



COME TO YOUR SENSES

VISITOR GUIDE



Shop @ THE GARDENS

RBG members get 10% off all regular priced items at the shop and all RBG restaurants.

SHOP

Shop @ The Gardens, RBG Centre
Open daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Don't miss our remarkable gift shop where you'll always find the work of local artisans, gardening tools and accessories, books and special one-of-a-kind gifts.

DINE

Greenhouse Café, RBG Centre
Open daily year-round, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Turner Pavilion Teahouse, Hendrie Park
Open May 18–September 2
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Friday–Sunday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Rock Garden Café, Rock Garden
Open May 4–October 14; 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

All FULLY LICENSED. Seasonal updates at rbg.ca



Certified venue — supporting our local economy and Ontario's farmers



Greenhouse Café

MEMBERSHIP

Sign up today and we'll deduct your admission fee from the annual membership fee. Membership benefits include free admission to all garden areas, plus discounts and more. Stop in at the Membership Hub in RBG Centre on your way out to sign up today!

GARDENING INFORMATION SERVICE

1-800-694-GROW (4769); 905-527-1158, ext. 226 or email grow@rbg.ca



Trails

WELCOME

Royal Botanical Gardens (RBG) is the largest botanical garden in Canada, a National Historic Site, and Canada's plant biodiversity hot spot. RBG features, within its dozens of documented collections, approximately 42 living collections displayed in five major garden exhibition areas.

NATURE SANCTUARIES AND TRAILS

RBG's natural lands consist of 2,400 acres of Carolinian forest, Niagara Escarpment cliffs, rare oak savannah and coastal wetlands accessed by 27 km of walking trails. They are home to more than 50 at-risk species and a major stop-over point for thousands of migratory birds. Natural lands are open daily, 8 a.m. to dusk unless otherwise posted.

INTERPRETIVE GUIDED TOURS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

Join our interpreters for short demonstrations, tours and activities, including our garden Discovery Carts, from May to Labour Day. Themes, times and locations vary daily and seasonally; check online or at the kiosk for today's activities. (Seasonal, FREE with admission.) 25% discount off admission for groups of 15 or more.



The Fishway



RBG Centre, 680 Plains Rd. W. Burlington, Ontario is the main entrance.

TRAVEL DISTANCE FROM RBG CENTRE TO:

Hendrie Park, 1131 Plains Rd. W. Burlington, ON
Across Plains Road, access Hendrie Park through RBG Centre

Laking Garden, Lower parking: 1221 Spring Gardens Rd. Upper parking: 1260 Spring Gardens Rd. Burlington, ON
1 km drive along Plains Rd. West or Spring Garden Rd.

Rock Garden, 1185 York Blvd. Hamilton ON
1.75 km drive; Plains Rd. West to York Blvd.

Arboretum, 16 Old Guelph Rd. Dundas, ON
3 km drive; Plains Rd. West to York Blvd. to Old Guelph Rd.

Walking trails link RBG Centre/Hendrie Park, Laking Garden and Rock Garden. Plains Rd. and York Blvd. have bike lanes and sidewalks. Use caution around busy roadways. Cycling or walking on Old Guelph Rd. is not recommended.



The Fishway, Waterfront Trail
7 km drive, plus 0.8 km walk; Plains Rd. West to York Blvd., right on Dundurn St., right on King St., right on Macklin St., park at Princess Point, walk to Fishway (no direct vehicle access from York Blvd.)



To find out our current hours of operation, information about events and to provide your feedback visit rbg.ca.
905-527-1158; 1-800-694-4769; Fax: 905-577-0375

