

# Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha



## Our purpose

Brisbane City Council opened Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha in 1976, offering visitors a living museum of native and exotic plants. It is Australia's largest subtropical botanic gardens, featuring more than 200,000 plants, representing approximately 5000 species from around the world.

Plants nurture the planet's wellbeing; we couldn't survive without them. Through immersing visitors in a world-class living collection, Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha aims to grow a plant-loving community, dedicated to shaping a sustainable future and putting the 'plant back into planet'.

## Continuing development

### Bonsai House

The original Bonsai House was opened in December 1999 and has recently been redeveloped to become one of the largest publicly owned bonsai displays in Australia.

Today, the bonsai collection showcases a variety of species that can be grown in a subtropical climate including figs, native species, flowering species and conifers.

### Hide 'n' Seek Children's Trail

Children and their accompanying adults can explore the Hide 'n' Seek Children's Trail set in the heart of the shady Exotic Rainforest.

## Wayfinding

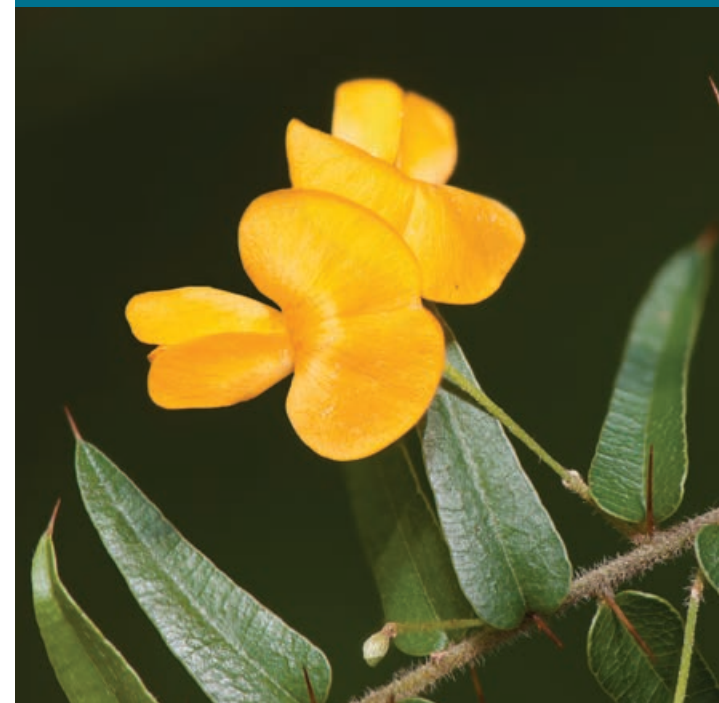
This wayfinding guide and supporting signage helps visitors to self-navigate around the botanic gardens with ease.

The botanic gardens is divided into five trails, each highlighted by a unique trail number and colour. A sixth trail guides visitors through the botanic gardens to access the Mt Coot-tha precinct (including the Mt Coot-tha Forest and Summit) and Chapel Hill.

Each attraction and collection is designated by its own pictogram, shown in the corresponding colour of the trail on which they can be found or are closest to.

Visitors can navigate by following trail headers and small round markers to complete a trail, or the more adventurous explorers can cut across a side path to connect to another trail or pathway, to discover something new.

The wayfinding signage program started in 2017 and continues to be rolled out across the botanic gardens to enhance the onsite experience for all visitors.





## Other attractions

**Botanic Gardens Auditorium** features horticultural and art exhibitions on most weekends and is located next to the Administration Building.

**Sir Thomas Brisbane Planetarium** showcases a range of astronomical shows and displays.

**Mt Coot-tha Library** specialises in botany, horticulture, gardening and landscape design.

**Richard Randall Art Studio** is a heritage-listed gallery space, located next to the Botanic Gardens Café.

Learn more about the Mt Coot-tha precinct at the **Mt Coot-tha Visitor Information Centre**, located at the botanic gardens' main entrance.

**For further information on these Council facilities visit [brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://brisbane.qld.gov.au) or phone 3403 8888.**

**Queensland Herbarium** is a centre for science, research and information on Queensland's ecosystems and species of plants, algae and fungi. Phone 3199 7699 for further information.

**Botanic Gardens Café** is a locally owned and operated restaurant offering dine-in and takeaway options. Phone 3871 3028 for more information.



