

- Site overview
- Wheelchair access
- Step-free access
- Paths and lighting
- Asthma & Allergies
- Sensory information
- Accessible Tours

Facilities and Spaces

- Accessible Toilets
- Facilities
- Food and Drink
- Staff and Volunteers

WHAT IS ADELAIDE BOTANIC GARDEN?

- Adelaide Botanic Garden is a beautiful public garden
- It is large and spread over more than 50 hectares
- There are pathways, grass lawns, plant collections and buildings
- It is free to enter during the day

BEFORE YOU VISIT



WHEELCHAIR HIRE

Wheelchairs are available and free to loan during daytime hours from the Goodman Building ([map ref. C6](#)) seven days a week, including public holidays, however they must be pre-booked.

To reserve a wheelchair over the weekend, bookings must be made with Botanic Gardens administration before 3pm on Friday.

For more information or to book please call (08) 8222 9311 or email botanicgardens@sa.gov.au



ASSISTANCE ANIMALS

Assistance dogs are welcome in the Botanic Garden on lead. No other dogs (pets) are permitted in the garden.

Dog waste bags are NOT available in the garden.

Water is available – please ask staff if you require a bowl.



GETTING TO THE GARDEN



ENTRANCES

Adelaide Botanic Garden is wheelchair accessible from all entrance gates except for the Hackney Gate off Hackney Road due to its gradient.

If you require a flat path, we recommended you use other gates to enter the Garden.

All the Garden gates are 1.5+ meters wide with the exception of East Lodge Gate ([map ref. F6](#)).

ACCESSIBLE PARKING

For accessible car parking during the day we recommend Plane Tree Drive Street Parking, there are;

4 accessible carpark at the Friends Gate
([map ref. A3](#))

2 accessible carpark at the Conservatory Gate ([map ref. A5](#))



ACCESSIBLE PARKING CONTINUED

There are also 3 accessible carpark in the Rose Garden carpark ([map ref. B6](#)) and 1 accessible carpark at the Wine Centre carpark ([map ref. D7](#)), however, these parks require entrance/exit via the Hackney Road Gate and there is a steep gradient between the carpark and the Hackney Gate.



PARKING METERS

Parking is free for 4 hours for vehicles displaying a disability parking permit.

Parking meters are all cashless – they will only accept card payments. You will need to know your registration number plate number to use the meter.

For longer stays, park in 10 hour bays (zone 1 as you enter Plane Tree Drive) and pay half the ticketed price for additional hours.



NIGHT-TIME EVENT PARKING

Evening event entry is usually only available via the Main Gate on North Terrace.

We recommend East Terrace Street Parking, with 4 accessible carparks on East Terrace opposite the Rundle Park public toilets. It is approximately 140m distance from this accessible parking to the Main Gate, crossing East and North Terrace at the traffic lights.

Additional paid accessible parking is available at Wilson Parking, East End on Union Street, which is approximately 500m distance to the Main Gate, crossing Hindley Street and North Terrace at the traffic lights.

There are other accessible carparks available around the Garden, but these are approximately 650m – 1.2km distance to the Main Gate and require walking along Hackney Road and Botanic Road.

For more information, see City of Adelaide's [accessible parking guide](#).

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

If you are coming from the city or North Adelaide, there is a free bus service, the 98A and 98C.

Services operate every 15 minutes on weekdays and every 30 minutes on weekends. The route map can be found here: <https://www.adelaidemetro.com.au/routes/98c>

There is also a free tram within the city. The closest tram stop is the "Botanic Gardens" stop on North Terrace, about 100m from the Main Gate entrance.

For timetables, visit Adelaide Metro website:

www.adelaidemetro.com.au/plan-a-trip/free-and-special-transport

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP ZONES

There are pick-up and drop-off locations around the garden, with the recommended bus drop-off zone for wheelchair access on Hackney Road (Botanic Park) ([map ref. A17](#)).

Drop off zones are also available at the Rose Garden Carpark ([map ref. B6](#)) Goodman Building ([map ref. C6](#)) and Wine Centre Carpark ([map ref. D7](#)), but access to the Garden from these locations requires entrance/exit via the Hackney Road Gate and there is a steep gradient between the carpark and the Hackney Gate.

CYCLING

If you ride a bicycle to the Botanic Garden there are public bike racks available outside the Main Gate on North Terrace ([map ref G3](#)) and inside the grounds at the Hackney Road Gate, ([map ref C6](#)).

Please bring your own bike lock.

