

Dandenong Ranges Botanic Garden

Visitor Guide



With breathtaking views and stunning displays, the Dandenong Ranges Botanic Garden is Victoria's premier cool-climate garden. Covering almost 50 hectares, this site features many important collections, set amongst a magnificent landscape of native and exotic trees. This garden is part of an Aboriginal cultural landscape in the traditional Country of the Wurundjeri People. Parks Victoria respects the deep and continuing connection that Traditional Owners have to these lands and waters, and we recognise their ongoing role in caring for Country.



Opening hours

Open daily from 10am to 4.30pm, with gates locked at 5.00pm. The garden is not open Christmas Day, Total Fire Ban days or during severe weather events.

Getting there

Dandenong Ranges Botanic Garden (formerly National Rhododendron Gardens) is located at 24 The Georgian Road, Olinda. Two carparks are located either side of the main pedestrian entrance.

Parking spaces are limited and fill quickly during peak periods. Alternate parking is available at the adjacent Olinda Recreation Reserve and former Olinda Golf Course, or nearby at the Olinda Pool & Community House. If the car parks are full, we recommend visiting a nearby garden site. Alternatively public buses travel to Olinda Village from Upper Ferntree Gully and Croydon train stations.

Accessibility

Due to its location, shape and topography, accessibility at the garden can be challenging. The site has one entry/exit and extends approximately 1.5km. While the main paths are a wide, sealed surface, some sections are quite steep and most of the minor paths are gravel. The return walk from Serenity Point has some long and steep uphill sections. Allow plenty of time to visit, or stay close to the areas nearest the gift shop. Unassisted wheelchair access is not recommended.

Facilities

This garden has many walking paths and spectacular viewing areas. There are seats, picnic tables and shelters scattered around the property. There are also drinking fountains in key locations, but only limited toilet facilities. No bins are provided. The garden's gift shop offers a great assortment of botanical and garden-themed gifts, as well as a small plant nursery.



Things to see and do

Whatever time of year you visit, there is always something to enjoy. Spring is the obvious time to see amazing displays of flowers, but there is also spectacular autumn colour, summer shade and winter vistas. The Lake and Top Pond provide beautiful spots to relax.

Chelsea Australian Garden at Olinda

Opened in mid-2023, this spectacular native garden is an impressive re-creation of an award-winning Chelsea Flower Show exhibit. The display features thousands of plants, giant waratah sculpture, waterfall and billabong.

Weddings and events

Sites within the garden can be booked for wedding ceremonies, photography and other events. A pre-approved permit with fees and conditions apply. For more information visit www.parks.vic.gov.au/get-into-nature/events-and-filming-permits or call (03) 8427 2087.

Caring for the garden

- Dogs, cats and other pets are prohibited.
- Bicycles, scooters, skateboards and rollerblades are a visitor risk and not permitted.
- All plants, animals, natural features and cultural sites are protected and must not be disturbed or removed.
- Feeding wildlife is bad for their health. Penalties apply.

Be prepared and stay safe

This site is in the Central Fire District. Check the Fire Danger Ratings at www.emergency.vic.gov.au, on the VicEmergency smartphone app or call the hotline on 1800 226 226.