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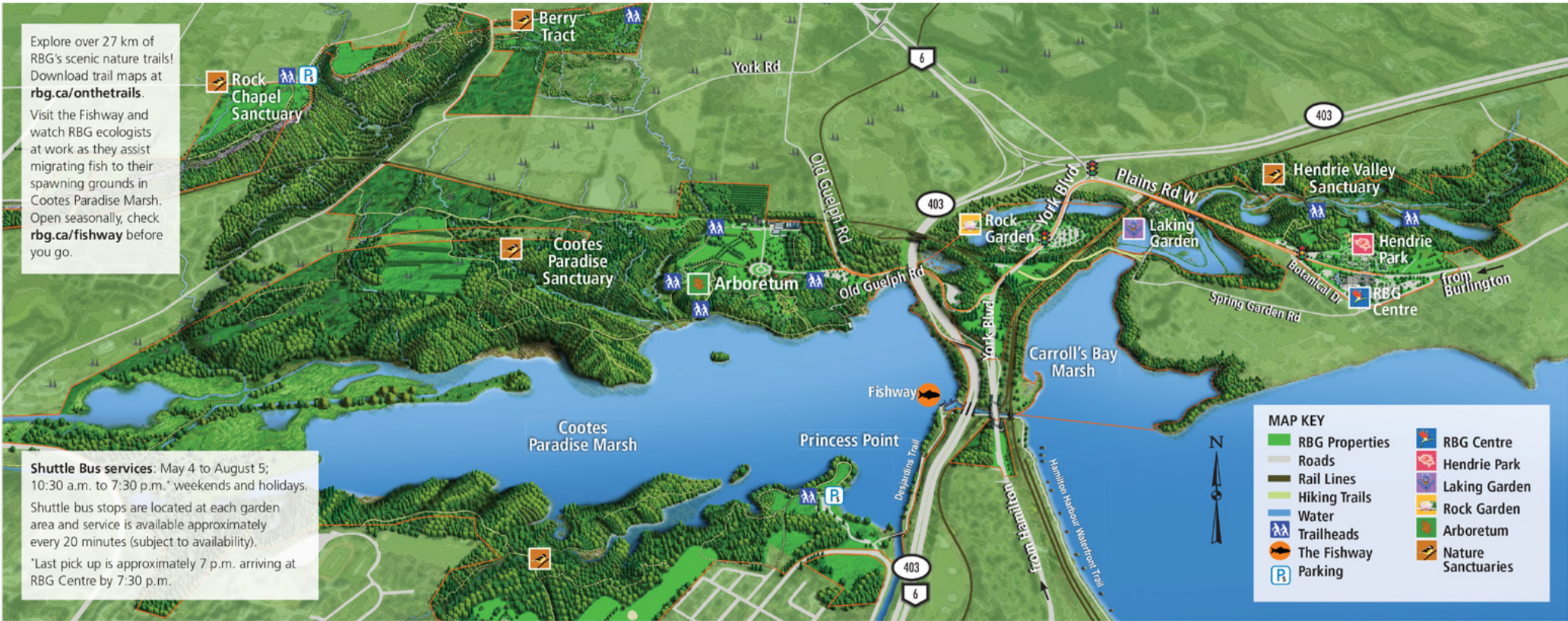
Explore over 27 km of RBG's scenic nature trails! Download trail maps at rbg.ca/onthetrails.

Visit the Fishway and watch RBG ecologists at work as they assist migrating fish to their spawning grounds in Cootes Paradise Marsh. Open seasonally, check rbg.ca/fishway before you go.

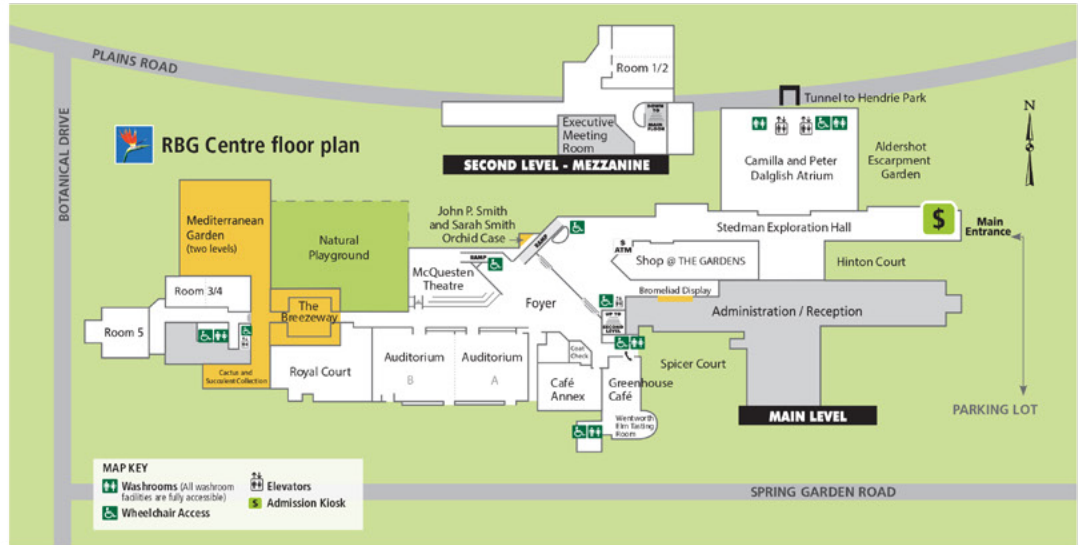
Shuttle Bus services: May 4 to August 5; 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.* weekends and holidays.

Shuttle bus stops are located at each garden area and service is available approximately every 20 minutes (subject to availability).

*Last pick up is approximately 7 p.m. arriving at RBG Centre by 7:30 p.m.



