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The Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, founded in 1670, is a world-renowned centre for plant research, conservation and education. Its four remarkable Gardens – the ‘Botanics’ in Edinburgh, Benmore in Argyll, Logan in Galloway and Dawyck in the Borders grow more than 15,000 species between them, making this one of the richest plant collections in the world. Discover more about this fascinating world of plants through an exciting programme of exhibitions, interactive experiences, events and activities.



The Lost Words



Image: Dandelion © Jackie Morris

The Lost Words

Sat 19 May – Sun 2 September, 10:30–17:30 | Inverleith House | all ages | free

The Lost Words is a unique collaborative project between writer Robert Macfarlane and artist Jackie Morris. Taking the form of both an exhibition and a book, The Lost Words celebrates the relationship between language and the living world, and of nature's power to spark the imagination.

Nature seems increasingly to be retreating from our children's stories and imaginations. In response to this widening gulf between childhood and the natural world, The Lost Words seeks to conjure that vanishing wildness back into existence through images and writing.

Robert Macfarlane has created a series of spell-poems – one for each lost word – while Jackie Morris, inspired by her lifelong passion for Britain's landscapes and wildlife, has painted beautiful watercolours and used gold leaf to take the viewer on a journey that makes the familiar magical once more.

The Lost Words is curated by Compton Verney, with Hamish Hamilton and Penguin Books.

"DON'T MISS... an evocative exhibition designed to keep children and adults in touch with nature." Plant Life Magazine

Cover image: Installation shot of the Lost Words exhibition, Adder © Compton Verney, photo by Jamie Verney.

Exhibitions



Image: Kingfisher © Compton Verney, photo by Jamie Verney

The Lost Words Events Programme – Art workshops with Leo du Feu

Mon 11, Wed 13, Thu 14 June | The Green Room, Inverleith House | free but please book in advance by phoning 0131 555 7638 or email admin@artinhealthcare.org.uk

Taking part in art activities can be very beneficial to health and well-being. Inspired by The Lost Words exhibition, these free therapeutic workshops for adults include two dementia-friendly sessions. No art experience necessary.

- Mon 11 June, 11:00–13:00
- Wed 13 June, 11:00–13:00, dementia-friendly session
- Weds 13 June, 14:30–16:30
- Thu 14 June, 11:00–13:00, dementia-friendly session

Organised with Art in Healthcare and supported by GreatArt

The Lost Words Family Trail

Sat 9 June to Sun 2 September, 10:30–17:30 | Pick up a trail guide from Inverleith House | £2

An interactive trail, leading from the exhibition in Inverleith House, around the Garden to discover the secret lives of plants and animals in The Lost Words. You can also learn some Gaelic names and create your own spells. Trail blazers receive a discount on *The Lost Words* book.

Exhibitions



Image: Heron © Jackie Morris

Singing the Lost Words into Life Songwriting - Finding the Lost Words

Sat 21 July, 10:30 -12:30 | Inverleith House | £16 | to book phone 0131 9993040

Jane Lewis and Penny Stone will facilitate a songwriting workshop, creating original songs based on The Lost Words. All welcome - no previous experience of songwriting or ability to read music needed.

Singing the Lost Words

Sat 21 July, 13:30 -15:30 | Inverleith House | £16 | to book phone 0131 9993040

Join Jane Lewis and Penny Stone to learn some new harmony songs based on The Lost Words and written especially for the exhibition. No previous singing experience needed - all songs taught by ear.

Exhibitions



Botanical Images Scotia – BISCOT

Wed 6 – Thu 21 June, 10:00–17:00 | Real Life Science Studio, John Hope Gateway | age 8+ | free

BISCOT is a showcase of top contemporary botanical art that returns to the Garden for the 14th year. The exhibition includes work from home and abroad, and is a collaboration between RBGE and the Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society.

Germinator

Sat 23 June – Wed 4 July, 10:00–17:45 | Real Life Science Studio, John Hope Gateway | free

A rich exhibition celebrating the work of children of North Edinburgh in gardening and art led by artist Natalie Taylor. This partnership project between Craigroyston, Pirniehall and St David's Primary Schools with Centipede Project and North Edinburgh Arts explores the possibilities of growing food for fun, art and eating in an engaging and imaginative way.

