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350th Anniversary of RBGE

The Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh 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 his fascinating world of plants through an exciting programme of exhibitions, interactive experiences, events and activities.

Throughout 2020, the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh will celebrate its 350th anniversary. Originally established in 1670 as a physic garden near the Palace of Holyrood house, its purpose was to grow medicinal plants and catalogue their pharmaceutical purposes. Over the centuries it developed into a botanical centre for the teaching of botany, and the 70-acre Botanic Garden you see today.

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Highlights



Christmas at the Botanic

Fri 22 Nov to Wed 29 Dec | on selected nights

Join us for our magical, botanical illuminated trail that will transform the Garden into a twinkling winter wonderland. You'll see some new interactive installations as well as the return of much-loved illuminations.

See pages 4 and 5 for more details.

Scottish Tree Festival

Sat 28 Sep to Mon 2 Dec

The Botanic is home to 3,268 trees – a world-leading arboretum that is stunning during the autumn months. Look out for the Woodland Garden, the stunning redwoods in the John Muir Grove and a collection of 'Champion Trees' identified by their blue labels. The Botanic will participate in the festival, along with our Regional Gardens – Benmore, Dawyck and Logan.

See page 16 for details.

Scottish Snowdrop Festival

Sun 2 Feb to Sat 29 Feb

Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh has a fascinating collection of specialist snowdrops. Look out for them throughout the Garden or ask the Visitor Welcome team for specific locations. Visitors can also enjoy stunning displays at our Regional Gardens – Dawyck and Logan.

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The magical, botanical, illuminated trail

CHRISTMAS AT THE BOTANICS



As night falls, join us at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh for our magical outdoor trail which returns this year with over a million twinkling lights.



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**22 November –
29 December**

**rbge.org.uk/christmas
0844 995 1363**



Calls cost 7p per minute plus your network access charge. Running selected evenings. Check website for full details.



Now in its third year, our winter trail is established as a much-anticipated family tradition. Along our 2019 route you'll notice all-new installations: step into a Laser Garden where dancing lines of light playfully bounce across the branches; stroll towards the waterside reflections of the Festive Flotilla as hundreds of glowing boats gently bob on the shimmering surface; and walk between larger-than-life icicles and neon spiral trees rising high into the night sky.

To those who have been before, rest assured the towering Tunnel of Light twinkling with thousands of pea lights festooned with seasonal cheer and the mesmerising Scented Fire Garden will both return. Plus, no Botanic trail would be complete without the Inverleith House Festive Finale where brightly coloured projections dance in time to much-loved Christmas classics. Look out for Santa and his elves along the way too.

Have a holly, jolly Christmas and complete your walk under the stars with spiced cider, mulled wine or hot chocolate*. Gather around the fire pit with family and friends to toast marshmallows* and end the evening browsing the gift shop at the John Hope Gateway. Don't forget the journey home, why not pick up some treats to take away.

*Separate charges apply



Plants and Gardens



Daily Garden Walks

Daily: 1 Oct to 31 Oct, 11:00 and 14:00 (1 hour) | age 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 about the intrepid adventurers behind the plants on display.

Glasshouse Visit

Open daily from 10:00: closes 16:00 Oct and Feb, 15:00 Nov to Jan, 17:00 Mar
*Adult £7.00, *Concession £6.00, *Children (15 and under) free | *includes a small donation to the Garden

Our Glasshouse visit is a highlight of the Edinburgh Garden. 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 10 different climate zones, from steamy tropics to arid desert, and see over 3,000 exotic plants. Free to Friends.

Halloween Trail

Sat 12 – Thu 31 Oct, 10:00 – 16:00 daily | age 3+ | Pick up a trail booklet from John Hope Gateway reception or the East Gate | £2 per trail book

Join us for our annual RBGE Halloween Trail through the Garden to see what Caley, the good garden witch, and Mi-àgh the cat are planning. You will receive a special Halloween gift!