Mediterranean Garden, RBG Centre



RBG CENTRE

A year-round destination, RBG Centre is home to Camilla and Peter Dalglish Atrium, Aldershot Escarpment Garden, Stedman Exploration Hall, Natural Playground and the crowd-pleasing Mediterranean Garden. This two-level garden features plants adapted to the world's Mediterranean climate zones, with peak bloom late January to early May. The garden is also home to our Cactus and Succulent Collection.



Camilla and Peter Dalglish Atrium

The Greenhouse Café serves seasonal dishes that incorporate local produce, meats and cheeses, and features an array of Ontario wines and craft brews.

COME TO YOUR SENSES



Hendrie Park



Laking Garden



Rock Garden



- Hendrie Park**
- 1 Rose Garden
 - 2 Morrison Woodland Garden
Woodland Garden Trail
 - 3 Helen M. Kippax Garden
 - 4 Lily Collection
 - 5 Veggie Village
 - 6 Hendrie Gates
 - 7 Scented Garden
 - 8 Canadian Tree Introductions
 - 9 Global Garden
 - 10 Imagination Grove
 - 11 White Garden
 - 12 Medicinal Garden
 - 13 Prehistoric Grove
 - 14 Cherry Hill Tent
 - 15 Rose Garden Tent
 - 16 Grindstone Marshes Trail
 - 17 Tunnel to/from RBG Centre
to/from Hendrie Park
 - 18 Aldershot Escarpment Garden
 - 19 Mediterranean Garden
- Natural Lands**

HENDRIE PARK

At the heart of **Hendrie Park** is a pair of calming reflecting pools and relaxing teahouse surrounded by the newly rejuvenated Rose Garden — two-acres of gorgeous rose varieties celebrating the rich heritage of roses while embracing modern practices in sustainability. Helen M. Kippax Garden boasts a collection of pollinator-friendly native plants while other highlights include the Medicinal Garden, Lily Collection, Veggie Village 100 Mile Produce Garden, as well as The Dan Lawrie International Sculpture Collection featuring inspiring works by renowned artists from around the world. Hendrie Park is the Gardens' hub for family entertainment — join us for children's programming, Discovery Carts and weekly concerts all summer long.



Hike from Hendrie Park to Laking Garden (1.5 km)
Follow the trail from Cherry Hill Gate along Grindstone Marshes Trail (16) to the base of Laking Garden.

LAKING GARDEN

Open seasonally May 4 to September 2; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Laking Garden's spectacular features include Iris and Peony collections, and a stunning sculptural display of Clematis species and cultivars. A blend of traditional and modern design, Laking Garden also includes Barbara Laking Memorial Heritage Garden, collections of hostas, ornamental grasses and season-long perennials. The garden also features breathtaking views of historic Valley Inn and Burlington Heights.

ROCK GARDEN

David Braley & Nancy Gordon Rock Garden highlights its unique landscape and features a visitor centre with a Café, Dalglish Family Courtyard, and modern water features. This garden is home to stunning season-long perennials, interesting trees and shrubs, elegant conifer displays, and its fall colour display is spectacular.



- Rock Garden**
- 1 Visitor Centre
 - 2 Waterfall
 - 3 Water Features
 - 4 Season-long Perennial Display
 - 5 Conifer Display
 - 6 Dalglish Family Courtyard
 - 7 Garden House

- Laking Garden**
- 1 Iris Collection
 - 2 Tree Peony Collection
 - 3 Herbaceous Peony Collection
 - 4 Barbara Laking Memorial Heritage Garden
 - 5 Ornamental Grasses and Monocots
 - 6 Hosta Walk
 - 7 Perennial Borders
 - 8 Clematis Collection



Rose Garden, Hendrie Park

WHAT'S IN BLOOM AND WHERE!

SPRING

- Magnolia, Arboretum
- Japanese Cherry, Arboretum / Rock Garden
- Crabapple, Arboretum
- Lilac, Arboretum

LATE SPRING, EARLY SUMMER

- Iris, Laking Garden
- Peony, Laking Garden

SUMMER

- Rose, Hendrie Park
- Lily, Hendrie Park

FALL

- Brilliant fall colours, gardens / natural lands

WINTER

- Mediterranean Garden oasis, RBG Centre

Ask at kiosk or visit rbg.ca/whatsinbloom



Rock Garden



Arboretum



Arboretum



ARBORETUM

Delight your senses with over 700 variety of lilac species and cultivars — one of the most diverse collections in the world. The **Arboretum** is also home to flowering crabapples, dogwoods, redbuds, magnolias and Japanese flowering cherries, with many links to our trail system.

The Nature Interpretive Centre and nearby pavilion feature maps of our trails and collections.



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