



HOW TO GET HERE

Drive

- **557-559 Napier Street, White Hills**
Look for the Memorial Arch of Triumph on the highway
- **Hamelin Street, White Hills**
Park here to be near the Samuel Gadd Centre, White Hills Swimming Pool, Garden for the Future or the cafe
- **71 Napoleon Crescent, White Hills**
Works Depot and Samuel Gadd Centre
- **Scott Street carpark**
Park here to be near the playspace



Ride or walk the Bendigo Creek Trail

The Bendigo Creek Trail connects the Bendigo Botanic Gardens to Lake Weeroona, Rosalind Park, the O'Keefe Rail Trail and other tourism destinations throughout Bendigo. Collect the Trail brochure from the Bendigo Visitor Centre.

Catch a bus

- **Bus route 5** Huntly - Bendigo
- **Bus route 50** Epsom - Bendigo

Buses to and from the Bendigo Railway Station stop in front of the gardens and use the MYKI ticketing system.

ENJOY YOUR VISIT

Please consider others by observing the following:

- Ride your bike slowly
- Keep your dog on a leash at all times
- Do not sample, remove or take any plant material
- Permits may be required for large private and commercial gatherings
- Parental supervision of children is required at all times
- Beware of the site risks including the billabong, trees and wildlife

FRIENDS OF BENDIGO BOTANIC GARDENS

The Friends are working with the City to promote, protect and restore the historic public gardens of Bendigo. Join them to get involved in plant propagation, guided walks, botanic illustration, plant sales, excursions, the Friends' magazine 'Dovyalis' and the development of the gardens.

Contact: friends.bgobotanicgardens@gmail.com

OPERATING HOURS

Gardens

7.30am–9pm Daylight Savings Time (Oct-Apr)

7.30am–6pm Eastern Standard Time (May-Sep)

CONTACT US

www.bendigobotanicgardens.com.au  

General Enquiries: 1300 002 642

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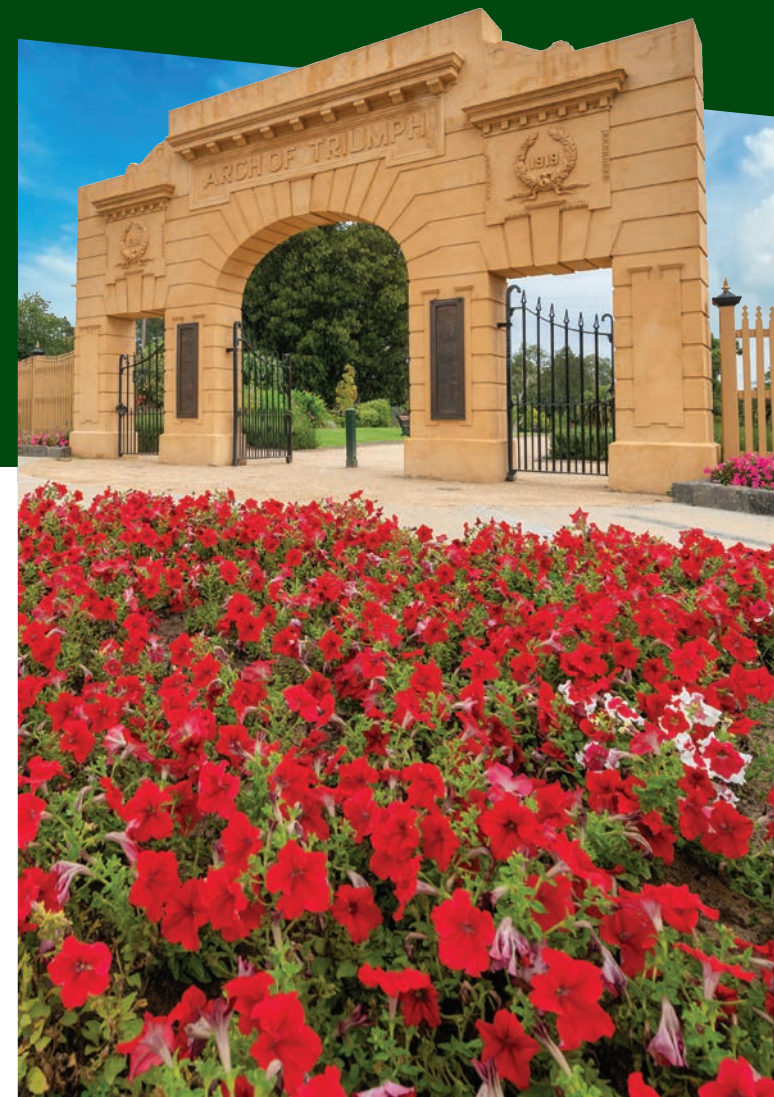
Bookings and Events: www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/bookings or phone 03 5434 6169



BENDIGO Botanic Gardens

White Hills

GARDENS MAP AND VISITOR GUIDE





Almost as old as Bendigo itself, the Bendigo Botanic Gardens White Hills is one of the best public gardens in our region to visit as there is plenty to do, see and enjoy!

