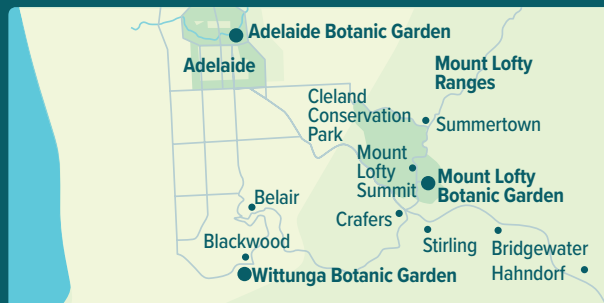


We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of this Country.

We pay our respects to Kurna and Peramangk Elders, past and present, and recognise their deep and ongoing connection to this place.

We desire to walk together into a better future — one with healing, reconciliation and environmental restoration at its core.



Plan your visit

Free entry

Open every day*

Opening times

Every day: 8.30am

Closing times

Monday to Friday

Every day: 4pm

Weekends and public holidays:

October – March: 6pm

April – September: 4pm

**The Garden will be closed on days when the fire danger rating is forecast as Extreme or Catastrophic, as issued by the Bureau of Meteorology. Bom.gov.au*

Getting here

Entrances:

Mt Lofty Summit Road, Crafrers (Upper entrance) and Lampert Road, Piccadilly (Lower entrance).

Arriving by car:

Ticketed parking is available at both entrances. Free parking on Sundays.

Public Transport:

Check Adelaide Metro for bus services to Piccadilly and Crafrers. adelaidemetro.com.au

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P Car Parks

Lower car park	J6
Upper car park	B3
Staff car park	G7

Buildings and structures

Administration	F7
Chris Steele Scott Visitor Pavilion	I5
Noel Lothian Viewing Platform	J6

Wedding venues

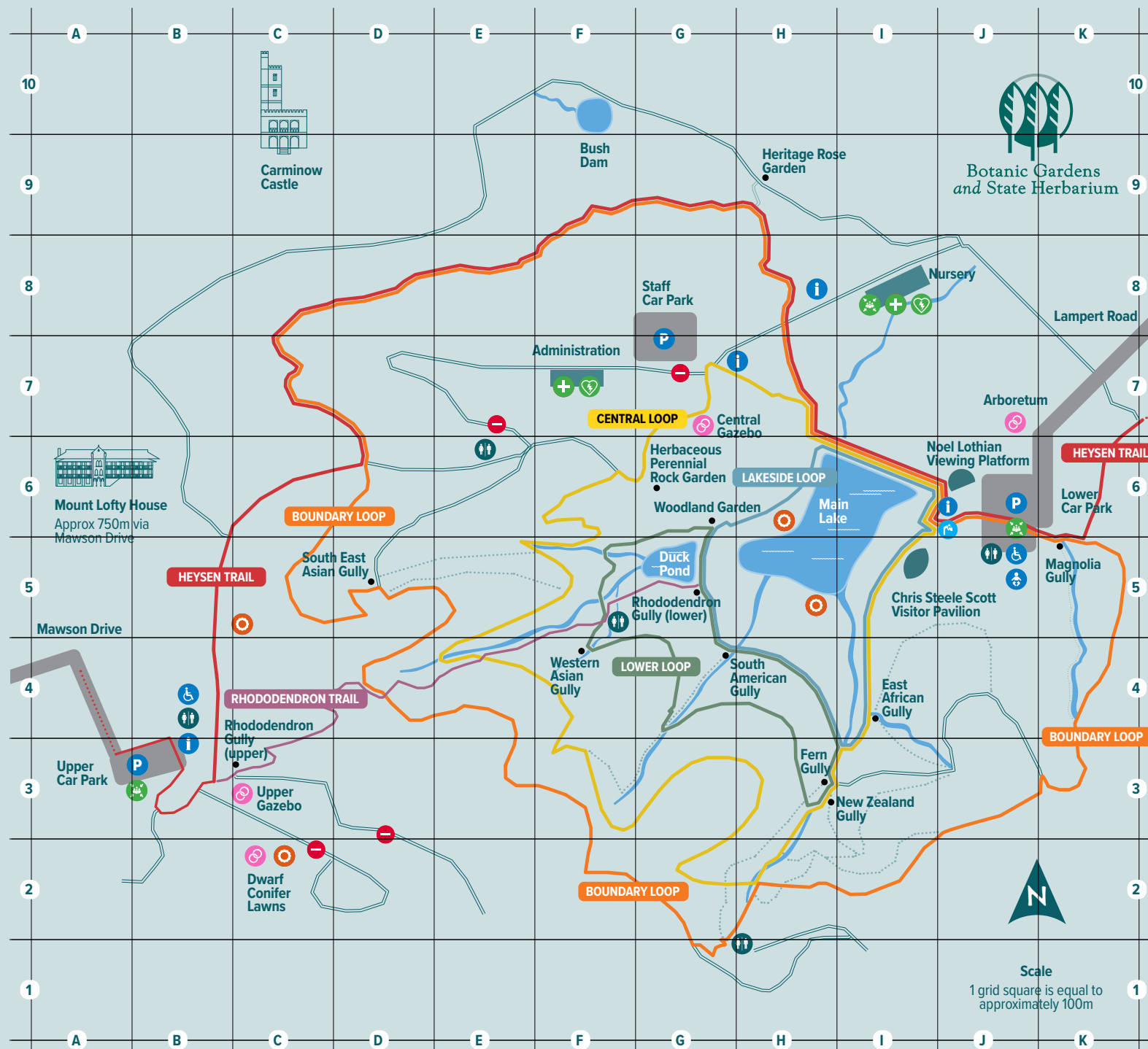
Arboretum	J7
Central Gazebo	G7
Dwarf Conifer Lawns	C2
Upper Gazebo	C3

