

**ACCESS GUIDE**

**CHIHULY**  
**IN THE**  
**BOTANIC GARDEN**

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# WHAT IS AN ACCESS GUIDE?

In this guide we will show you what to expect when you come to *Chihuly in the Botanic Garden*.

We provide access information about step-free paths, sensory sensitivities and facilities as well as an overview of the event.

This guide was created by Access2Arts in collaboration with the *Chihuly in the Botanic Garden* team.

More information about the event can be found at:  
<https://www.botanicgardens.sa.gov.au/Chihuly>.

If you have any other questions, get in touch with our friendly team at [botanic.exhibitions@sa.gov.au](mailto:botanic.exhibitions@sa.gov.au).

Dale Chihuly, *Sapphire Star*, 2010 © Chihuly Studio



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# WHAT IS CHIHULY IN THE BOTANIC GARDEN?

*Chihuly in the Botanic Garden* is a glass sculpture exhibition in the Adelaide Botanic Gardens.

As you walk through the Botanic Garden, an event by the world's most celebrated contemporary glass artist, *Dale Chihuly*, awaits you.

As the light changes throughout the day and seasons, experience these vibrant, large-scale sculptures in the beautiful botanical destination.

A program of activities will compliment this major event, offering you opportunities to explore the art again and again.

Dale Chihuly, *Glacier Ice and Lapis Chandelier*, 2024 © Chihuly Studio





## BEFORE THE EVENT

Dale Chihuly, *The Sun*, 2014 © Chihuly Studio



# TICKETS

Adelaide Botanic Garden is FREE to enter, and the outside trail for *Chihuly in the Botanic Garden* is free to explore during the day, up to closing time.

You will require a ticket for tours and events such as *In Full Colour: Dale Chihuly* and *Chihuly Nights*.

You can purchase tickets by going to [www.botanicgardens.sa.gov.au/whats-on](http://www.botanicgardens.sa.gov.au/whats-on).

# COMPANION, CARER AND CONCESSION CARDS

Companion cards are accepted for all *Chihuly in the Botanic Garden* events and tours.

Free entry is offered for one support worker/carer when an approved card is shown at entry.

Reduced entrance fees are offered to anyone holding a valid concession card as per [sa.gov.au](http://sa.gov.au).