Plants and Gardens



Afternoon Tea Tours

Daily: Oct and Feb 1:30; Nov to Jan 12:30 | Book with our Garden Tour Team at gtours@rbge.org.uk | age 14+ | John Hope Gateway | £45, for two additional participants £21.50 (max 10 participants)

Savour the delights of a leisurely private tour of the Royal Botanic Garden with your own personal guide, followed by a delicious afternoon tea for two in the John Hope Gateway restaurant. Perfect as a gift for a loved one or a treat for yourself.

Meet the Edible Gardening Team

Oct, Nov, Feb, every Mon and Tue: 13:00 – 14:30; Sat 5 Oct: 14:00 – 16:00 | all ages | Demonstration Garden | drop in | free

Pop in 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 this season, and have your vegetable-growing questions answered.

Supported by players of People's Postcode Lottery

Garden Social for Dementia

First Fri of the month: 10:30 – 12:00 | ages 16+ | Botanic Cottage | drop in, no booking required for individuals/pairs, but for groups of more than three please contact community@rbge.org.uk or leave a message on **0131 248 2956** | free

Free sessions with refreshments. Activities inspired by the Garden for people affected by dementia. Numbers are limited: please arrive a little early to avoid disappointment. Email community@rbge.org.uk for more details or leave a message on **0131 248 2956**.

Plants and Gardens



Botanic Cottage Open Afternoon

First Fri of the month: 13:00 – 14:30; Sat 5 Oct: 14:00 – 16:00 | all ages | Botanic Cottage | drop in | free

Join a free drop-in session 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. The Cottage is once again returned to its original purpose as a place of learning and community, a hub for education and engagement activities in one of the world's great gardens.

Book Group – Open Book: Reading Together)

Every Thu: 10:30 – 12:00 | age 16+ | Botanic Cottage, Garden Room | drop in | 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.

Led by the charity Open Book.

YIDL Yoga

Every Thu: 10:30 – 12:00 | age 16+ | Botanic Cottage, Professors Room | drop in | free

Join us for drop-in beginners' community yoga sessions. Hosted by Yoga in Daily Life Edinburgh. No experience required.

Family Activities



Photo: Andrew O'Brien.

Make a Bug Hotel

Sun 13 Oct: 13:00 – 15:00 | all ages | Real Life Science Studio | drop in | free
Bees, Ladybirds and other insects all need somewhere to live over the winter. The UK has seen a huge decline in insects over the last 50 years, so come along and do your bit to help save our bugs with the Wildlife Explorers.

With RSPB Scotland

The Colours of Autumn

Sun 10 Nov: 13:00 – 15:00 | all ages | John Hope Gateway | drop in | free
Autumn is here and the Gardens will be full of autumnal colour. Join the Wildlife Explorers as we look for the signs and colours of autumn.

With RSPB Scotland

St Andrew's Fair Saturday

Sat 30 Nov: 12:00 – 15:00 | all ages | Botanic Cottage | drop in | free
Join us for some festive cheer and share some winter warmers. The Rolling Hills Chorus is back by popular demand and you will be able to enjoy some tasty garden soup made using the organic produce from our market garden. You'll also be able to join in with seasonal crafts.

Our community engagement work is supported by players of People's Postcode lottery.
standrews.fairsaturday.org

Big Garden Bird Watch

Sun 26 Jan: 13:00 – 15:00 | all ages | John Hope Gateway | drop in | free
It's that time of year again when the RSPB ask us to count the birds we see in our gardens. Join the Wildlife Explorers for guided walks – or fly solo if you want. The kingfisher is a regular visitor to the Garden, so we expect to put it on our list.

With RSPB Scotland

Exhibitions



Photo: Bill Phillips

Microsculpture – The Insect Portraits of Levon Biss

Daily: Sat 29 June to Sun 10 Nov; Oct: 10:30 – 16:30; Nov 10:30 – 15:30 |
all ages | Inverleith House | free

The beautiful, surprising, and often outright bizarre microscopic form of insects is presented in breath-taking clarity in this exhibition by British photographer Levon Biss. Microsculpture shows specimens from the collection of the Museum of Natural History in Oxford like never before, in large-format and exquisitely lit detail. Combining art with science, the exhibition also provides information about each creature, where possible discussing the evolutionary adaptations that have given rise to its particular microsculpture form.