### 1 GARDENS EXPLORER TRAIL

30 mins

Take a trip around the world and visit some of the most popular features of the botanic gardens, such as the Tropical Display Dome, Japanese Garden and Exotic Rainforest.

### 2 QUEENSLAND CONSERVATION TRAIL

15 mins

This trail travels the entire length of the Queensland Conservation Collection, which was developed with a focus on Queensland flora.

### 3 BUNYA FOREST TRAIL

10 mins

Discover plants from Queensland's iconic Bunya Mountains.

*Please be aware that the lower half of this trail closes seasonally. This is due to falling Bunya pine cones, which may weigh up to 10 kg. The upper half of this trail is open all year around.*

### 4 AUSTRALIAN PLANTS TRAIL

20 mins

Discover plants from the wet tropics of Far North Queensland, to the furthest reaches of our continent in Western Australia. Plants in this location are arranged in natural communities, including rainforests, woodlands and wetlands.

### 5 AUSTRALIAN RAINFOREST TRAIL

10 mins

While exploring this trail you will encounter subtropical and tropical species from Queensland, the Northern Territory and New South Wales.

### 6 CITRIODORA TRAIL ACCESS

20 mins

This route leads to the boundary of the botanic gardens. Once there, you will encounter the Citriodora Trail and Mt Coot-tha Forest. The trail leads to Chapel Hill and the summit of Mt Coot-tha.

## Access

### Opening hours

The Brisbane Botanic Gardens Mt Coot-tha is open daily from 8am-6pm (September to March) and 8am-5pm (April to August).

### Entry and access

Entry to the botanic gardens is free, however, there may be costs for some activities.

You can cycle to the botanic gardens on the Western Freeway Bikeway that runs west of Toowong all the way south through to Richlands. From the bikeway, take the Canon Garland Overpass onto Mt Coot-tha Road. Check out Cycling Brisbane online to plan your route. Within the botanic gardens, bicycles are only permitted on the internal Ring Road and Botanic Way.

Personal mobility devices (scooters, skateboards, rideables, etc.) are not permitted within the botanic gardens.

Vehicle access is available via the internal Ring Road. The gates to this road are open between 8am-4pm weekdays. This road is closed on weekends and public holidays.

Wheelchair-accessible parking is available in the main car park near the Mt Coot-tha Visitor Information Centre. There are also accessible car parking spaces along the internal Ring Road.

若需有關布里斯本各植物園的更多資訊，請撥打13 14 50致電筆譯與口譯服務處 (TIS)，並要求撥打 3403 8888 與布里斯本市政府通話。

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**4 AUSTRALIAN PLANTS TRAIL (20 mins)**

- Eucalypt Woodland
- Melaleuca Lake
- Subtropical Rainforest
- Tropical Rainforest
- Palm Grove
- Brigalow
- Freshwater Wetlands
- Warm Temperate Rainforest

**3 BUNYA FOREST TRAIL (10 mins)**

- Eucalypt and Acacia Forest
- Bunya Forest
- Anigozanthos, Grevilleas and Eremophilas
- Native Plants for Brisbane Gardens

**1 GARDENS EXPLORER TRAIL (30 mins)**

- Cacti and Bromeliad House
- Arid Region Plants
- Bamboo Grove
- Temperate Region Plants
- Waterlily Lakes
- Pacific Flora
- Knowledge Garden
- Tropical Display Dome
- Kitchen Garden
- Orchard
- Fern House
- Bamboo Collection
- Japanese Garden
- Bonsai House
- Bandstand
- Fig Tree Collection
- Exotic Rainforest
- Conifer Collection
- American Region Plants
- National Australia Remembers Freedom Wall
- Botanic Gardens Lookout
- Bougainvillea Collection
- African Region Plants
- Lychee Tree Lawn
- Fig Tree Lawn
- Palm Tree Lawn
- Hide 'n' Seek Children's Trail (start)
- Ornamental Plants
- Sensory Garden