City cycling maps are available at <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/driving-and-transport/cycling/cycling-maps>

GETTING AROUND



SITE OVERVIEW

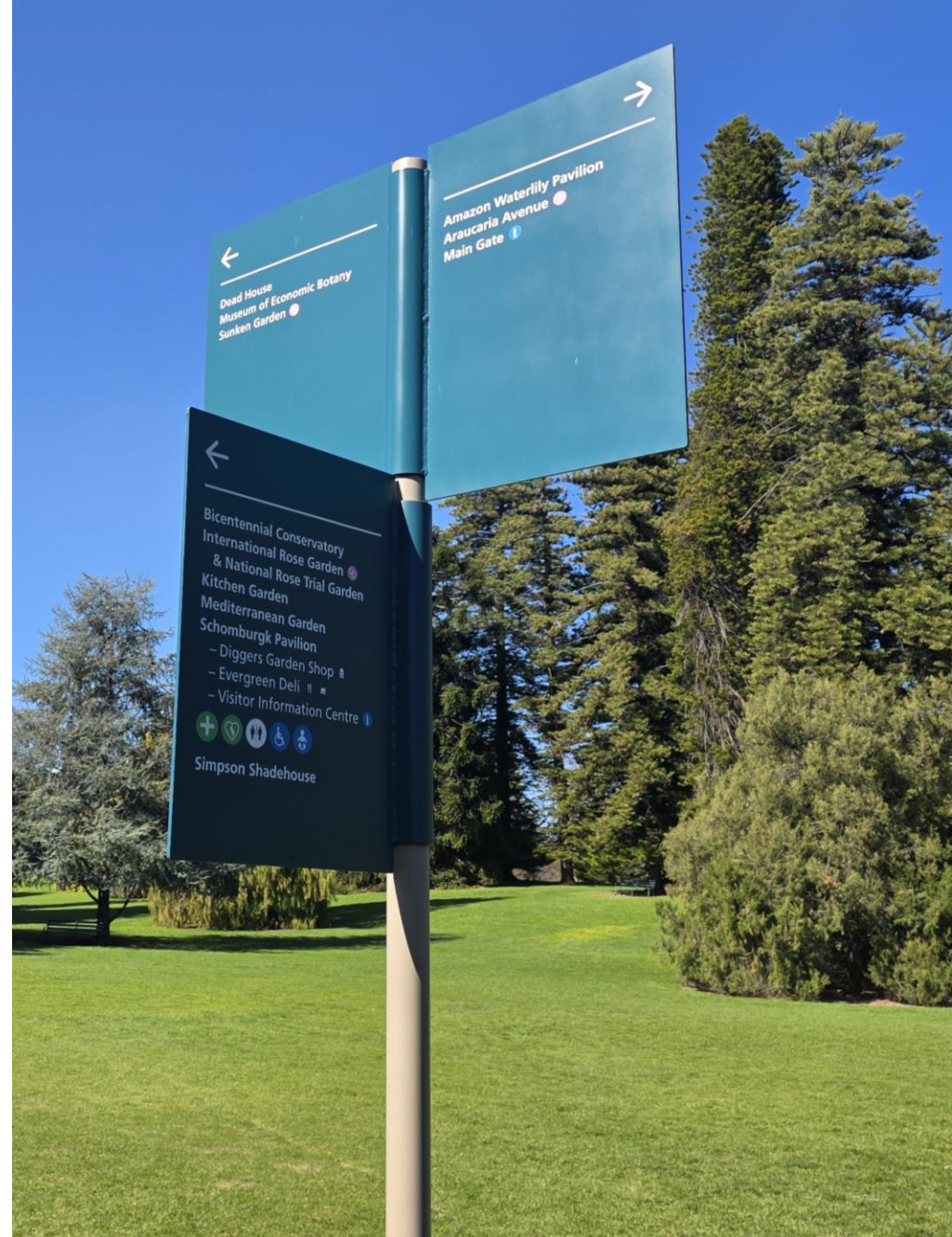
The site is very large, and it can take some time and energy to get from one part to another.

We recommend you plan your trip with this in mind.

To walk the entire Garden and buildings you will need to cover approximately 2 kilometres of pathways.

There are directional signs around the garden. These signs are in English and use text and icons.

The garden map is available at each entrance gate and on the [website](#).



ASTHMA & ALLERGIES

At times the Adelaide Botanic Garden can become dusty, or there may be pollen from plants at certain times of the year.

