

Royal Botanic Garden  
**Edinburgh**  
Scotland's Premier Garden





## Explore the Garden

Experience an extravaganza of plants from around the world and unravel exploits and adventures dating back three centuries to discover what makes this one of the world's most important Gardens.

Just a mile from the bustling heart of Scotland's capital, the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (RBGE) is a 70 acre haven of tranquillity where visitors of all ages can relax in the beauty of the landscape, tour exotic rainforests and arid lands in the magnificent Glasshouses and participate in a vast range of free activities.

A must-see destination for everyone, the Botanics is breathtaking at any time of year, whether you favour the majestic trees of the Arboretum, the world-famous Rock Garden or the serenity of the Queen Mother's Memorial Garden. During your wanderings don't forget to ascend to Inverleith House lawn to take in the stunning city view. Then, call in to the gallery itself, internationally renowned for its programme of contemporary art exhibitions.



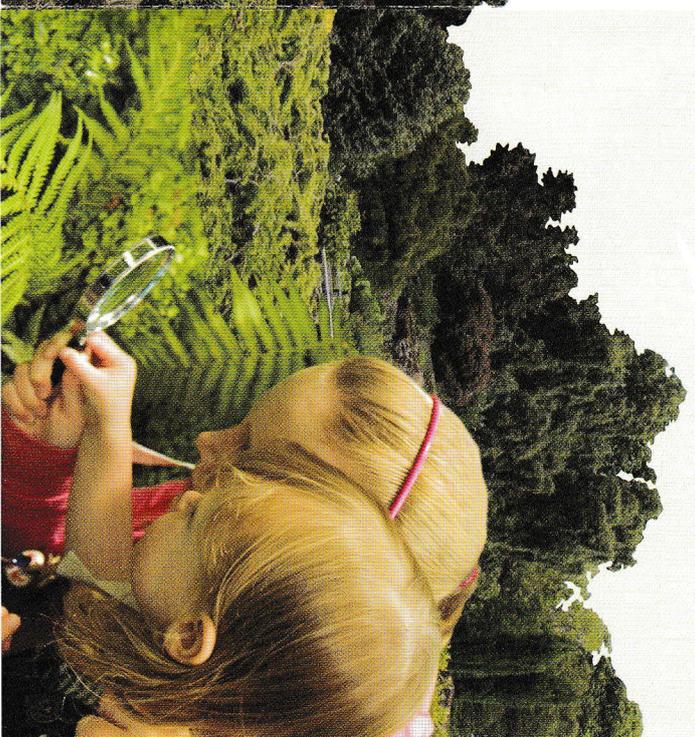
## Enjoy the Garden

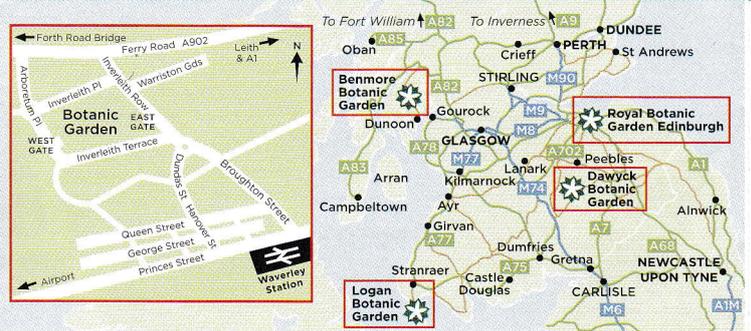
Events and exhibitions are run throughout the year at the new John Hope Gateway visitor centre, where the stunning restaurant offers fine dining looking out over these very special surroundings. Alternatively, stroll up to the Terrace Café for a light snack. Any visit can be made complete by taking away a small memento from the Botanics Shop, which supports the important conservation work of the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh.

### Become a Friend

Visitors can stay in touch by becoming a Friend and lending their support to RBGE's vital role in scientific research and conservation. As a Friend, you will be kept closer to our work through our quarterly magazine and enjoy free admission to each of the four Gardens, as well as having access to a range of dedicated events and priority bookings.

For further information, please call the Members Office on 0131 552 5339 or join online at [www.rbge.org.uk/support-us](http://www.rbge.org.uk/support-us)





## Discover a world of plants

The Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, founded in 1670, is a world renowned centre for plant research, conservation and education. Its four remarkable Gardens – the “Botanics” in Edinburgh; the mountain-side Benmore in Argyll; Dawyck in the wooded hills of the Scottish Borders; and Logan on a Gulf Stream warmed peninsula in Galloway – differ in topography, soils and climate, enabling an exceptionally wide range of plants to be grown. Together they constitute one of the richest plant collections on Earth, with more than 15,000 species in cultivation, representing almost seven per cent of all known plants.