Edinburgh's Shoreline

Sat 23 June – Sun 23 September, 10:00–17:45 daily | John Hope Gateway | all ages | free

As part of RBGE's Shoreline project, local communities have been exploring the rich natural and cultural heritage of Edinburgh's 27 km coast. Edinburgh's Shoreline exhibition was created in collaboration with these communities to celebrate Edinburgh's relationship with the sea and provide a vision for the use of this wonderful natural resource for generations to come.

Alongside this exhibition, look out for science and arts activities. Take part in exploring our shoreline at RBGE and at venues along the coast.

Exhibitions



RNA World – Exhibition

Sun 1 July – Sun 30 September, 10:00–17:00 | all ages | Glasshouses | Glasshouse ticket required

RNA World explores the crucial role of the RNA in our cells, using glass art. New artworks, created by scientists and artists will be displayed in the Glasshouses. This will include pieces inspired by the research of the Wellcome Trust Centre for Cell Biology and the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh.

RNA World – Drop-in events

Thu 23 – Sun 26 August, 13:00–16:30 | Glasshouses | all ages | free

DNA holds the instructions for life, but without RNA the cell is unable to use these instructions. Join researchers and artists involved in the RNA World exhibition to meet and talk, see the artwork, and discover the world of the RNA molecule through art and creativity.

Woven Celebrations – Scottish Basketmakers’ Circle

Sat 21 July – Sun 12 August, 10:00–18:00 | Real Life Science Studio, John Hope Gateway all ages | free

Join the Scottish Basketmakers’ Circle to celebrate their 30th anniversary with a display of members’ work ranging from traditional agricultural and fisheries baskets to contemporary sculptural art works using materials natural and recycled.

Plants and Gardens



Daily Garden Walks

Daily from 1 April to 31 October, 11:00 and 14:00 (1 hour) | ages 14+ | meet at John Hope Gateway reception | £6

Celebrate the seasons and join our expert Garden Guides on a tour of the Garden. Discover seasonal highlights, hidden treasures and talks of the intrepid adventurers behind the plants on display.

Glasshouse Visit

Open daily from 10:00 (Close 17:00) | *Adult £6.50, *Concession £5.50, *Child (15 and under) free

*includes a small donation for the Garden

A highlight of the Edinburgh Garden is our Glasshouse visit. Enjoy the Victorian Temperate Palm House, the tallest traditional Glasshouse in the UK, and see our 200 year old palm tree in the Tropical Palm House. You can walk through ten different climate zones, from steamy tropics to arid desert, and see over 3,000 exotic plants. Free to Friends – to find out more see page 27.

Lichen Safari Trail

Available from the John Hope Gateway and East Gate Lodge (daily) | £1 per trail booklet

Pick up a Lichen Safari and explore the hidden, tiny world of lichens at the Botanics. Find out how lichens play a vital role in our environment. There is so much more to these tiny organisms than meets the eye.

Plants and Gardens



Image: Eoin Carey

Building for Nature Trail

Available from the John Hope Gateway and East Gate Lodge (until end of December) | £1 per trail

Discover the stories behind the buildings of the Botanics. Part of our contribution to the 2017 Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology.

Meet the Edible Gardening Team

Every Monday and Tuesday, 13:00–14:30 (drop in) | all ages | Demonstration Garden | free

Pop in anytime, and look out for the team at work in the garden. Take a walk around our productive garden with the Edible Gardening Project volunteers, find out what jobs need doing in your own garden now, and have your vegetable-growing questions answered.

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Family Friendly Fun with the Edible Gardening Team

2 June, 7 July, 4 August and 1 September | 14:00–16:00 (drop in) | free | all ages | Demonstration Garden

Seasonal tips for growing your own vegetables and fun practical activities for families with the Edible Gardening Team. The team are on hand to answer your questions, take you round our plots, show you our organic conversion planning and you can do some hands on activities too. Just pop in anytime between 14:00 and 16:00.