Hidden World of Plants

Daily: Sat 28 Sep to Sun 12 Jan; Oct: 10:00 – 16:45, Nov – Jan: 10:00 –15:45 |
all ages | Ground floor, John Hope Gateway | free

There is a hidden microscopic world that the naked eye cannot see. This world is revealed through the breath-taking images produced by a scanning electron microscope. This exhibition reveals the structures of plants in images created at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh by microscopy technician Frieda Christie.

Edinburgh Society of Botanical Artists Annual Winter Exhibition

Sat 26 Oct – Fri 1 Nov, 10:00 – 17:00 | all ages | Real Life Science Studio | free

This annual exhibition by the Edinburgh Society of Botanical Artists displays a wide range of contemporary botanical work, including new work by members. Original artwork, quality prints and cards will be available to buy. As well as seeing new work, the exhibition is an ideal opportunity to find out about botanical painting at the Garden and to purchase a unique gift.

Exhibitions



Photo: ©Sian Bowen 2018

After Hortus Malabaricus: Sensing and Presencing Rare Plants

**Daily: Sat 11 Jan to Sun 22 Mar; Jan: 10:30 – 15:30, Feb: 10:30 –16:40,
Mar: 10:30 – 17:30** | all ages | Inverleith House | free

This exhibition by artist Siân Bowen is the result of inspiration drawn from the extraordinary 17th century treatise on plants of Malabar, *Hortus Malabaricus*, and pressed plant specimens brought from India to Edinburgh during the 19th century and now held in the RBGE Herbarium collection. The works include drawings, artist's books and video works. Bowen's four-year collaboration with RBGE has been supported by the prestigious Leverhulme Research Fellowship.

Think Plastic: Materials and Making

**Daily: Fri 31 Jan to Sun 26 Apr; Jan: 10:00 – 15:45; Feb: 10:00 – 16:45;
Mar and Apr: 10:00 – 17:45** | all ages | Ground Floor, John Hope Gateway | free

The Think Plastic exhibition brings together local artists and scientists to explore the possibilities of transferring sustainable, recyclable and environmentally responsible plastics from the laboratory into craft and arts productions. Through their collaborations, the artists invite us to follow them in reconsidering our relationship with plastic by exploring the intriguing and complex world of this amazing substance.

Botanical Talks



Can Nettles Swim?

Thu 10 Oct: 18:00 – 19:00 | age 14+ | Lecture Theatre | drop in | free

The humble and much-maligned stinging nettle has behind it a tale of extraordinary continent-hopping. In all, this plant family has crossed major ocean barriers at least 72 times. Dr Milne unravels relationships in the nettle family and addresses the question: how do plant species cross oceans?

With Botanical Society of Scotland

Darwin's Most Wonderful Plants

Thu 21 Nov: 18:00 – 19:00 | age 14+ | Lecture Theatre | drop in | free

Darwin published his *Origin of Species* nearly 30 years after his voyage around the world, when most of his time was focused on experimenting with and observing plants. In fact Darwin was a brilliant and revolutionary botanist, with particular interests in carnivorous and climbing plants, and pollination and the evolution of flowers.

With Botanical Society of Scotland

Elephants, Trees and Trails

Thu 12 Dec: 18:00 – 19:00 | age 14+ | Lecture Theatre | drop in | free

Central Africa's endangered forest elephants are obligate dispersers of a variety of large trees, maintain forest community structures across vast areas, transport soil nutrients long distances, and maintain forest clearings vital for a wide diversity of other large forest mammals.

With Botanical Society of Scotland

Botanical Talks



Coul Links and Golf

Thu 16 Jan: 18:00 – 19:00 | 14+ | Lecture Theatre | drop in | free

Tom Dargie looks at the role of environmental evidence in the fight against a planning application to develop a golf course at Coul Links. What lessons were learnt about communicating ecological science at different stages of the planning process and how was the evidence received in the public inquiry earlier in 2019?

