

Botanic Garden

Our garden is quite extensive and hilly in parts, however, most of it can easily be explored and we suggest the following routes which will take an hour or so. These routes avoid steps and most of the slopes in the garden.

Starting at the main Visitor Centre: ①

The Cornfield Annual border ③ and the Prince Bishop's garden ④ are your first points of interest.

Then visit the greenhouses ⑥ ⑦ ⑧ and the Ethnobotany collection ⑨ and Fossil Fern bed ⑩ on the lawn outside. Not far from here, passing the New Zealand, Australia and Tasmania collection ⑭, you will find a collection of plants from South Africa ⑪, a Plant History bed ⑫ and our small Alpine garden. ⑬

Follow the path back towards the greenhouse bearing left down the slope, passing the "Millennium bug" on your left.

At the farm gate, the entrance to our North American arboretum ⑫ which is grazed by our rare breed sheep from November to February, turn left towards our magnificent monkey puzzle tree. ⑮ In this area there is a bee hive and "bug hotel" ⑲ and our bird hide ⑳. From here look out for the giant Chilean bamboo and continue across ponds and perhaps rest a while in the gazebo.

From here get your bearings and explore the woodland garden ㉑ behind the gazebo or make your way to our Oriental collection ㉒ and the 'Vessels of life' sculpture. ㉓

Starting at the Park and Ride entrance: ㉔

Follow the path through our North American arboretum ㉕ which is grazed by our rare breed sheep from November to February, turn right towards our magnificent monkey puzzle tree ㉖. In this area there is a bee hive and "bug hotel" ㉗ and our bird hide. ㉘

From here look out for the giant Chilean bamboo and continue across ponds and perhaps rest a while in the gazebo.

From here get your bearings and explore the woodland garden ㉙ behind the gazebo or make your way to our Oriental collection ㉚ and the 'Vessels of life' sculpture ㉛ head back to the farm gate through the woodland garden ㉜ and follow the path up the hill, passing the "Millennium bug" on your right. At the top of the hill, on the right, you can visit our New Zealand, Australia and Tasmania collection ㉝, a collection of plants from South Africa, ㉞ a Plant History bed ㉟ and our small Alpine garden ㊱. Over to the left you will find our greenhouses ㊲ ㊳ ㊴, the Ethnobotany collection ㊵ and Fossil Fern bed ㊶ on the lawn outside.

Further up from our greenhouse you will see our Visitor Centre. On the way there you can visit our Cornfield Annual border ③ and the Prince Bishop's garden. ④