Collections and features

Bush Dam	F10
Duck Pond	G5
East African Gully	I4
Fern Gully	H3
Herbaceous Perennial Rock Garden	G6
Heritage Rose Garden	H9
Main Lake	I6
Magnolia Gully	K5
New Zealand Gully	I3
Rhododendron Gully (lower)	G5
Rhododendron Gully (upper)	C4
South American Gully	G4
South East Asian Gully	D5
Western Asian Gully	F4
Woodland Garden	G6

Garden facilities

- i Information / Garden Site Map
- Gully Entry
- ♿ Toilets
- ♿ Accessible Toilets
- 💧 Water Fountain & Refill Station
- + First Aid & Defibrillator / Heart Restarter
- 🚚 Emergency Meeting Point
- Sculptures
- No Entry
- B4, J5
- J6
- F7, I8
- B3, I8, J6





Welcome to Mount Lofty Botanic Garden – we're cool!

This botanic garden nurtures plants sourced from cool, temperate parts of the world.

Here, you can enjoy the ever-changing seasons. There are sweet-scented blooms to enjoy in winter, spring and summer, whilst in autumn it's all about the lustrous golds and oranges of deciduous trees.

Follow marked trails that wind over hillside rises and through gullies. In these microclimates you'll find living collections of rhododendrons, magnolias, ferns, conifers and roses. Keep an eye out for the lichens, moss and fungi that also thrive in this habitat.

While a glorious place to unwind, this Garden also contributes to global conservation projects. Many plants here have become endangered in their homelands by deforestation and habitat loss. This Botanic Garden is a botanical ark.

**Discover more
about the Garden**

Scan the QR code
to visit our website.



Enjoying the Garden

Feel free to walk on the grass, touch, smell and enjoy the wonderful plant life and atmosphere!

Visitor Facilities

Toilets, including accessible toilets, are available at both entrances. Parent rooms are available at the lower car park. Additional toilets are located at other locations within the garden. A water/bottle refill fountain is located at the lower entrance.

The Chris Steele Scott Pavilion provides a sheltered meeting point, and there are picnic tables and benches scattered throughout the Garden.

