

# Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne Map

## Welcome to Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne



### Discover an award-winning landscape

Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne is one of Victoria's most precious areas of remnant native bushland. Less than an hour's drive from the city, this 363-hectare site offers visitors the chance to explore heathlands, wetlands and woodlands, as well as the award-winning Australian Garden.



### Wildlife

All sorts of native animals live in these Gardens. The most frequently seen creatures include wallabies, endangered Southern Brown Bandicoots (pictured) and Short Beaked Echidnas. More than 150 species of birds find habitat here, including the New Holland Honeyeater and the Superb Fairy Wren. Listen for frogs and look for lizards and snakes.



### Living Collections

Featured specimens from across the continent are displayed within 33 Living Collections in the Australian Garden. Much like a gallery, these collections are carefully curated, with some linked by geography, others by ecology or plant family. Ask at the Visitor Centre to find out what's in bloom during your visit.



### About plant labels

You might notice labels on some plants. These plaques include the plant's common name, which can vary around the world, the plant family and a unique scientific name (genus and species). Some show the plant's natural distribution on a map. Symbols note its estimated mature height and water and sunlight requirements.

### Self-guided walks

#### Departing from the Visitor Centre

There are many ways to see the beauty of the Australian Garden. For a custom walk, ask at the Visitor Centre.

## Experience the Gardens

### Food & drink

#### Boon Wurrung Café

Enjoy a delicious meal, tea, coffee and light snacks, served with views of the Australian Garden.

Near the Visitor Centre  
Bookings 0437 282 068

### Kiosk

Pick up a simple and delicious meal, a quick snack or drink.

### Northern end of the Australian Garden

### Gardens Shop

Remember your visit with something special. Choose from local designs and botanic-inspired products. Proceeds from every purchase go directly towards supporting the work of the Gardens.

Near the Visitor Centre

### Picnic spots

**Ian Potter Lakeside Precinct**  
Open lawn overlooking the Australian Garden lake.

### Woodland Picnic Area

Free barbecues under cover, picnic tables and toilet facilities, with a children's adventure playground nearby.

### Stringybark Picnic Area

Free barbecues and toilet facilities. Set among the gum trees with pathways leading to the bushland.

### Half-hour visit

Wander down the Eucalypt Walk to the Forest Garden and back. Take in views of the Red Sand Garden and enjoy the delicious scent of native peppermint.

## Guided Experiences

### Daily

#### The Explorer – Cranbourne Gardens

See garden highlights and take in live commentary and the wonders of the award-winning Australian landscape.

### Garden Ambassador Guided Walk

Venture through the Australian Garden and discover the uniqueness of Australian plants and how they adapt to our climate.

### Notes for all experiences

For times, prices, access and age suitability ask at the Visitor Centre or visit [rbg.vic.gov.au/what-s-on](http://rbg.vic.gov.au/what-s-on).

### How to book

At the Visitor Centre  
Visit [rbg.vic.gov.au](http://rbg.vic.gov.au)  
Call 03 5990 2200

### Seasonal events

Special events, workshops and talks take place each season. To see what's coming up visit [rbg.vic.gov.au/cranbourne-gardens/what-s-on-cranbourne](http://rbg.vic.gov.au/cranbourne-gardens/what-s-on-cranbourne)

### One-hour visit

Circle the Red Sand Garden by wandering along the Eucalypt Walk, through the Arid Garden, down the Serpentine Path and walking back along the Rockpool Waterway.

## Details for your visit

### Entry details

Entry to Cranbourne Gardens is free.

	Days open	Opening time	Closing time
Cranbourne Gardens (Australian Garden & Bushlands)	Daily Except Christmas Day	9am	5pm
Visitor Centre	Daily Except Christmas Day	9am	5pm
Gardens Shop	Daily	9.30am	4.45pm
Boon Wurrung Café	Daily Except Christmas Day	9.30am	4pm
Kiosk	Check opening hours at Visitor Centre		

### Free Shuttle

A free wheelchair-accessible shuttle can be booked for transport between Cranbourne train station and Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne, pending availability. To book call 03 5990 2200 or visit [rbg.vic.gov.au/cranbourne-gardens/what-s-on-cranbourne/daily-shuttle](http://rbg.vic.gov.au/cranbourne-gardens/what-s-on-cranbourne/daily-shuttle)



### Contact us

03 5990 2200  
[rbgc@rbg.vic.gov.au](mailto:rbgc@rbg.vic.gov.au)  
After 5pm 0409 385 479

### Discover Melbourne Gardens

Explore the iconic Melbourne Gardens, a green oasis at the heart of the city.



