

Visitor information

The Botanic Garden is minutes from downtown Wellington and is open between sunrise and sunset.

Free entry.

How to get to the Botanic Garden:

Cable Car - from Cable Car Lane, just off Lambton Quay, departs every 10 minutes.

No 2 Karori bus - from Lambton Quay, it stops outside the Founders' Entrance.

Walking - a popular route is from The Terrace through Bolton Street Memorial Park, about 15 minutes to the Lady Norwood Rose Garden and a further 5 minutes to the Main Garden.

Car - the only public car park in the Botanic Garden is next to the Lady Norwood Rose Garden. Parking limit 2 hours. Access is through Centennial Entrance. Parking is also available along Glenmore Street.

The Friends of the Wellington Botanic Garden

This voluntary organisation supports the Botanic Garden by:

- providing a guiding service for visitors by trained volunteer guides
- hosting visitors
- raising funds for garden projects, advocacy, lectures, bulb sales, social functions and displays of historical and heritage interest.

If you are interested in joining or would like a guided tour, please contact the Friends.

Email wbgfriends@gmail.com

Web wellingtongardens.nz/wbgfriends



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Wellington Botanic Garden ki Paekākā

Ōtari-Wilton's Bush

Bolton Street Cemetery ki Paekākā

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William Bramley Drive



The Discovery Garden Te Kaapuia o Te Waoku



The Lady Norwood Rose Garden

Wellington Botanic Garden ki Paekākā

The Wellington Botanic Garden ki Paekākā covers 25 hectares with stunning views, and surprises around every turn. Microclimates in the garden host exotic plants, protected native bush, floral displays and themed gardens. The garden has flat and hilly sections as well as bushwalks. Bring your walking shoes and lunch for an extended outing or escape the office for a quick break.

History of the Wellington Botanic Garden

The area where the Botanic Garden now sits has been an important site for generations. When Europeans arrived, there were already well established pā sites (fortified villages) at Pipitea and Kumutoto. The people of Te Ātiawa from Pipitea Pā used the Botanic Garden for ngākinga (food cultivation), collecting native plants for construction, food, fibre and medicine.

The Botanic Garden, as we know it today, was established in 1868 and managed by the New Zealand Institute, which planted major conifer species. This planting was part of a programme to assess imported plant species and their economic potential for the new colony. Wellington City Council has managed the Botanic Garden since 1891, developing the Lady Norwood Rose Garden, the Begonia House, and the Treehouse Visitor Centre.

A Garden of National Significance, the Botanic Garden was also the first public garden in the country classified as a historic area by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga.

What you'll find in the Botanic Garden:

The Treehouse Visitor Centre & Botanic Garden Shop

The Botanic Garden Shop is located in the Treehouse Visitor Centre. Browse a wide range of New Zealand souvenirs, practical garden products and locally made gifts. Purchases at the shop help grow the garden.

The Treehouse & Shop are open:

9am-4pm weekdays

10am-3pm weekends from 1 September to 30 April

Closed Christmas Day and weekends from 1 May to 31 August.

The Discovery Garden Te Kaapuia o Te Waoku – *We are all part of nature*

Many of us now live in cities, and children have fewer opportunities to learn about the important role plants play in our lives. The Discovery Garden helps us all understand the importance of living sustainably. It is available for private school group sessions and open to the public weekends and weekdays when schools are not visiting.

The Begonia House and Picnic Café

The Begonia House contains tropical and temperate displays. The tropical area has a permanent collection of plants and the temperate displays change seasonally. The Begonia House is open daily 9am-4pm.

Picnic Café, located at the Begonia House, has excellent coffee and food. The café is open daily 8.30am-4pm.

The Lady Norwood Rose Garden

Opened in 1953, the Lady Norwood Rose Garden contains formal beds with more than 300 varieties of roses. They are a spectacular sight and scent in the summer.

Bolton Street Cemetery ki Paekākā

For 50 years European settlers administrated the cemetery as three separate cemeteries - Church of England, Jewish and public. It served the city until 1891 when it was vested in Wellington City Council. The cemetery contains a nationally important heritage rose collection.

The cemetery was temporarily closed to public access from 1968 until 1971, as workers exhumed about 3700 burials to build the urban motorway. Most of the remains now lie in a large vault beneath the Early Settlers Memorial Lawn behind the Bolton Street Cemetery Museum.

Bolton Street Cemetery Museum contains information on the history of the cemetery and burials and a key to grave locations. The museum is open daily 10am-4pm.

Venues for hire

The Botanic Garden has a selection of indoor and outdoor venues available for hire for seminars, workshops, business meetings, weddings and photography, team building, cocktail functions, picnics and performances. Groups of greater than 20 people using any garden space must book.

For more information, visit wellingtongardens.nz or phone **04 499 1400**

Wellington Botanic Garden ki Paekākā

Map key

- Downhill Walk
- Kōwhai Walk
- Sculpture Trail
- Sculpture
- Pukatea Bushwalk
- Waipiro Bushwalk
- Main paths
- Other paths
- Stairs
- Stream
- Lift
- Toilet
- Cable car stop
- Bus stop
- Parking
- Accessible route
- Main entrance
- Lookout
- Café

- Other tracks
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| 1 William Bramley Drive | 8 Mamaku Way | 15 Cork Oak Path |
| 2 Ludlam Way | 9 West Way | 16 East Path |
| 3 Buchanan Way | 10 Rock Path | 17 Gorse Path |
| 4 William Wakefield Way | 11 Manuka Path | 18 Pine Hill Path |
| 5 Myrtle Way | 12 Junction Path | 19 Camellia Path |
| 6 Grass Walk | 13 Serpentine Way | |
| 7 Kew Way | 14 Norwood Path | |