Anyone who suffers from asthma should:

- Consider wearing a mask
- Bring the specific medication they need



PATHS AND LIGHTING

There are paved and bitumen paths running throughout the Garden.

There are also some areas that have gravel or sawdust pathways.

Most of the Garden is flat, though there are some steep pathways leading to the Sunken Garden and Threatened Seed Orchard.

All paths are marked on the [map](#).

While there is path lighting at night, the site can be quite dark in some areas.



WHEELCHAIR AND STEP-FREE ACCESS

Most of the garden site is wheelchair-accessible, but there may be some areas that may be less accessible and are difficult to navigate, especially for manual or large wheelchairs.

The Palm House is accessed via ramps. Ramp 1 ([map ref. C2](#)) has a gentle incline with a minimum width of 88cm and a surface of compacted sand and bitumen that may not be suitable for unassisted use by visitors in wheelchairs or with prams. Ramp 2 ([map ref. D2](#)) has a steep gradient and incline with a bitumen surface.

The main Southern entrance to the **Museum of Economic Botany (MEB)** has 5 steps ([map ref. D9](#)). An alternate entrance is available at the Northern side of the building, through the back door via the Schomburgk Pavilion, which is a pull door, ([map ref. C4](#))

WHEELCHAIR AND STEP-FREE ACCESS CONT.

Some paths and areas of site are uneven, there are variations in ground surfaces and pathways can become crowded during busy times.

There may be some paths in the Garden that require you to travel over wooden or steel bridges.

When it is wet in the gardens, some areas can become slippery, so please exercise care.

When visiting the Bicentennial Conservatory the lower paved level is recommended for visitors who require a flat pathway.



SENSORY INFORMATION

Visiting the Botanic Garden at quieter times, such as during the day on weekdays should provide a quiet way to experience the garden. There are also quieter places you can attend.

- **Lower sensory areas include:**

- Class Grounds ([map ref. B4](#))
- Eremophila Garden ([map ref. F6](#))
- Summer House ([map ref. F4](#))
- North Lodge Area ([map ref. B3](#))
- Picnic Table Area ([map ref. E2](#))

- **Higher sensory areas include:**

- Schomburgk Pavilion (Diggers Store, Evergreen Deli) ([map ref. C4](#))
- Museum of Economic Botany ([map ref. D4](#))
- Bicentennial Conservatory ([map ref. C5](#))
- Restaurant Botanic ([map ref. C3](#))
- Palm House ([map ref. D2](#))
- The Lodge ([map ref. C3](#))

Please note that there is a flight path over the Garden.

ACCESSIBLE TOURS

Daily Guided Walks

Our wonderful volunteers run guided walks daily, which can be altered for people with mobility needs.

For more information on how we can assist with your accessibility needs, please email botanicgardens@sa.gov.au and join our [mailing list](#) for updated information as it is announced.

Other tours may be programmed over the event, please visit the [website](#) for more information.

ACCESSIBLE TOILETS

The following accessible toilets are available in the Garden;

Francis Arbor ([map ref. E2](#))

2 unisex accessible toilets (automatic sliding door, 96cm wide)

Schomburgk Pavilion ([map ref. C4](#))

1 unisex accessible toilet (push in door, 103cm wide door)

Noel Lothian Hall ([map ref. C6](#))

1 unisex accessible toilet (pull out door, 87cm wide)

