

Dandenong Ranges Botanic Garden

Visitor Guide



With breathtaking views over the Yarra Valley, the star attraction of Dandenong Ranges Botanic Garden is a stunning display of rhododendrons, hydrangeas, camellias and more. Seasonal changes ensure this garden is an all-year-round delight.



Opening hours

The garden is open daily from 10am to 4.30pm.

Getting there

The Dandenong Ranges Botanic Garden (formerly National Rhododendron Garden) is located 500m from the Olinda township along the Olinda-Monbulk Road. Turn into The Georgian Road. The car park entrance is 50m on the right.

Things to see and do

Walking

Whatever time of year you visit there is always something to see at Dandenong Ranges Botanic Garden.

Spring

In early spring you can walk the Golden Mile of daffodils and see many camellias and magnolias in flower. By mid-spring the Cherry Grove is in full flower. This time is also the peak season of flowering for the azaleas and rhododendrons and it is a pleasure to wander through the sprays of extravagant colour.

Summer

Summer is a great time to walk the Nature Trail in the cool rainforest atmosphere or picnic in the cool shade on the Cherry Lawn and wander through the collection of conifers. The brilliant blue and white hydrangeas can be seen in full flower.

Autumn

During autumn, colour is ablaze as the deciduous trees and shrubs turn every shade of yellow, red and orange. The views by the lake are spectacular as many of the hydrangeas take on rusty colours and are reflected in the cool calm waters.

Winter

Winter is a season of contrast. The mists create an aura of mystery among the Mountain Ash and the air is always fresh and cool. Bare tree trunks and branches reflect in the mountain lake and in late winter Hellebore and Cyclamen flowers carpet the ground. The Vireya collection can be seen flowering throughout the year.

Café and function centre

Café Vireya operates daily during spring for light lunches, morning and afternoon teas. During the remainder of the year it is open on weekends only. Visit www.cafevireya.com.au for further information.

Located adjacent, Mist@Olinda provides a venue for weddings, functions, celebrations and dining events. Visit www.mistatolinda.com.au for more information.

Weddings and wedding photography

Weddings and wedding photography are available with a permit (conditions apply). For permits and more information please email GardensWeddingsBookings@parks.vic.gov.au or call (03) 8427 2087.

Get involved

The management and preservation of the garden is assisted by volunteers including the Australian Rhododendron Society. For more information see www.rhododendron.com.au

Facilities

The giftshop offers a great assortment of botanical and garden-themed gifts, as well as a plant nursery. Other garden facilities include gazebos, toilets, grassed picnic areas and picnic tables.

Caring for the garden

Help us look after your garden by following these guidelines:

- Firearms, dogs, cats and other pets are not permitted in the garden.
- All plants, animals, other natural features and cultural sites are protected and must not be disturbed or removed.
- Feeding wildlife is bad for their health. It is an offence to feed or leave food where it is accessible to wildlife. Penalties apply. Store all food securely and properly dispose of all rubbish.