With Botanical Society of Scotland

A Grain of Truth

Thu 20 Feb: 18:00 – 19:00 | 14+ | Lecture Theatre | drop in | free

With rapid developments in forensic technology, botany and soil science can now answer questions like “Where did the soil material come from?” “Where has this item or person been?” “Could this trace material have been transferred from the crime scene?” Discover how forensic ecology can help the criminal justice system come closer to finding the truth.

With Botanical Society of Scotland

Dawyck Botanic Garden



Photo: Amy Fokinther

For stunning autumn colour or spectacular swathes of snowdrops in early spring, head to Dawyck Botanic Garden. Just an hour's drive from Edinburgh, the 65-acre Garden is home to some of Britain's oldest and tallest trees. Discover spectacular seasonal hues as you enjoy woodland and Burnside walks. If you visit in late winter or early spring, you will be rewarded with carpets of snowdrops.

Guided Tours

Every Sun in Oct and Nov: 14:15 in Oct and 13:45 in Nov | free with Garden admission

Join a guided tour and learn about the Garden's history and the seasonal highlights.

Autumn Bring and Buy Plant Sale

Sun 6 Oct: 10:00 – 15:00 | free

Discover new plants for your own garden, recycle your old favourites and bring us your herbaceous splits. No need to pot material but please label them if you can.

Organised by the Friends of Dawyck

Scotland's Gardens, Tour of Dawyck

Sun 6 Oct: 14:15 | all ages | drop-in | free with Garden admission

Find out more about the history and collections at Dawyck by joining the guided tour.

The Garden will be open under Scotland's Gardens Scheme and a donation will be made to SG beneficiaries

Art Exhibition: A New Direction

Daily until Sat 30 Nov: 10:00 | The Studio | free

Artist Tina Holley is known for her realistic watercolours. Her exhibition at Dawyck draws on her fascination with the effect of light on the landscape and the celebration of trees in all their different guises through the year.

Scottish Snowdrop Festival

Dawyck will be taking part in the 2020 Scottish Snowdrop Festival.

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Visitors can also enjoy stunning autumnal displays and tree trails at our Regional Gardens – Dawyck, Logan and Benmore. For further information on autumn walks and tours, fungal forays and more, visit rbge.org.uk/treefest

The Scottish Tree Festival, which takes place between 28 Sept and 2 Dec, is organised by Discover Scottish Gardens. Visit discoverscottishgardens.org for information about tree festival events around Scotland.

Autumn Walks

Daily until Thu 31 Oct: 11:00 and 14:00 | age 14+ | John Hope Gateway | £6

Enjoy a morning or afternoon walk at the Botanic with an expert guide to discover more about its beautiful and historic tree collection.

Wonders of Wood Exhibition

Tue 15 Oct – Mon 21 Oct | all ages | Real Life Science Studio | drop in | free

Visit the Wonders of Wood exhibition, which highlights the variety and quality of wood. Browse the items artistically crafted from wood and the pieces for sale.

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Snowdrop and Spring Interest Walks at Edinburgh

Fri to Sun, 11:00: 14 – 16 Feb; Fri 21 – Sun 23 Feb; Fri 28 – Sun 1 Mar; Fri 6 – Sun 8 Mar | age 14+ | Meet at the John Hope Gateway | Contact the Visitor Welcome Team on **0131 248 2909** to register interest | £6

Join a Garden Guide on a walk to discover the Garden's wonderful collection of specialist snowdrops and discover other early flowering plants that herald the onset of spring. The Garden Guides will introduce the collection through their selected highlights and an explanation of our snowdrop species and cultivar collection.

Snowdrop and Spring Interest Walks at Dawyck

Every Sun in Feb: 13:45 | age 14+ | Visitor Centre | included in Garden admission
Dawyck Botanic Garden provides a magnificent backdrop for a stunning display of snowdrops beside the Scrape Burn. Come and join an experienced Garden Guide for a fascinating tour of the Garden's collection and marvel at these little gems.

Snowdrops on Sunday at Logan

Every Sun in Feb: 10:00 – 16:00 | age 14+ | Visitor Centre | free

Enjoy enchanting displays of snowdrops at Logan Botanic Garden – 'Scotland's most exotic Garden' – as well as a number of early flowering rhododendrons and camellias. Admission is free although donations are welcome.