HERITAGE GARDENS

Established in 1857 the Bendigo Botanic Gardens, White Hills is one of regional Victoria's earliest Botanic Gardens. In the ensuing years considerable improvements were undertaken and by 1861 the gardens were laid out, fenced and planted at a cost of 642 pounds. The creek bed running through the land had been transformed into an artificial lake and the gardens themselves were assuming an attractive appearance.

By 1870, 600 Blue Gums, 443 Pine and other exotic trees had been planted and the gardens also included a hot house, rotunda, a collection of over two hundred roses and a zoo complete with monkeys, koalas and birds.

Much of the present layout of the gardens is due to curator Samuel Gadd who rejuvenated the gardens between 1873 and 1903.

The gardens are listed on the Victorian Heritage Register due to their historical, architectural, scientific, aesthetic and social significance.



GARDEN FOR THE FUTURE

Opening in April 2018, the Garden for the Future features over 30,000 trees and shrubs, 4,700 square metres of lawn and a large shelter/stage building with toilet facilities.

There are over 40 small picnic lawns and a large fun and fantasy lawn which doubles as an event space.

The garden also features a grassed amphitheatre for outdoor performances and a number of semi-intimate gathering spaces for functions, as well as a promenade complete with 133 metres of timber seating that can be used for markets and other events.



LARNI GARINGILANG

Larni Garingilang means home/place of growth in Dja Dja Wurrung language. The Dja Dja Wurrung People are the traditional custodians of Djandak (Dja Dja Wurrung Country). Established in 2022, Larni Garingilang offers opportunities to connect

with one another and learn and engage with the local ecology, land, water and flora of Djandak. Featuring local indigenous flora, the design of the garden was inspired by the cracked earth and mullock heaps resulting from Bendigo's gold mining era.

EVENTS

Bookings or enquiries can be made by contacting the City of Greater Bendigo on 03 5434 6169 or visit www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/bookings





POINTS OF INTEREST

1 Significant trees of the Bendigo Botanic Gardens

The Bendigo Botanic Gardens features an eclectic mix of exotic and native trees, with many original 19th century plantings still existing. Six of these trees are listed with the Heritage Council of Victoria and two are also on the National Trust's Register of Significant Trees.

2 Play space

The play space features a series of enchanting garden spaces for children to explore using all of their senses. Visitors can explore the secret garden, the tree house, the roly-poly lawn, the vege patch and climb the fort.

3 Cottage Gardens of the Victorian Goldfields

This collection brings together many plants from the early gardens of the Victorian goldfields era, some rarely seen in modern gardens. Only plants known to have been available at the time are included.

4 Arch of Triumph and Entry Promenade

The Arch of Triumph was erected in 1925 as a result of local fundraising efforts by the people of White Hills and lists the names of 65 local servicemen who served in World War 1. The arch is listed on the Victorian Heritage Register and stands as a permanent memorial to our brave local soldiers.

5 Billabong

The billabong is the only remaining section of the Bendigo Creek still in its original alignment. Ongoing revegetation works continue to restore the native creek line grassy woodland flora of the area. Many species of reptiles, amphibians, birds and mammals use this area as a sanctuary and feeding ground.

6 Edwardian Garden and Picnic Pavilion

The restored picnic pavilion dates from around 1901 and can seat up to 100 people. It is nestled within an Edwardian era styled garden complete with bridges, hedges, flowers and foliage set against a backdrop of native vegetation which surrounds the billabong.

7 Habitat Garden

The habitat garden is filled with Australian Plants that attract wildlife to the area and provide a range of ecological niches for them to live in.

8 Samuel Gadd Centre

Named after former Curator Samuel Gadd, the 'house in the garden' is the garden's administration centre and home to the Friends of Bendigo Botanic Gardens.

9 Dhelkunya Buluk

This is a wetland area reflecting the connection to the Bendigo Creek.

10 Djimbai-tjarrang

This area is for outdoor learning and to connect with the natural environment.

11 Wat-pu-tjaara

An area for gathering and connecting with each other, land and its flora.

12 Balitj Murrin

The mound represents a remnant mullock heap from Bendigo's mining history.

13 Around Australia Garden

A collection of plants sourced from around Australia.

14 Fun & Fantasy Garden

A sculpted grassed amphitheatre surrounded by an eclectic mix of exotic and local plant species including some rare and unusual specimens.

15 Around the World Garden

Collections of plants sourced from around the world including the America's, Asia, Europe, the Mediterranean and Africa.

16 Stage

The stage allows for a range of outdoor performances including concerts and cinema and is capable of hosting audiences of up to 2,000 people.



| KEY | |
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| Cafe | |
| Entry/exit | |
| Car parking | |
| Bus stop | |
| Barbeque | |
| Shelter | |
| Water fountain | |
| Toilets | |
| Sealed path | |
| Unsealed path | |

MIDLAND HIGHWAY
NAPIER STREET