**5 AUSTRALIAN RAINFOREST TRAIL (10 mins)**

- Australian Rainforest

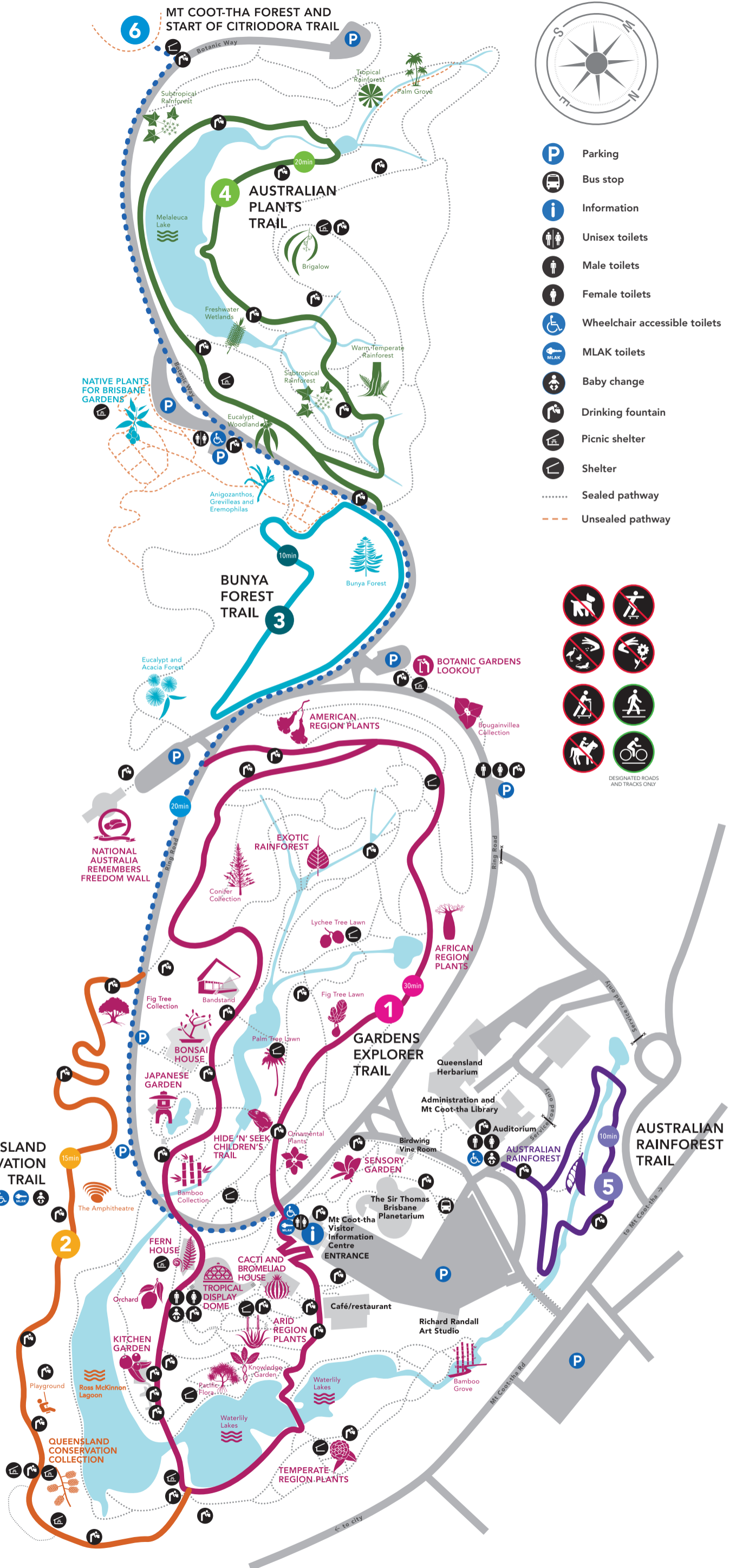
**6 CITRIODORA TRAIL (20 mins)**

**BOTANIC GARDENS FACILITIES**

- Auditorium
- Administration
- Mt Coot-tha Library
- Queensland Herbarium
- Council bus stop
- Sir Thomas Brisbane Planetarium
- Mt Coot-tha Visitor Information Centre
- Richard Randall Art Studio
- Cafe/restaurant

**2 QUEENSLAND CONSERVATION TRAIL (10 mins)**

- Queensland Conservation Collection
- Ross McKinnon Lagoon
- Playground
- The Amphitheatre



This map is not to scale and should not be used as an indication of walking distances. See wayfinding signs for details on distances.

Remarkable Australia

Wondrous World of Plants