Events Organised by the Friends of RBGE



Photo: J&L Gibbons, Royal Collection Trust

Can We Change the Scottish Fruit Basket?

Thu 17 Oct: 19:00 – 20:30 | Lecture Theatre, 20a Inverleith Row | £7, £5 Members | book at rbge.org.uk/scottishfruitbasket or call Membership on **0131 552 5339**

Professor Derek Stewart of the James Hutton Institute will talk about the wide variety of exotic fruits that will grow in Scotland and give some tips on how you might grow them in your own garden.

The Hidden Horticulturists

Sun 3 Nov: 14:30 – 16:00 | all ages | Lecture Theatre, 20a Inverleith Row | £7, £5 Members | book at www.rbge.org.uk/hiddenhort or call Membership on **0131 552 5339**

In 2012, whilst working at the RHS library, Fiona Davison unearthed a book of handwritten notes that dated back to 1822. In her book, *The Hidden Horticulturists*, she traces the stories of these forgotten gardeners from Chiswick to Bolivia and uncovers tales of fraud, scandal and, of course, a large number of fabulous plants and gardens.

Rum Reimagined in Scotland

Wed 4 Dec: 19:00 – 21:00 | age 18+ | Botanic Cottage via the gate on Inverleith Place | £15, £13 Members | book at www.rbge.org.uk/matuggarum or call Membership on **0131 552 5339**

Enjoy an interactive evening of rum discovery led by Paul Rutasikwa from the multi-award winning Matugga Distillers. Explore innovative botanical infusions as you sample exciting new rums made right here in Scotland.

Events Organised by the Friends of RBGE



Evening talk: The Birth of the Botanics

Thu 23 Jan: 19:00 – 21:30 | all ages | Venue to be confirmed | booking essential at www.rbge.org.uk/palace or call Membership on **0131 552 5339** | £7, £5 Members

When the founders of the Botanics rented a small plot of land beside the Palace of Holyroodhouse in 1670 to create a physic garden, they could not have imagined that 350 years later it would grow to become one of the finest botanical institutions in the world. In this talk, Sutherland Forsyth will explore the characters and places associated with the original 17th century physic garden before looking at how, in the 21st century, a new incarnation has been born in the grounds of Holyrood.

Evening talk: A Lichenological Journey

Wed 19 Feb: 19:00 – 20:30 | all ages | Lecture Theatre, 20a Inverleith Row | book at www.rbge.org.uk/rainforests or call Membership on **0131 552 5339** | £7, £5 Members

There are c. 1500 species of lichen in Scotland and this diversity includes globally rare communities such as in Scotland's temperate rainforest. This talk by RBGE's Chris Ellis will explore and explain this lichen diversity by taking a journey through different scales: from very large gradients in climate that determine where lichens occur, through to millimetre changes in microclimates that determine the exact position of a lichen on a tree, stone or soil surface. It is by understanding how these different scales affect lichens that we can help protect them against climate change.

Supported by the Friends of RBGE's Small Projects Fund

Education



Education Highlights

Short courses and workshops can be booked by calling the Education Department on **0131 248 2937**. Here are just some of the courses we have running over the next few months. Full details and descriptions are available on our website: www.rbge.org.uk/shortcourses

Workshops

■ Mother and Baby Herbal Healthcare

Sat 5 Oct, 10:00 – 16:00 | £60/£54 for Members | Emma Roe

■ Colour and Pigment in Watercolour

Sat 16 – Sun 17 Nov, 10:30 – 16:30 | £120/£108 for Members | David Forster

■ Lichen Identification

Sat 23 Nov, 10:00 – 16:00 | £50/£45 for Members | Kristine Bogomazova

■ The Confection Box

Sat 7 Dec | 10:00 – 16:00 | £60/£54 for Members | RBGE Tutor

■ Care and Maintenance of Houseplants

Sat 22 Feb | 10:00 – 16:00 | £50/£45 for Members | Paula Maciejewska-Danik

Short Courses

■ Beginning Botanical Illustration

Wed, 15 Jan – 25 Mar | 10:30 – 13:00 | £110/£99 for Members | Sharon Tingey

■ Introduction to Horticulture

Wed, 15 Jan – 25 Mar | 19:00 – 21:00 | £99/£89.10 for Members | RBGE Tutors

■ Nordic Walking

Thu, 16 Jan – 26 Mar | 13:45 – 14:45 | £65/£58.50 for Members | Trevor Jones

Education Highlights



Certificate, Diploma and Degree Courses

For those that wish to take their studies further and gain a qualification, we have a fantastic range of online and attended courses including Certificates, Diplomas and BSc and MSc Degrees.

