

EXPLORING THE ARBORETUM

Walking around the arboretum involves coming into contact with over 3,500 different trees, shrubs and climbers from around the globe.

Nowhere else will you see such a variety of exotic and native trees, from the majestic oaks of North America to the flowering delights of the Asiatic magnolia to the prehistoric trees of Gondwanaland. Any time of year brings special delights. The structural beauty of the trees in winter, the drifts of daffodils in spring the cool summer greens finally climaxing with a riot of colour during autumn.

Coloured Trails

All the marked trails start and finish at the Visitor Centre and are designed to be walked around one way (see Homestead Garden enlargement overleaf for start of tracks)

With over 25km of tracks and walks there is something suitable for everyone. None of the walks are excessively steep but track surfaces can vary due to the nature of the terrain and season. Most of the arboretum is grazed by sheep; please leave gates as you find them. Reasonable footwear is required (especially if wet).

Track distances and times are approximate only.

Extended walks add approximately 1/2 hr to walk times.

Blue Walk

Estimated time 45 min | Distance 2km
Grade: Easy

The Blue Walk is one of the flattest walks which meanders through Cabin Park, The Circus, Corner Park and Pear Park. The trail takes you through both the tall conifers of Cabin Park and the deciduous trees of the Circus, Corner Park and Pear Park.

Yellow Walk

Estimated time 1h | distance 2km + extended walk 3.8km
Grade: Easy (steep if doing the extended walk)

The Yellow Walk is designed to see most of the park without too much climbing involved. The extended yellow walk turns off at Basinhead and zigzags its way up to Arataitai, the highest point in the park, for some glorious views over the arboretum and surrounding countryside.

Purple Walk

Estimated time 1hr | distance 3km + extended walk 4.8km
Grade: Moderate (steep if doing the extended walk)

The Purple Walk skirts along some of the higher ridges around the arboretum with good views across Douglas Park and Glen Douglas. The trail then returns to the Visitor Centre through Cabin Park. The extended purple walk turns off at Basinhead and zigzags its way up to Arataitai, the highest point in the park, for some glorious views over the arboretum and surrounding countryside.

Brown Walk

Estimated time 1hr | distance 2.3km + extended walk 3km
Grade: Easy to moderate

The Brown Walk combines the coniferous plantings of Orchard Hill and the Pinetum with the deciduous plantings of Douglas Park and Glen Douglas before working its way through the Circus back to the Visitor Centre.

Red Walk

Estimated time 45min | distance 1.7km
Grade: Easy

The Red Walk is our native tree walk, combining the earlier plantings of natives in Yunnan Court and the later plantings located in The Native Reserve before returning to the Visitor Centre through the large conifers and oaks in Cabin Park.

Green Walk

Estimated time 3hr+ | distance 5.1km
Grade: Moderate to steep in places

The green Walk encompasses much of the arboretum and takes the visitor through the open farmland and woodland parts of the arboretum and rising from the lowest point in the arboretum to the highest.

Points of Interest

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| 1. Visitor Centre & Douglas Cook Centre | 7. Parking Green | 16. Cedar Garden |
| 2. Pavilion | 8. Ocote Flat | 17. Canadian Cabin |
| 3. Linden Green | 9. Black Forest | 18. Bishop's View |
| 4. Nurserywood | 10. The Heart | 19. Beechwood |
| 5. Daffodil Patch | 11. The Cathedral | 20. The Fountain |
| 6. Birch Lawn | 12. Sholto's | 21. Rock Point Pond |
| | 13. Bathing Pool Hill | 22. The Lookout |
| | 14. Yunnan Court | 23. Cook's Corner |
| | 15. Rest an' be Thankful | 24. Basinhead |
| | | 25. Far Horizons |
| | | 26. Plane Table Lookout |
| | | 27. New Tree Cathedral |



LEGEND

- Road
- Vehicle Track
- Walking Track
- - - - Extended Trail
- - - - Fence
- Streams
- 22 Points of Interest
- 👁 View Point
- 🚻 Toilet
- 🏠 Shelter
- 🏠 Building