Guided walks

Discover more about this fascinating Garden with a free guided tour by the Friends of the Botanic Gardens of Adelaide. Tours depart every Thursday at 10.30am from the lower car park.

Art and sculptures

Look out for renowned sculptor Greg Johns' signature pieces at the Dwarf Conifer Lawn and adjacent to the Main Lake. A series of eight plant-themed artworks can be found around the Garden's Main Lake as part of the Lakeside Loop.

Wedding and event enquiries

Looking to have a wedding or special event in the Garden? Great! Find out how on our website.

Wildlife

The Garden hums with the rhythm of life. Listen to the chatter of birds or challenge yourself to spot a tawny frogmouth camouflaged against branches. Tune into the frogs' chorus in the ponds and waterways and admire the colourful parrots and butterflies fluttering by. There are resident colonies of the Southern Brown Bandicoot, and the Garden also provides habitat for koalas, kangaroos, reptiles and insects. You never know who you might encounter!

Safety information

This Garden has steep pathways. We recommend sturdy shoes and keeping to the footpaths.

The Garden is a living museum of botanical collections with important conservation and botanical value. Please respect the Garden and help us to protect plants, people and wildlife.

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|  Leave plants, fungi and garden beds undamaged. |  No feeding of wildlife |
|  Leave pets or animals at home |  No ball or throwing games |
|  No alcohol |  No swimming |
|  No smoking or vaping |  No drones |
|  No BBQs (picnics allowed) |  No bikes, scooters, skateboards or rollerskates/blades |
| |  No vehicles |



Exploring the gullies and gardens

The sprawling network of hillside gullies makes Mount Lofty Botanic Garden truly distinctive and memorable. Each area has its own ecosystem and unique story to tell.

Arboretum

A collection of large deciduous trees in a diversity of tree forms, foliage and colours. The perfect space for picnics and gatherings.

Dwarf Conifer Lawns

Find inspiration for your home garden in this selection of miniature conifers.

East African Gully

Large shrubs and trees from the highland forests of East Africa grow here, many of which are rarely seen in cultivation.

Fern Gully

Meander the pathways of this cool, temperate rainforest. One of Australia's most diverse fern collections and potentially able to provide spores for revegetation projects.

Heritage Rose Garden

Find roses here that grow naturally in the wild, and from which all modern roses have been bred through centuries of cross breeding and cultivation.

Magnolia Gully

This trail showcases the Magnolia family in all its glory with 36 species of this fragrant plant. This group of plants bloom from August to September.

New Zealand Gully

Explore botanical highlights from our near neighbours, with many unique species that are only found naturally in New Zealand.

Rhododendron Gully

Breathtaking blooms in a kaleidoscope of bright colours erupt here from August to October. This living collection represents a cool climate Asian woodland.

South American Gully

South America and Australia have a shared botanical heritage and were once connected as the vast landmass, Gondwana. Look out for clues of their shared origins.

Southeast Asian Gully

Camellias are the dominant feature here. Their large, beautiful flowers are striking from autumn to early spring.

Western Asian Gully

A winding hillside gully filled with Asian and Indian flora, including an impressive collection of viburnum—a shrub renowned for its colourful flowers and berries.

Woodland Garden

Explore this peaceful area of northern hemisphere trees. From December to February, hydrangeas bloom here in pretty pastel shades.

Loops & trails

Choose your preferred route to explore this botanical wonderland. Follow the coloured signage of your chosen loop or trail to guide you through the Garden.

Boundary Loop

Higher altitude trail offering panoramic views. **3km, medium to steep inclines.**

Central Loop

Explore the Garden's diverse botanical collections in its leafy gullies. **2km, medium inclines.**

Heysen Trail

A selection of natural Australian Bushland. Combination of sealed and unsealed paths. **2km each way, medium to steep inclines.**

Lakeside Loop

Enjoy picturesque scenes on a leisurely meander around the lake. **1km, minimal inclines.**

Lower Loop

Experience botanical themes from around the world. **1.2km, minimal inclines.**

Rhododendron Trail

A trail of stunning blooms from spring to early summer. **700m one way, medium to steep inclines.**