RBGE Certificate Courses

■ RHS Level 2 Certificate in the Principles of Horticulture (online)

Apply anytime | www.rbge.org.uk/rhslevel2

■ RBGE Certificate in Herbology (attended)

Starting Jan 2020 | www.rbge.org.uk/certherb

■ RBGE Certificate in Botanical Illustration (online)

Starting Nov 2019 or Mar 2020 | www.rbge.org.uk/certbi

Find out more about the Certificate, Diploma and Degree Courses on offer at RBGE here: www.rbge.org.uk/professionalcourses

Schools and Teacher CPD

We offer interdisciplinary curriculum focused schools programme for primary and secondary schools, as well as 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. Highlights this term include:

■ Rainforest Quest (P1-3) / Rainforest Adventure (P4-7)

■ The Great Mincemeat Hunt (P1-7)

■ Biodiversity: The Race Against Time (Nat 4/5)

Find out more and how to book: www.rbge.org.uk/schools

Food and Drink



Come and enjoy autumn and winter at the Botanics. We have a tempting seasonal menu with delicious options for everyone. All locations are open daily all year round from 10:00.

The Terrace Café

The Terrace Café located in the heart of the Edinburgh Garden, complete with stunning views across the Edinburgh skyline. 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 interior.

The Gateway Restaurant

Enjoy this delightful space for breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea with a beautiful outlook onto 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@atthebotanics.co.uk** or visit the restaurant website **<https://atthebotanics.co.uk/>**. Booking, though not essential, is advised.

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.

Your Event at the Garden

The Garden is the perfect location for holding your special event and has some delightful venues for weddings and other private or family occasions. Please contact our Sales Team for more information: **0131 552 1974** or **Info@atthebotanics.co.uk**

Shopping



The Botanics Shop is brimming with a delightful selection of gifts and exclusive ranges this autumn and winter. Why not prepare for the festive season by paying us a visit to find Christmas gifts for all the family?

We have a wide range of festive decorations and lighting, cards, accessories, jewellery, scarves, toys, books and much more. Choose from an array of Scottish handmade items, including textiles by the Tartan Blanket Company, locally produced honey, foodstuffs and toiletries, our very own 1670 gin in collaboration with Edinburgh Gin, as well as tweed accessories and exclusive homeware ranges. Enjoy a relaxing shopping experience at the Botanics this season.

Every purchase helps to support our research and conservation work.

How to Find Us



Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

Arboretum Place or Inverleith Row, Edinburgh, EH3 5LR

Garden admission is free. Charges for Glasshouses: Adult £7, Concessions £6, under 16s free*. Oct and Feb 10:00 to 17:00, Dec and Jan 10:00 to 16:00. Closed Dec 25 and Jan 1.

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



Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh at

Dawyck

Stobo, near Peebles, Scottish Borders, EH45 9JU

Admission: Adult £7, Concessions £6, under 16s free*. Feb and Nov 10:00 to 16:00, Mar and Oct 10:00 to 17:00. Closed Dec and Jan.

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



Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh at

Benmore

Dunoon, Argyll, PA23 8QU

Admission: Adult £7, Concessions £6, under 16s free*. Oct 10:00 to 17:00. Closed Nov, Dec, Jan and Feb.

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



Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh at

Logan

Port Logan, Dumfries & Galloway, DG9 9ND

Admission: Adult £7, Concessions £6, under 16s free*. 10:00 to 17:00. Closed from Nov 15, Dec and Jan. February (Sun only – 10:00 to 16:00).

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



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