

TAKE A WALK AROUND THE WORLD



North Gardens

A E.H. Lohbrunner Alpine Garden

Organized by continental regions, this is one of North America's largest alpine gardens. Skillful landscape design with rock outcrops simulates the varied conditions and native habitats of this collection of temperate plants from around the world. Slow-growing dwarf conifers, small tree species and alpenes grow against a backdrop of rare and unusual climbing vines.

B Winter Garden

With the benefit of Vancouver's mild climate, masses of heather, hellebores, fragrant viburnums, witch hazel and bulbs produce a display of subtle colours and fragrances from fall until spring.



C Mixed Borders

Shrubs and perennials, including familiar culinary herbs and lesser-known species are grown together, creating a display of flowers, berries and foliage.

D Herbaceous Border

An ever-changing burst of colour during the summer and autumn, well-known plants blend with rare and unusual perennials from around the world.

E Food Garden

The Food Garden is a living demonstration of varieties and techniques for home gardening. More than 100 varieties of fruit trees displaying carefully designed espalier pruning line the outer paths. Fruits and vegetables harvested by the Friends of the Garden are donated to local charities.

F Arbour

Behind the Food Garden, this large wooden arbour displays a variety of climbing plants such as clematis, wisteria, trumpet vine and bittersweet.

G Physic Garden

Enclosed by a traditional yew hedge, the design of this small garden is based on a 16th century Dutch engraving, replicated to showcase traditional medicinal plants from medieval Europe. The 12 concentric beds encircling a sundial originally contained plants from England's Chelsea Physic Garden.

H BC Native Garden

Located in the garden's NE corner, selections of BC native species surround a central pond in a coastal forest. Paths and stepping-stones allow better views to explore these boggy treasures. Watch for frogs, insects and birds.

← To Nitobe Memorial Garden, Gate 4



Asian Garden

David C. Lam Asian Garden

The 12-hectare Asian Garden contains an impressive collection of rhododendron species alongside woody and herbaceous plants from areas such as Tibet, Japan, China, Korea, and Manchuria. The canopy of native cedar, fir and hemlock creates a favourable microclimate that shelters shade-loving perennials, rare shrubs and lush ferns below, and climbing wisteria, rose and clematis high above. Asian maples add vibrant colour and texture.

Plant Explorers in the Asian Garden

The Asian Garden collections continue to expand, thanks to expeditions by Botanical Garden staff and long-standing relations with scientific institutions around the world. Collaborations with these organizations and other modern-day plant explorers increase the opportunity to bring exciting new plants to the garden. Look for trail names that commemorate plant explorers.

A Walk in the Woods

A Walk in the Woods is a new loop-trail located at the eastern end of the David C. Lam Asian Garden that traverses mostly undisturbed, native second-growth forest. Developed in 2005 in partnership with the University Neighbourhoods Association, the walk is approximately 600m in length and takes about 15 minutes to complete at a leisurely pace. Look for interpretive signage explaining different aspects of the native flora along the trail.

1 Glacial Erratic

2 Eagle Tree

3 Hollow Tree

4 Fallen Tree

- Paved path
- Unpaved path
- Kids' route
- Secondary path
- Minor path
- Stream
- Bridge
- Bench
- Public telephone
- Washroom