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Cyrenians Community Cook Club

Fridays, bi-weekly, 10:30–13:30 | drop in | free | Botanic Cottage | Families or Adults 16+

Fortnightly Community Cook Club. Cyrenians support the initial set up and running of the clubs by sourcing food from FareShare and supporting members to prepare nutritious meals. For more information, contact foodeducation@cyrenians.scot

Reading Together Open Book (drop-in book group)

Every Thu, 10:30–12:00 | ages 14+ | Botanic Cottage | free

If you love reading come to a book group with a difference, where stories and poems are read aloud and discussed over tea and coffee

ed by the charity Open Book

Garden Social for Dementia

First Fri of the month, 10:30–12:30 | age 16+ | Botanic Cottage | drop-in, up to three per party | free

Free sessions with refreshments. Activities inspired by the Garden for people affected by dementia. Numbers are limited. For larger group visits please call 0131 248 2956 or email: community@rbge.org.uk

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Botanic Cottage Open Day

First Fri of the month: Tour 13.30 & Drop-in 15.00; First Sat of the month, 15.00–15.45 | Botanic Cottage | all ages | free

Join a free drop-in tour (13.30) or take a look (15.00-15.30) at the Botanic Cottage and discover how it was saved and rebuilt. Moved stone by stone across the city, exactly 250 years after it was first built, the Botanic Cottage has been reconstructed in its spiritual home, and once again returned to its original purpose as a place of learning and community, a new hub for education and engagement activities in one of the world's great gardens.

Art Explorers

First Sun of every month, 13:00–16:00 | drop in | age 3+ | Real Life Science Studio, John Hope Gateway | £3 per activity/person taking part, children must be supervised

Drop in to our monthly family sessions where we will explore art and crafts that are about nature in all its wonder. Linking with the themes of exhibitions and events happening throughout the year in the Garden, we will have fun exploring reclaimed and natural materials, making something for you to take home.

With Greengage Arts



Print, Fold, Stitch – making Eco print books

Sat 2 June, 11:00–15:30 | Botanic Cottage | £50 (£45 for members)

Join Cassandra Barron, of Bookbinding with Cass, and Elisabeth Viguie-Culshaw, of The Lansdowne House of Stencils, at the Botanic Cottage for a creative workshop introducing the techniques of eco-printing and French-link stitch binding. Create your own hand-bound journal inspired by the Botanic Gardens. All materials provided. No previous experience required. To book a place please contact Education on 0131 248 2937.

Big Botanics Bioblitz

Sat 9 June, 10:00–17:00 | Botanic Cottage | drop in | all ages | free

Calling all nature enthusiasts, experts, recorders and learners! Help us to discover and celebrate the biodiversity of the Botanics. As well as recording wildlife there will be a programme of activities including pond dipping and worm charming, guided walks and short talks on urban birding and wildlife gardening.



Dads Rock Father's Day Family Takeover

Sun 17 June, 11:00–15:00 | Garden wide | drop-in | all ages | free

Dads Rock and friends are back to take over the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh this year for a day of free family fun to celebrate Father's Day. Come and explore the Garden and enjoy creative activities, dancing, outdoor play, singing, storytelling and much more.

Power of Food Festival at the Botanics

Sun 17 June, 12:00–15:00 | Demonstration Garden and Botanic Cottage | all ages | free

Help us celebrate Edinburgh's community food gardens with the city wide Power of Food Festival. Meet the Edible Gardening Project team for vegetable gardening advice and tips, take part in fun garden activities for families and find out about other food related projects at the Botanics.

Community gardens all over Edinburgh will open their gates to the public this weekend, for more information go to poweroffoodfestival.wordpress.com

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Evening Talk: Hortics, Logistics and Politics: Flower Shows

Thu 21 June, 19:00 | Lecture Theatre, 20a Inverleith Row | £10, £7 for Members

Join Billy Carruthers from Binny Plants as he tells us how he has planned and prepared an exhibit at Chelsea and other flower shows. Billy has been awarded a silver gilt on numerous occasions at Chelsea including in 2017 for his display of peonies, grasses and umbellifers.

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Insect Week

Sat 23 June, 13:00–16:00 | all ages | John Hope Gateway | free

Celebrate National Insect Week with drop-in activities that bring the diversity and crucial role of insects to life. From pollination to waste recycling insects are keeping vital processes in nature working. Join us to learn more about these often overlooked, yet fascinating, animals.