## WHEELCHAIR HIRE

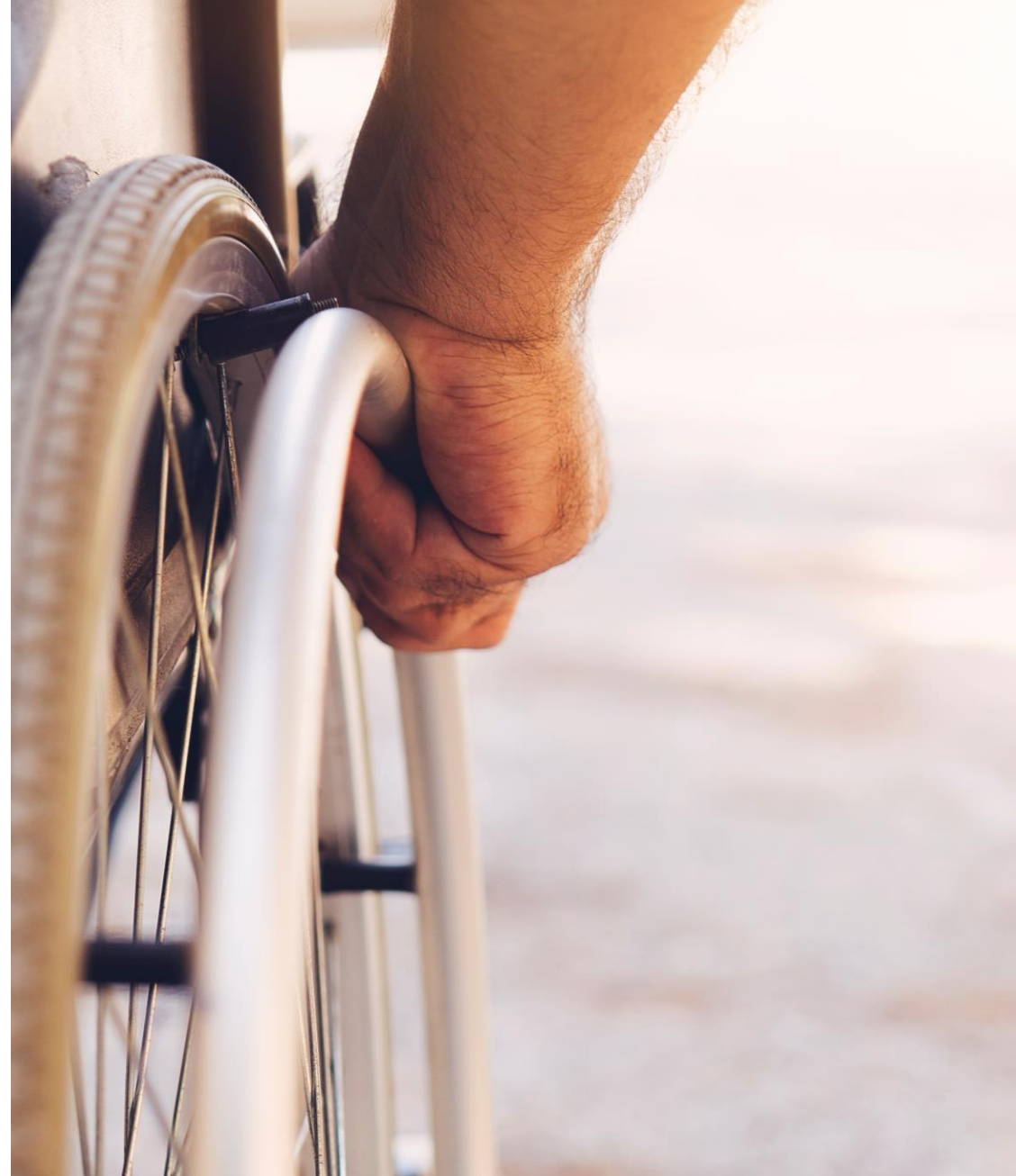
Wheelchairs are available and free to loan during daytime hours from the Goodman Building ([Map ref. C6](#)) seven days a week, including public holidays, however they must be pre-booked.

To reserve a wheelchair over the weekend, bookings must be made with Botanic Gardens administration before 3pm on Friday. Botanic Gardens will confirm availability and provide instructions on collection and return.

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

## ASSISTANCE ANIMALS

Assistance dogs are welcome in the Garden at all events.





# 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.

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

Entrance to the Garden for after-hours events such as *Chihuly Nights* is only via the Main Gate on North Terrace ([Map ref. G3](#)).







## ACCESSIBLE PARKING

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

- 4 accessible carparks at the Friends Gate ([Map ref. A3](#))
- 2 accessible carparks at the Conservatory Gate ([Map ref. A5](#))

There are also 3 accessible carparks 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.

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



# NIGHT-TIME EVENT PARKING

**Evening event entry is 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 at a greater distance from the Main Gate, which are *approximately* 650m – 1.2km distance to the Main Gate, along Hackney Road.

Plane Tree Drive has 4 accessible carparks at the Friends Gate, which are 1.2km from the Main Gate, and 2 accessible carparks at the Conservatory Gate, 1km distance to the Main Gate.

Rose Garden Carpark has 3 accessible carparks, 800m distance from the Main Gate and the Wine Centre Carpark has 1 accessible carpark 600m distance from the Main Gate.

**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. For timetables, visit the Adelaide Metro website: [www.adelaidemetro.com.au/plan-a-trip/free-and-special-transport](http://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 **[HERE](#)**.