Be prepared and stay safe

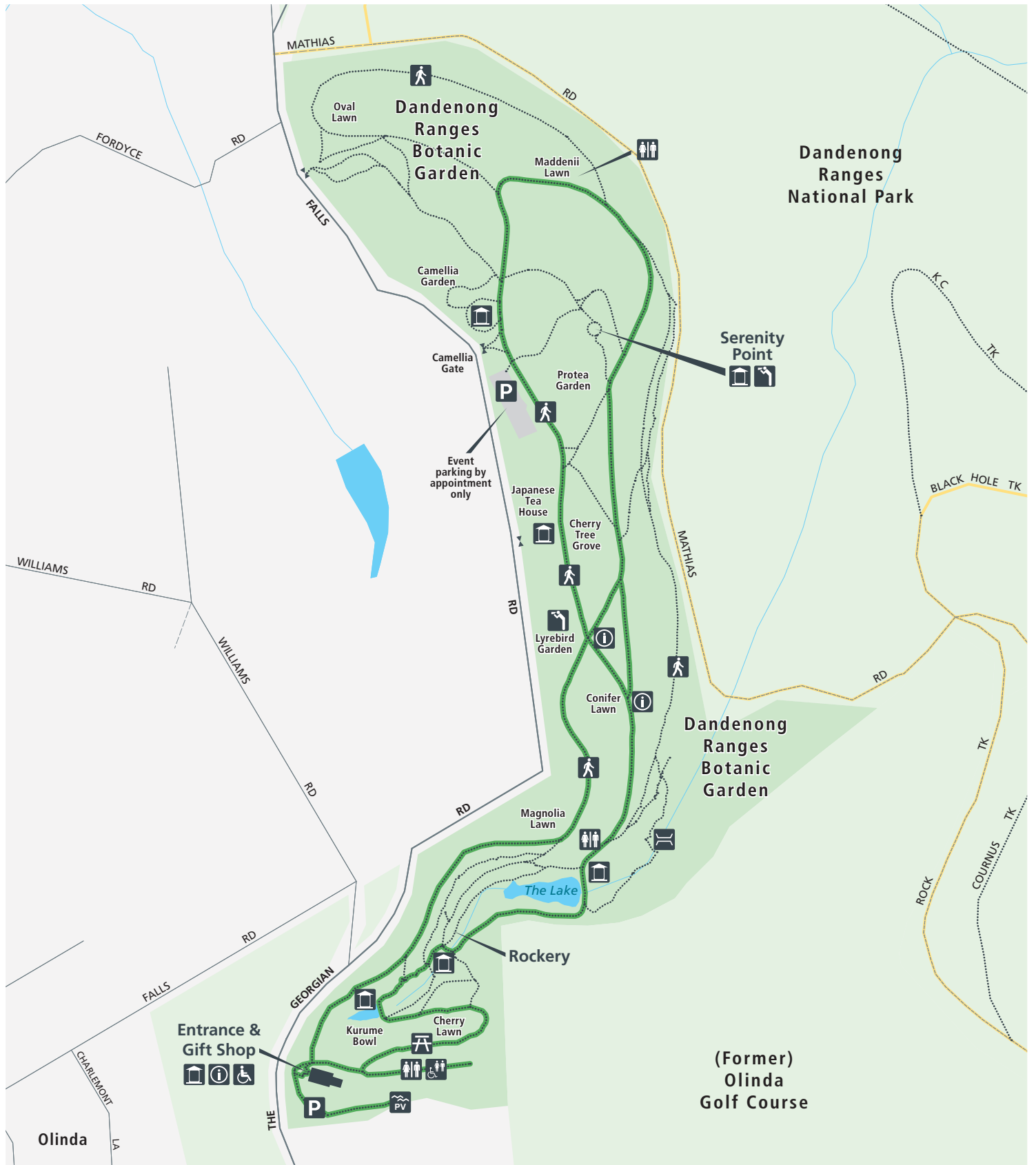
Dandenong Ranges Botanic Garden is in the Central fire district. Bushfire safety is a personal responsibility. Anyone entering parks and forests during the bushfire season needs to stay aware of forecast weather conditions. Check the Fire Danger Rating and for days of Total Fire Ban at www.emergency.vic.gov.au, on the VicEmergency smartphone app or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226. No fires may be lit in Dandenong Ranges Botanic Garden.

On Code Red, Severe and Extreme Weather/Fire Danger Rating days this park will be closed for public safety. Closure signs will be erected but do not expect an official warning. Check the latest conditions at www.parks.vic.gov.au or by calling 13 1963.

For emergency assistance call Triple Zero (000). If there is a green emergency marker sign near you, read the information on the marker to the operator.

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| 🚶 Trail | 👁 Lookout | ⚡ Gate | - - - Unsealed road | 🟩 Dandenong Ranges Botanic Garden |
| 🍷 Picnic table | 🚻 Toilets | | - - - 4WD | 🟨 Other park/reserve |
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