



Wellington Gardens

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What's on Wellington Botanic Garden Winter 2018

Winter Blooms

Tui and other nectar-feeding birds are visiting the aloes in the Succulent Garden. The Fragrant Garden has *Narcissus*, wintersweet, *Daphne*, *Luculia*, *Clerodendrum*, and many other divinely scented plants. *Magnolia campbellii* and *Rhododendrons* flower in the Main Garden. Camellias and kowhai burst into bloom in winter too. Wander through the Australian Garden and spot the unusual flowers of the *Banksia* and *Grevillea*.

The air is scented by the row of *Osmanthus* (Pearly Gates) alongside Anderson Park. Along Serpentine Way the kohekohe's many sprays of tiny flowers look like lace. These flower panicles rise directly from the trunk - a phenomenon called cauliflory.

Guided walks

Glow in the Dark Glow-Worm Tours

Meet at the main entrance to the Botanic Garden on Glenmore Street.
\$6 (tickets from Eventfinda)

Glow-worms at the gardens - yes, you read right! The Friends of Wellington Botanic Garden are hosting a series of fascinating tours into the world of the glow-worms in our own backyard. Bookings are essential. See Eventfinda.co.nz for details.

Bits and Bobs

11am, Sunday 17 June
Meet on the downhill side of the Playground for this moderate to energetic walk with steps and one uphill section
\$5 (cash only)

We shall look at bunya, birch, beech, bamboo, bromeliads, banksia, bananas, bark, beetles, birds, bees and bats, and how they benefit us.

Sculptures, Sundials and Solstice

11am, Monday 25 June
Meet in the Begonia House foyer
\$5 (cash only)

View the sculptures and the sundials in the Botanic Garden and hear their stories on this moderate 90 minute winter solstice walk.

The Rose Garden and its Amazing Story

11am, Sunday 15 July
Meet in the Begonia House foyer

The Lady Norwood Rose Garden was not always the beautiful garden that it is today - learn why on this easy 60 minute walk. If it's wet there will be a talk in the Begonia House.

Escape to the Tropics

11am, Monday 23 July
Meet in the foyer of the Begonia House
\$5 (cash only)

To escape the winter cold and hear stories about tropical and temperate plants, join us for a 75 minute gentle stroll with a guide in the Begonia House.

Plants and the Wider World

11am, Sunday 19 August
Meet at the Lookout, next to the top Cable Car station
\$5 (cash only)

In this 90 minute downhill walk we will consider the role of plants in old-world warfare and modern engineering. We'll also talk about plant-based medicinal truths and myths, energy production and other aspects of the world we live in.

The Main Garden and its History

11am, Monday 27 August
Meet at the Founders' Entrance, Glenmore Street
\$5 (cash only)

Hear intriguing stories about the early days of Wellington and the Botanic Garden on this easy 90 minute walk.

Events

Rose Pruning

1pm, Sunday 1 July
Meet at the Begonia House
Free

Pruning demonstration and Q&A

Heritage Rose Pruning

2pm, Sunday 1 July
Meet at Seddon Memorial entrance, Bolton Street Cemetery
Free

Heritage roses pruning demonstration and Q&A.

Let's Talk Roses

3pm, Sunday 1 July
Meet at the Picnic Café, Begonia House

Informal chat about roses at the café, if you wish to join the rose garden team.

School holidays

Our programmes get your kids exploring the magic of the Wellington Botanic Garden with our garden educators.

Sprout Scouts

10am-12pm, 9 July
For ages 4-6
\$10

Booking is essential. Please check before booking in underage children by emailing Gardens.education@wcc.govt.nz. Visit wellington.govt.nz/botanickids for details.

Garden Explorers

8.30am-3.30pm, 11, 12, 18 & 19 July
For ages 5-12
\$50

This is a full-day drop-off programme. Booking is essential. Visit wellington.govt.nz/botanickids for programme details.

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