# 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 to *Chihuly in the Botanic Garden* with this in mind.

To visit each artwork you will need to cover approximately 2 kilometres of pathways.

Depending on whether you visit each artwork and how long you take to look at them, we would recommend allowing at least two hours for the outside experience.

There is directional signage around the gardens, these signs are in English and use text and icons.

The garden map is available on the [website](#).







# ASTHMA

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 will be festoon and path lighting at night, the site can be quite dark in some areas.

There will be lights where the food, bars, toilets and other amenities are.





# WHEELCHAIR AND STEP-FREE ACCESS

Most of the Adelaide Botanic 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](#))

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



# VIEWING THE EXHIBITS

The exhibits for *Chihuly in the Botanic Garden* can all be viewed from accessible pathways, however this may at times be a small distance from the artwork.

No one is allowed to touch the artworks and surfaces surrounding the sculptures range from bitumen and compacted sand to grass, gravel and sawdust,

There may be some paths to exhibits 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 *Life in Colour: Dale Chihuly* exhibition in the Bicentennial Conservatory the lower paved level is recommended for visitors to require a flat pathway.







## SENSORY INFORMATION

Visiting *Chihuly in the Botanic Garden* at quieter times, such as during the day on weekdays should provide a quiet way to experience the artworks. There will also be quieter places (see list on next page), and also Quiet Tours you can attend.

If you visit for an event or at a busy time it may be an overwhelming experience for some people. At *Chihuly Nights* there will be music, many people, and a variety of smells and textures. During tours there may be larger groups people.

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

Dale Chihuly, *Tango Rose Ikebana with Pink and Indigo Stems*, 2001 and *Mottled Onyx Ikebana with Clear and Gilt Stems*, 2009 © Chihuly Studio



# SENSORY AREAS

Lower sensory areas, further from artworks 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*)
- Visitors Information Booth (*Map ref. C4*)
- Restaurant Botanic (*Map ref. C3*)
- Palm House (*Map ref. D2*)
- The Lodge (*Map ref. C3*)

Adelaide Botanic Garden [Map](#)



# ACCESSIBLE TOURS

## Audio Described Tours

There will be Audio Described sessions for people who are blind or low-vision during the *Chihuly in the Botanic Garden* exhibition, these will be led by Access2Arts. These tours will include an opportunity for vision impaired patrons to experience tactile elements, such as small glass forms during the tour.

## Daily Guided Walks

Our wonderful volunteers run guided walks daily, which can be altered for people with mobility needs. These tours will take in artwork highlights.

For more information on how we can assist with your accessibility needs, please email [botanic.exhibitions@sa.gov.au](mailto:botanic.exhibitions@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.**

Dale Chihuly, *Blue Crystal Tower*, 2024 © Chihuly Studio



# CHIHULY NIGHTS

From Thursday to Sunday evenings, the Gardens will open after hours for *Chihuly Nights*.