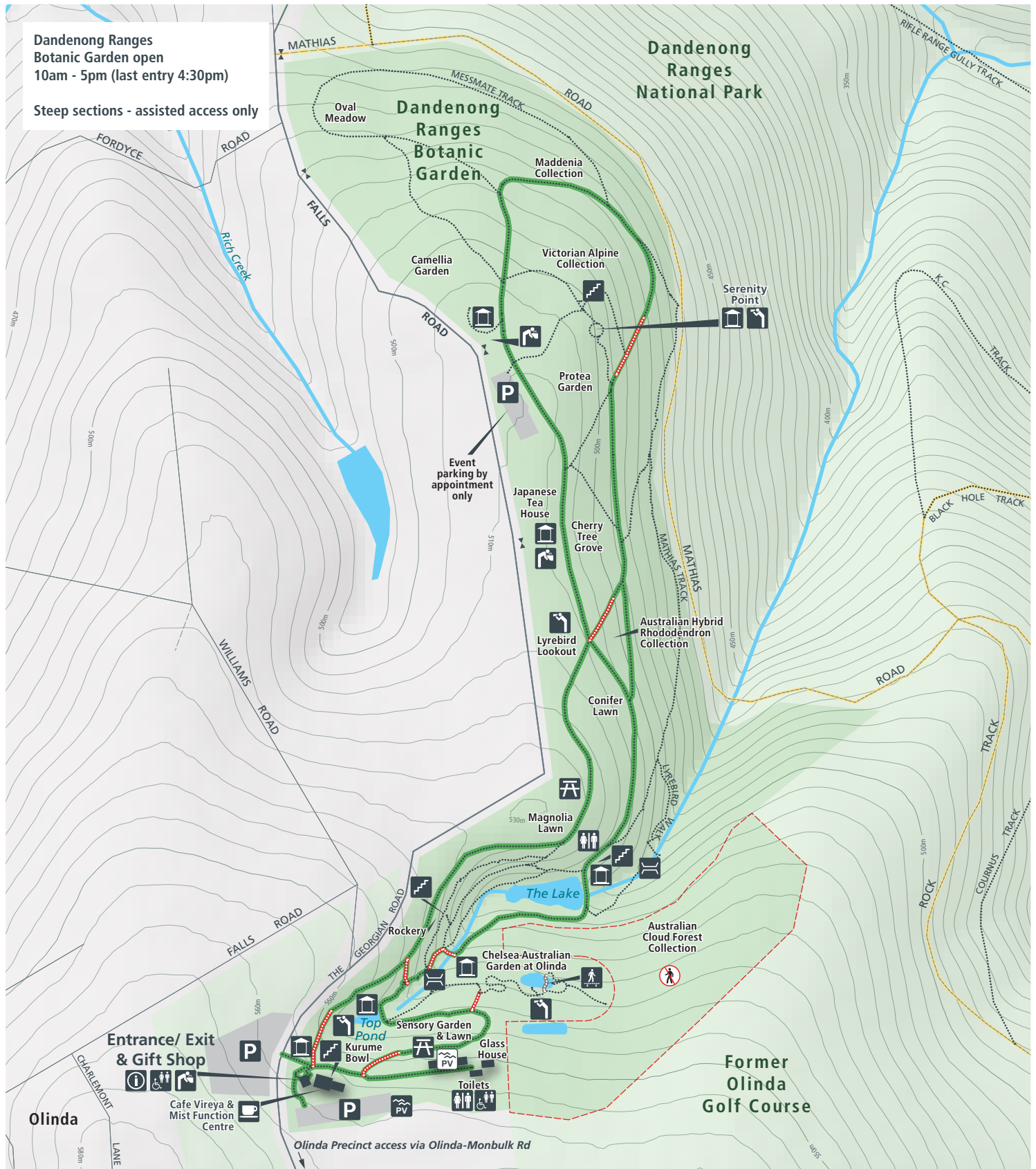
On days of Total Fire Ban and extreme weather this park will be closed for public safety. Check the latest conditions at www.parks.vic.gov.au or by calling 13 1963.

For emergency assistance call Triple Zero (000).

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Steep sections - assisted access only

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| Parking | Picnic tables | Steps | Steep path | Sealed road |
| Disabled access toilet | Gazebo / Pavilion | Boardwalk | Sealed walking track | Management Vehicles Only |
| Toilet | Lookout | Parks Victoria depot | Unsealed walking track | Dandenong Ranges Botanic Garden |
| Information | Drinking fountain | Parks Victoria office (no public access) | Unsealed road | Other park/reserve |
| Cafe and gift shop | Bridge | Management vehicle gate | 4WD | No public access |



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