August



#Pianodrome

Fri 3 – Sun 26 August, 10:00–17:45 daily (drop-in) | all ages | Pyrus Lawn | free

The Pianodrome is a playable 100-seater amphitheatre built entirely from over 50 disused pianos. Gracing the Pyrus Lawn throughout August, visitors are invited to play in, on and around this world-first interactive installation. With five playable pianos embedded inside and covered by a geodesic dome, the Pianodrome is a space like no other. During the month of August the space will become an active community arts venue, with spontaneous performances, community choirs, sneak previews of fringe shows, workshops and much more. For more information on the full programme please visit www.rbge.org.uk or pianodrome.org, or just drop in to see what's happening.

#Pianodrome Live

Wed 1 – Sun 26 August (except Mon & Tues) 19:00 (2hr) | age 14+ | entry via West Gate (Arboretum Place) | tickets £10–£15 from www.edfringe.com

Brilliant multi-instrumentalists S!nk host a nightly cornucopia of new music, movement and more in the world's first ever #Pianodrome. This bespoke 100-seater amphitheatre made entirely out of upcycled pianos will appear under a geodesic canopy in the verdant tranquility of the Garden. Free for all to play on, in and around during the day, and animated by night by real people doing cool stuff – you have never seen or heard anything like this before. “Your life will be enhanced” Max Reinhardt, BBC Radio 3.

August



Shhh...The Elves Are Very Shy (Ipdip Theatre)

Sun 5 – Sun 26 August (except Mon), 11:00, 13:00 & 14:00 (40 mins) | Patrick Geddes Room, John Hope Gateway | £5 (under 6 months free) | book at www.edfringe.com

...and elfologist Dr Faye Greenwood is here to tell us why – and how you can help. Can her two tiny friends be encouraged to come out and say hi? And can you spot the evidence of elf activity all around us? A small scale show for the smallest of audience members and their families. Multi-sensory, musical, magical and accessible; our previous shows *Head in the Clouds* and *Calvinball* sold out quickly so don't miss your spots!

Handmade Edinburgh – The Contemporary Craft and Design Fair (Handmade in Britain)

Fri 10 – Sun 12 August, 10:00–17:30 | Inverleith House Lawn | all ages | £5 (£4) | book at www.edfringe.com

Over three days, Handmade Edinburgh will celebrate the best in high-end design and craftsmanship from over 80 highly-skilled, British and international designer-makers. It's a fabulous opportunity to shop for gorgeous textiles, jewellery, ceramics, furniture and more, in an extraordinary and picturesque setting. Makers will be on hand throughout the event to talk about their work and showcase their collections. Discover the full exhibitor list, workshops and talks available at handmadeinbritain.co.uk/edinburgh.

August



Mutants in our Gardens

Sat 18 – Sun 26 August, 10:00–17:45 daily | all ages | Real Life Science Studio, John Hope Gateway | free

What controls the colour of a flower? Why does coriander taste like soap to some people? How can we share 50% of our DNA with a banana and not look like one? Join us in Nature's Lab as we explore how genetics affects us and every living thing around us. Nature's Lab is part of an extended programme of events to celebrate the centenary of the Genetics Society, with the collaboration of the MRC Human Genetics Unit.

Luna Cinema

Fri 31 Aug – Sun 2 Sept | Gates open 18.45; Film starts at 20:15 | £15 adult, £10 child (3-15yrs), £27.50 premium, plus transaction fees. Book in advance at www.thelunacinema.com or call 0844 858 6767.

Enjoy open air cinema at the Botanic Gardens as The Luna Cinema presents three nights of classic cinema under the stars in the stunning setting of the Garden.

■ Fri 31 August. Come and join Mouth and Data, and get your best Truffle Shuffle on, as we screen the ultimate 80s classic *The Goonies* (PG)

■ Sat 1 September. Join us for this year's smash hit musical masterpiece *The Greatest Showman*. (PG) Starring Hugh Jackman as PT Barnum, this all singing, all dancing spectacular is guaranteed to get your toes tapping.

■ Sun 2 September. To round off the programme, we are screening this year's Best Picture Oscar winner, *The Shape of Water* (15). With stunning visuals and a mesmerising story, it's the perfect film for a summer's evening at the Botanic Gardens.

A unique event for all the family. Refreshments available.