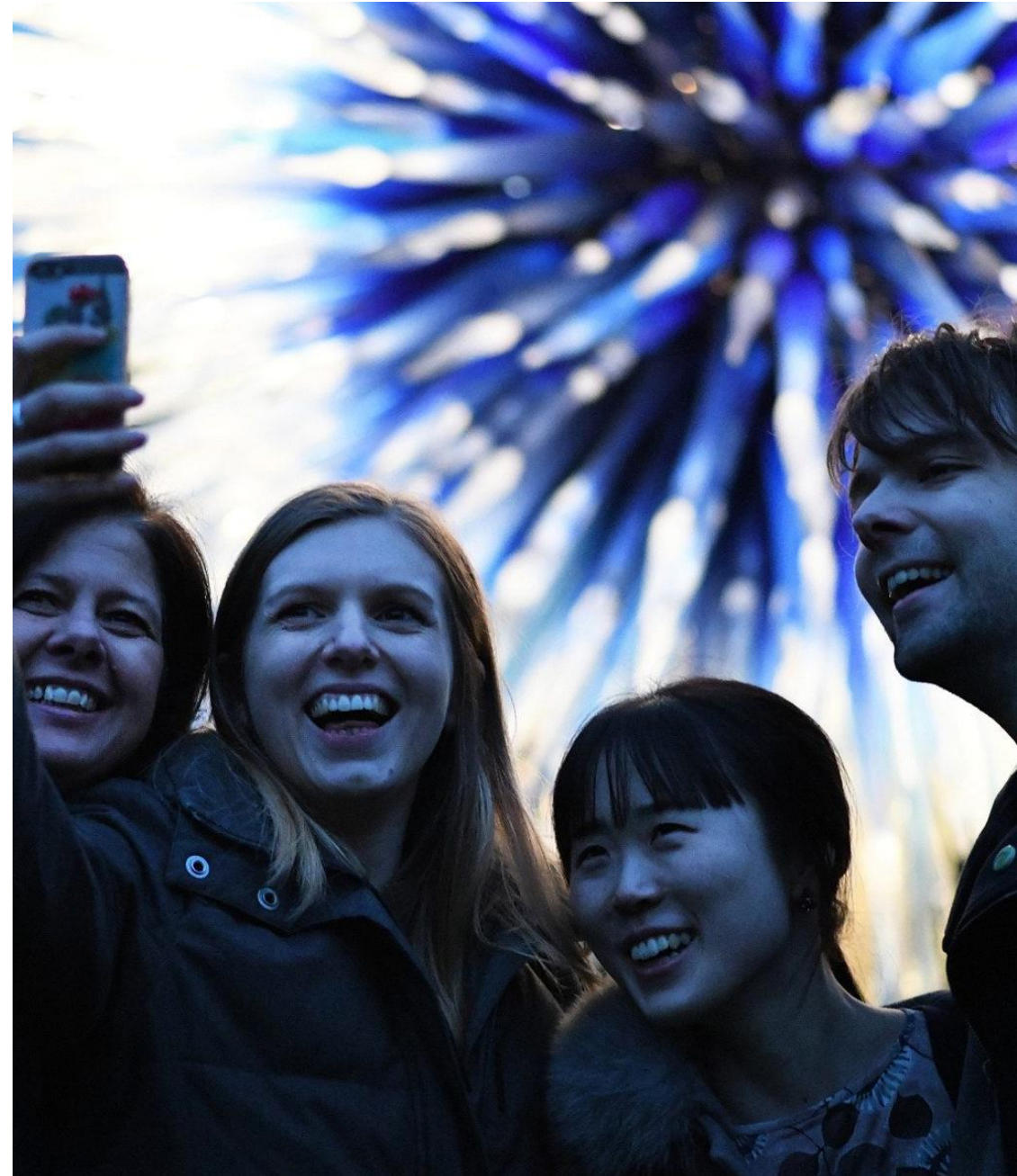
Visitors can experience the artwork lit after dark, while enjoying food, beverages, and live music from 6:45pm – 10:00pm.

The entrance for *Chihuly Nights* is via the Main Gate on North Terrace.

There will be festoon and path lighting but visibility will be reduced.

There will be live music and it may be noisy in the food and drink areas.

Tickets are available through [Humanitix](#).





# FACILITIES AND SPACES



Dale Chihuly, *Fiori Boat*, 2018 © Chihuly Studio





# 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.

Adelaide Botanic Garden [Map](#)



# 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 Booth is staffed during daytime hours ([Map ref. C4](#)).

Many Adelaide Botanic 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 *Chihuly in the Botanic Gardens*.

If you have any questions, get in touch with our friendly team at [botanic.exhibitions@sa.gov.au](mailto:botanic.exhibitions@sa.gov.au) or call us on 08 8222 9311.

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