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands and waters on which we work and learn and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

### Access

For details on drop off points, wheelchair hire and an all abilities access key, visit [rbg.vic.gov.au/cranbourne-gardens/getting-here/accessibility](http://rbg.vic.gov.au/cranbourne-gardens/getting-here/accessibility)

### Functions & events

Looking for somewhere to host a wedding or birthday celebration? Visit [rbg.vic.gov.au/cranbourne-gardens/functions-and-venues](http://rbg.vic.gov.au/cranbourne-gardens/functions-and-venues)

### Guidelines for your visit

Please help protect the Gardens by observing the following regulations



### For your own safety



## Thank you for visiting

### Connect

Stay up to date with the latest news and events by subscribing to the Gardens eNews at [rbg.vic.gov.au](http://rbg.vic.gov.au).

### Share your special moments

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### Snakes

If you see a snake:  
– do not approach it;  
– step away  
– wait for it to move off the track  
– if assistance is required, call 03 5990 2265

### Bushfire

If you smell smoke or see signs of fire, please:

- stay calm
- stay on walking tracks
- walk away from the fire towards a clear area
- call 000, ask for Fire and follow instructions

### Need help on site?

In an emergency, call 000. For on-site assistance, contact the Visitor Centre on 03 5990 2265.

### Support us

Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria relies on the generous support of our visitors. As well as contributing to the maintenance of this precious site and its living plant collections, your tax-deductible donation will help support world-leading botanical and plant diversity research, protecting our rare and threatened Victorian flora from extinction and ensuring future generations can enjoy the Gardens too. Please donate at [www.rbg.vic.gov.au/support-us](http://www.rbg.vic.gov.au/support-us)



GUIDED  
TOURS  
11AM  
DAILY

# Australian Garden Map

## Visitor facilities

- Information
- Toilets
- Baby change
- Hoist and adult change table
- Drinking water
- Parking
- Free Shuttle drop off point
- Accessible parking
- Accessible toilet
- Explorer stop
- Gardens Shop
- Café
- Barbecue
- Picnic tables
- Shelter
- Gates
- Path on hill, arrows point uphill
- Metal grate path
- Wooden path



# Bushland Map



## Walking tracks

- Road
- Walking track – fully wheelchair accessible
- Walking track – assisted wheelchair
- Walking track – (non-wheelchair accessible) shared with management vehicles (subject to weather conditions)
- Bicycle route

## Bushland Self-Guided Experiences

### Departing from the Australian Garden car park

- Woodlands Walk**  
Wander beneath a canopy of eucalypt trees and out to the open grasslands of the picnic area.  
**400m one way**  
**10 mins · Easy**
- Trig Point Lookout**  
Breathtaking 360-degree views. On a clear day see Mount Macedon and the city skyline, the Dandenong Ranges and both Port Phillip Bay and Western Port Bay.  
**400m loop**  
**10 mins · Easy**
- Possum Gully Walk**  
See the bush change with the seasons. Depending on the month, spy tea trees in bloom or native orchids. Birds and animals find habitat in the dunes.  
**3.5km loop**  
**1 hr · Moderate**
- Wildlife Walk**  
Experience different bush habitats, from woodlands to grasslands and heathlands to wetlands. Look and listen for native birds and animals.  
**4.4km loop**  
**1.25 hrs · Difficult**
- Wylies Creek Loop**  
Encounter the full diversity of Cranbourne Gardens. Venture through wetlands, grasslands, sand dunes and woodlands.  
**5.4km loop**  
**1.5 hr · Difficult**

### Departing from the Stringybark Picnic Area

- Manna Walk**  
Be immersed in Manna Gums with a gentle walk on gravel and boardwalk. See mistletoe up high and grasses down low.  
**1km loop**  
**20 mins · Easy**
- Wetlands Walk**  
From dappled shade to open grassland, walk through the bush and listen for the wind and animals in the wetlands.  
**2.4km loop**  
**45 mins · Moderate**
- Self-guided cycling**  
Bring your bike and explore the bicycle track that weaves through beautiful bushlands and open grasslands.  
**6km loop**  
**1hr · Easy**

## Vegetation types

- Heathy woodland
- Wet heath
- Swamp scrub
- Grassy woodland
- Wetland complex
- Grassland