Capacities are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

September



Seaweed for Health

Sat 8 September, 10:30–17:00 (drop-in) | Real Life Science Studio, Hope Gateway | all ages | free John

Celebrate the development of the nutritious food seaweed and discover its potential for health and culinary enjoyment. The event includes talks by healthcare practitioners, seaweed foragers, producers and product manufacturers from Britain and beyond. With the Seaweed Health Foundation.

Harvest Festival

Sat 15 and Sun 16 September | Botanic Cottage and Demonstration Garden | all ages | free

Our annual Harvest Festival is a celebration of the vegetable growing year. Join us for fun activities, gardening advice, information about harvesting, cooking and storing crops, tasters, music and more. Be inspired to get growing with our community garden produce show and discover the delights of growing your own vegetables with the Edible Gardening Project team.

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Evening Talk: Holyrood to Hortus Medicus Edinburgensis and beyond

Thu 20 September, 19:00 | Lecture Theatre, 20a Inverleith Row | £7, Members £5

Across the centuries the Palace of Holyroodhouse and its historic abbey have been at the heart of Scottish history, and gardens and nature have been ever present. Discover these stories and how in the 21st century the palace is taking inspiration from the past and creating a new landmark physic garden for Edinburgh.

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September



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Doors Open Day

Sat 29 September, 13:00–16:00 | all ages | Library and Herbarium | free

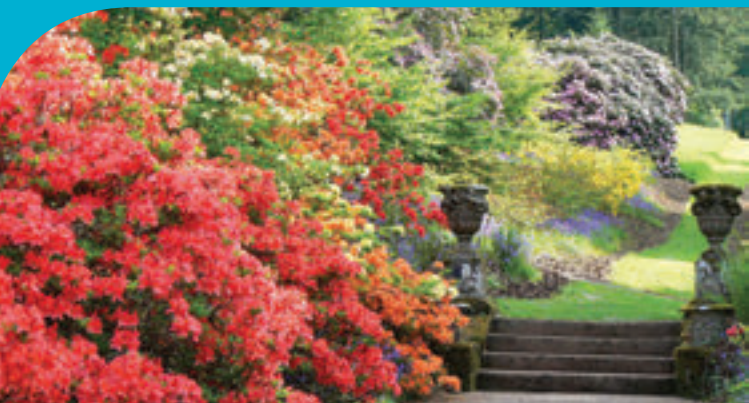
Doors Open Day is a chance to see inside the Library and Herbarium, which house internationally important collections of literature, images and preserved specimens vital to the scientific work of the Garden.

SSBA Cottage Forum Meetings – George Anderson – Art in Nature Talk

Thu 20 September, 14.00–16.00 | Botanic Cottage Professors Room |
book by email: community@rbge.org.uk | 18+ | free

Join the Scottish Society of Botanical Artists Informal Forum group for a lecture by BBC Beechgrove Gardens own George Anderson, previous Head of Education at RBGE. George's lecture is titled 'Art in Nature'. Meetings will be held in the Professor's Room at the Botanic Cottage. Entry is via the John Hope Gateway or East Gate Inverleith Row.

Dawyck Botanic Garden



Just an hour's drive from Edinburgh, Dawyck Botanic Garden, home to some of the UK's oldest and tallest trees, is a delight to visit in summer. Summer brings an abundance of foliage at the garden. Herbaceous plants growing along Scrape Burn add a comforting richness to the glen. Rhododendrons still bloom and the water runs past spreading clumps of *Rodgersia*, *Hosta* and *Astilbe*.

Sensory Tour of the Garden

Sun 3 June, 13:45–15:30 | Booking advisable as places are limited, call 01721 760254 or email Dawyck@rbge.org.uk

This bespoke guided garden walk is for visually impaired visitors, but open to everyone.

Learn the history of the Garden, its plant collections and seasonal delights whilst our guide takes you through our network of accessible paths, up to 1 km long depending on requests from the group.

Blue Poppy (*Meconopsis*) Workshop

Sat 16 June, 10:00–16:00 | £50/£45 for Members

This one-day workshop will look at cultivation and propagation techniques for successfully growing *Meconopsis*. Taught by Alan Elliott. To book call the Education Office on 0131 248 2937.