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### Benmore

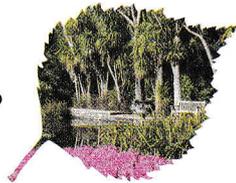
**Benmore Botanic Garden,**  
Dunoon, Argyll PA23 8QU  
Tel 01369 706261  
[www.rbge.org.uk/benmore](http://www.rbge.org.uk/benmore)  
Open daily 1 March to 31 October  
Admission charge applies



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### Logan

**Logan Botanic Garden,**  
Port Logan, Stranraer,  
Dumfries and Galloway DG9 9ND  
Tel 01776 860231  
[www.rbge.org.uk/logan](http://www.rbge.org.uk/logan)  
Open daily 15 March to 31 October  
Admission charge applies



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### Dawyck

**Dawyck Botanic Garden,**  
Stobo, near Peebles,  
Scottish Borders EH45 9JU  
Tel 01721 760254  
[www.rbge.org.uk/dawyck](http://www.rbge.org.uk/dawyck)  
Open daily, 1 February to 30 November  
Admission charge applies



## Directions and Access

The Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh is located off the A902, one mile north of the city centre; it has entrances on Inverleith Row (the East Gate is served by local buses 8, 23 & 27) and on Arboretum Place (the West Gate & John Hope Gateway). Parking is available around the Garden – free weekends & evenings, metered Monday to Friday (8:30am and 5:30pm).

## Opening Times

Open daily except 1 January and 25 December

**Hours:** November to February 10:00am – 4:00pm  
March and October 10:00am – 6:00pm  
April to September 10:00am – 7:00pm

Glasshouses close: 3:30pm Nov to Feb, 5:00pm Mar to Oct.  
John Hope Gateway open 9:30am weekdays, 9:00am weekends

## Garden Admission Free

**Charges for Glasshouses;** RBGE Friends admitted free of charge  
Adult £4, Concessions £3, Child £1, Family £8 (2010 prices)  
Discounts available for groups of 11 or more, providing payment is by a single transaction. Call 0131 248 1031 to pre-book.

**New for 2010:** Multi visit ticket – 3 visits for: Adult £10, Concession £8, Child £2, Family £20.  
Also valid at Benmore, Dawyck and Logan.

**Gift Aid:** If you are a UK taxpayer and choose to make a donation in the form of entry with Gift Aid the Royal Botanic Garden can reclaim the tax, increasing the value of your payment by nearly one third.

## Activities

The Garden runs events throughout the year including family activities, guided walks and exhibitions. For a full programme call 0131 552 7171 or visit [www.rbge.org.uk](http://www.rbge.org.uk)

- ✿ Garden Guide tours depart from the John Hope Gateway daily at 10:00am and 2:00pm between April and September.
- ✿ The Terrace Café for light self-service refreshments
- ✿ The Gateway Restaurant for elegant dining at breakfast, luncheon and afternoon tea (also available for private events: contact 0131 552 1974)
- ✿ Facilities for disabled visitors; assistance dogs welcome
- ✿ The Botanics Shop for gifts, books and plants



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**Facilities**

- A** Botanic Shop
- B** Caledonian Hall
- C** East Gate Entrance
- D** Fletcher Building (formerly Exhibition Hall)
- E** Gateway Restaurant
- F** Inverleith House Gallery
- G** John Hope Gateway
- H** Lecture Theatre and Conference Suite
- I** Science Buildings (including Herbarium and Library)
- J** Terrace Cafe
- K** West Gate Entrance
- L** Toilets
- I** Ranger Information Points
- R** Recycling Bins

**Features**

- 1** Alpine House and Courtyard
- 2** Arboretum
- 3** Azalea Lawn
- 4** Chilean Terrace Garden
- 5** Chinese Hillside
- 6** Chinese Pavilion (ting)
- 7** City Viewpoint
- 8** Climate Station
- 9** Copse
- 10** Cryptogamic Garden
- 11** Demonstration Garden
- 12** Fossil Garden
- 13** Glasshouses
- 14** Herbaceous Border and Beech Hedge
- 15** Native Woodland
- 16** Palm House and Glasshouse entrance
- 17** Peat Garden
- 18** Pond
- 19** Queen Mother's Memorial Garden
- 20** Rock Garden and Stream
- 21** Scottish Heath Garden
- 22** Woodland Garden



**Sculptures**

- S1** Robert Adam – Linnaeus Monument
- S2** Barbara Hepworth – Ascending Form (Gloria)
- S3** Barbara Hepworth – Rockform (Porthcurne)
- S4** Andy Goldsworthy – Slate Cone
- S5** Andy Goldsworthy – Slate Hole Wall
- S6** Ian Hamilton Finlay – Sundial
- S7** Bute Memorial Bench