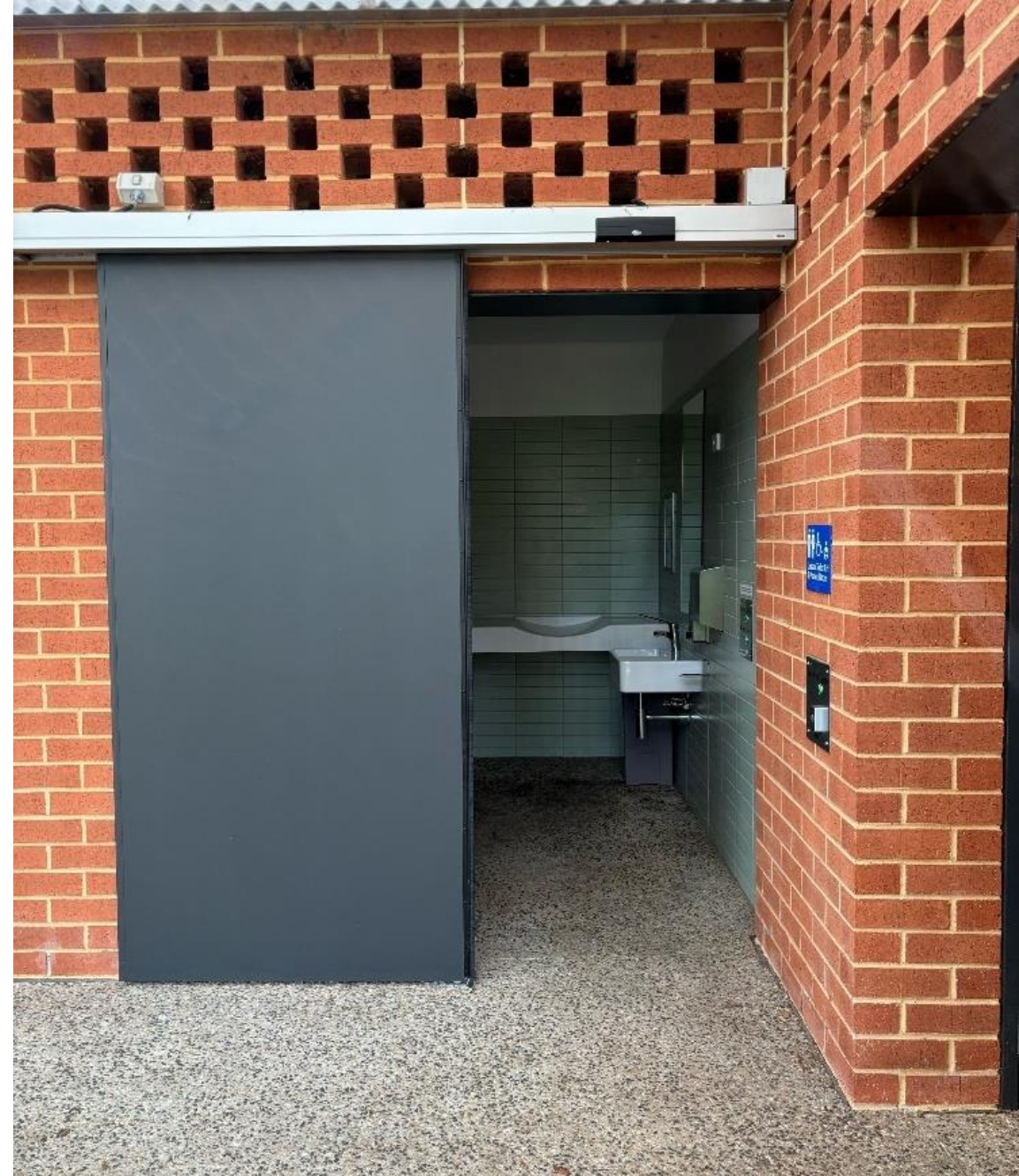
The Lodge ([map ref. C3](#))

2 unisex accessible toilets (automatic sliding door, 96cm wide)

Class Grounds ([map ref. A4](#))

2 unisex accessible toilets (automatic sliding door, 96cm wide)

1 Unisex Changing Place (see following page for information)



FACILITIES

Changing Place

A [changing place](#) accessible bathroom facility can be found at the Classgrounds bathroom block ([map ref. A4](#)) for those with high support needs.

An MLAK key is required to access this facility. More information regarding obtaining an MLAK key can be found [here](#).

Parenting Facilities

All bathrooms include a baby change table.



FOOD AND DRINK

There are a range of accessible options for food and drinks at the Botanic Garden, all catering for different dietary needs.

The [Evergreen Deli](#), ([map ref. C4](#)) [Lodge Kiosk](#) ([map ref. C3](#)) and [Restaurant Botanic](#) ([map ref. C3](#)) all have ramp access.

The Evergreen Deli at the Schomburgk Pavilion is fully accessible with step free access and ample room to navigate around the outside seating area.



STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Staff and volunteers can be identified by a name badge and/or a blue vest with VOLUNTEER across the back. They can help you with any questions you have.

Some are walking around the site, some are stationed at different areas, and the Visitor Information Centre is staffed from 10am - 4pm ([map ref. C4](#)).

Many garden staff and volunteers have completed an Access2Arts Disability Access and Inclusion training and are experienced in providing tours and information to people at the garden.



THANK YOU

We hope you have a great time at the Adelaide Botanic Garden and State Herbarium.

If you have any questions, get in touch with our friendly team at botanicgardens@sa.gov.au or call us on 08 8222 9311.