Dawyck Botanic Garden



Summer Solstice Yoga, Dawyck Botanic Garden

Sun 24 June, 07:00–09.30 | £20

Come and practice yoga at the height of midsummer in the stunning setting of Dawyck Botanic Garden. This event is suited for those with some yoga experience. Please bring a yoga mat. The session is followed by an energising breakfast in the Café. To book, call the Membership Office on 0131 552 5339.

Organised by the Friends of Dawyck

Learn about Bees

Sun 15 July, 11:00–15:00 | Garden admission applies

Don't miss this pop up science event on bees. Members of the Peeblesshire Beekeepers Association will be on site to give visitors more information about bees.

Out of the Ark into the Woods, an exhibition by Poppy Browne

Sun 12 Aug to Fri 30 Nov, 10am daily | free

Using the different mediums of felt and paint, Poppy explores the world of animals and woodland.

Fungi Foray

Sun 16 September, 14:00–16:00 | £4 plus Garden admission

Discover more about fungi with mycologist Neville Killkenny and explore the world's first Cryptogamic Sanctuary at Dawyck. Please call the Garden on 01721 760254 to book.



Short Courses Open Evening

Thur 30 August 2018 | 18:00–20:00 | Conference Room

Are you a budding botanist or an aspiring artist? Do you want to create a beautiful garden or the perfect photograph? Whether it's science, art, gardening or health & wellbeing we have some wonderful and exciting courses coming up this year.

We run weekly classes and weekend workshops in many subjects from botany and horticulture, to herbology, garden history, art and wellbeing. For beginners to advanced we aim to provide something for all. Come along to our open evening for a chat, to meet our tutors and discover our latest range of courses and find out about the full range of learning opportunities available at RBGE. Refreshments provided.

For current course listings pick up a copy of our short course programme or view it online: www.rbge.org.uk/shortcourses

Professional Courses

For those that wish to take their studies further and gain a qualification we have a fantastic range of professional courses including Certificates, Diplomas and BSc & MSc Degrees. As well as courses that run at RBGE we also have a range of blended/distance learning courses allowing you to study with us from wherever you are. www.rbge.org.uk/professionalcourses

Schools and Teacher CPD

We offer a high level curriculum focussed schools programme for primary and secondary schools, as well as bespoke CPD training for teachers. Our programme offers unique adventures from rainforest to teddy bears picnics and is a wonderful way to bring the subjects alive. www.rbge.org.uk/schools

To find out more or to book on any of our courses, please contact us on 0131 248 2937 or education@rbge.org.uk



Image: Brenda White.

Summer School Courses

■ Introduction to Botanical Art

Mon 2 – Thu 5 July | 09:30–16:00 | £180/£162 for Members

This intensive course is aimed at anyone new to botanical painting. Price includes lunch. Taught by Nicola L. Adams.

■ Expressive Watercolour Landscape Summer School

Mon 30 July – Fri 3 August | 10:00–16:00 | £200/£180 for Members

Join David Forster for a week of landscape painting in the splendid setting of the Gardens. Price includes lunch.

■ Seaweed Foray

Sat 4 August | 13:00–16:00 | £30

Join Greg Kenicer for a chance to get your feet wet and hands on with an up-close look at seaweeds on this field trip to North Berwick. Students must make their own way to/from the site.

■ Smartphone-ography

Sat 25 August 18 | 10:00–16:00 | £30/£27 for Members

The best camera is the one you have in your hand and with a smartphone there is a whole new world of photography literally at your fingertips, this course will help you unlock this. Taught by Chris Pendleton of Iconic Tours.

New term of short courses starts September 2018. Pick up a copy of our programme or view it online: www.rbge.org.uk/shortcourses

Eat, Drink, Shop



The Terrace Café

The Terrace Café – located in the heart of the Edinburgh Garden, complete with stunning views across the Edinburgh skyline – has been completely transformed.

Why not visit for, informal service and a broad range of speciality coffees, teas, home bakes, soups, light snacks, salads and freshly prepared hot dishes, all served within a fresh and vibrant new interior.

The Gateway Restaurant

A delightful location to enjoy breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea with a beautiful outlook into the Garden. You'll find an array of freshly prepared hot dishes and lighter options, many including produce grown right here in the Garden.

To book a table, please call 0131 552 2674, email info@gatewayrestaurant.net or visit the restaurant website www.gatewayrestaurant.net

East Gate Coffee Bar

A great refreshment stop near the Garden's East Gate, where you can find a selection of snacks, sandwiches and speciality teas and coffees for take away.

All locations open daily all year round from 10:00.

Your Event at the Garden

The Garden is the perfect location for your special event and has delightful venues for Weddings and other private or family occasions, including a full festive programme.

Please contact our Sales Team for more information: 0131 552 1974 or sales@gatewayrestaurant.net



Shopping at the Botanics

Come and enjoy the summer season at the Botanics. While you are here, why not pay the Botanics Shop a visit? Whether you are looking for a special gift or a treat for yourself there is a wide selection of garden-inspired gifts on offer, ranging from exclusive homeware, jewellery, accessories and stationery to specialist books and children's gifts.

We have just launched our new 1670 Botanical gin made in partnership with Edinburgh Gin Distillery. This exclusive gin has a fresh and distinctive flavour distilled using selected ingredients from the Edinburgh Garden. It celebrates the origins of RBGE, established as a physic garden to cultivate medicinal plants. 1670 is the perfect gift for any gin-lover.

This season we are launching our new *Meconopsis* inspired range in collaboration with the renowned designer Dee Hardwicke. Dee has designed an exclusive homeware collection that captures the beauty and delicacy of this distinctive flower and the range is made in the UK.

If you are looking for unusual plants, seeds or bulbs, quality garden tools, planters or accessories for the garden then do visit our Garden shop. Our plants are carefully sourced from many local growers with an emphasis on quality. We have also just introduced our own exclusive range of Botanics planters in four sizes to complement our beautiful plant ranges. Our knowledgeable staff are also on hand to assist with your gardening questions.

The Botanics Shop is located at the John Hope Gateway West Gate entrance and is open daily in line with Garden opening times.

Become an RBGE Member and enjoy a discount at the shop (some exclusions apply)

Every purchase supports the important work of the Garden

Christmas



Christmas at the Botanics

Fri 23 Nov - Sat 29 Dec | tickets from £14 adult,
(£12 RBGE adult member) £8 children (excluding transaction fees)
book in advance at www.rbge.org.uk/christmas or www.seetickets.com

It may be summer but it's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas as tickets for our spectacular light trail go on sale from 4 June.

Following a highly successful first year, our 2018 winter trail returns with over a million twinkling lights and plenty of new things to see. Enter a world festooned with seasonal cheer as you wander beneath unique tree canopies and alongside iconic glass houses drenched in Christmas colour.

Glowing larger-than-life incandescent flowers rise high into the night sky leading you on a path towards illuminated tree sculptures with delicate beads of light clinging to each branch. There are hidden surprises too - watch out for shards of light, frosty snowflakes and stars and baubles - where you least expect to see them.

Amid all the festive fun don't forget to glimpse Santa and his elves along the way. Surround yourself with playful ribbons of colour-changing globes and stop at the scented Fire Garden for a moment of tranquil reflection.

In the distance spot the towering Tunnel of Light festooned by over 100,000 pea-lights. This year's festive trail culminates in a spectacular Festive Finale on Inverleith House Lawn. You will also be able to enjoy the festive food and drink on the trail.

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How to Find Us



Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

Arboretum Place or Inverleith Row, Edinburgh EH3 5LR

Garden admission is free. Charges for Glasshouses. Adult £6.50, Concessions £5.50, under 16s free*. 10:00 hrs to 18:00 hrs.

Tel 0131 552 7171 | www.rbge.org.uk



Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh at

Dawyck

Stobo, near Peebles, Scottish Borders EH45 9JU

Admission Adult £6.50, Concessions £5.50, under 16s free*. 10:00 hrs to 18:00 hrs.

Tel 01721 760254 | www.rbge.org.uk/dawyck



Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh at

Benmore

Dunoon, Argyll, PA23 8QU

Admission Adult £6.50, Concessions £5.50, under 16s free*. 10:00 hrs to 18:00 hrs.

Tel 01369 706261 | www.rbge.org.uk/benmore



Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh at

Logan

Port Logan, Dumfries & Galloway DG9 9ND

Admission Adult £6.50, Concessions £5.50, under 16s free*. 10:00 hrs to 17:00 hrs

Tel 01776 860231 | www.rbge.org.uk/logan



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