



Wellington Gardens

Gardens Trail ki Paekākā Map

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Gardens Trail

A self-guided daytime walk - featuring an enchanted Gardens Gallery. Welcome to our beautiful gardens, we hope you enjoy exploring this very special space in our city. Start your journey wherever you like, find the points of interest marked on the map, and don't miss the Gardens Gallery. Read more about the features along your chosen trail below.

Visitor information

Wellington Botanic Garden ki Paekākā is minutes from downtown Wellington and is open between sunrise and sunset. Free entry.

How to get to the Botanic Garden:

Cable Car - from Cable Car Lane, just off Lambton Quay, departs every 10 minutes.

No 2 Karori bus - from Lambton Quay, it stops outside the Founders' Entrance.

Walking - a popular route is from The Terrace through Bolton Street, about 15 minutes to the Lady Norwood Rose Garden and a further 5 minutes to the Main Garden.

Car - the only public car park in the Botanic Garden is next to the Lady Norwood Rose Garden. Limit 2 hours. Access is through Centennial Entrance. Parking is also available along Glenmore Street.

Nearby eateries, shops and attractions

Thorndon Village - Located minutes from the Founders' Entrance, the Thorndon Village is filled with quirky antique stores, art galleries, florists, and eateries.

Katherine Mansfield House and Garden -

Discover the birthplace of internationally acclaimed New Zealand author, Katherine Mansfield.

Cable Top Eatery - enjoy a taste experience with a view over Wellington.

Fragrifert Parfumeur - visit this Victorian Perfumery at 1 Upland Road, Kelburn.

COVID-19 Safety

The Garden is open at all traffic light levels.

QR codes are displayed at entrances to easily trace your visit. Vaccine passes are required for indoor spaces. Passes are not required in our green spaces.

Please wear a mask inside and where social distancing is difficult. Give others plenty of space and remember to practice good hand hygiene.

Kia Kaha New Zealand, Stay Strong.

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With support from ThemeWorks, Streamliner Productions and Katherine Mansfield House and Garden.

Sculptures by Johnny Turner and Jason Hina will remain on display in the garden during 2022.

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Gardens Gallery

Remember to visit the enchanted Gardens Gallery of art and sonic installations.

Gardens Gallery highlights include sculptures by Jason Hina and Johnny Turner, and ethereal Kaynemaile creations.

Other features are a Katherine Mansfield word garden, an enchanted pixie tree, shimmering bubbles and mirror balls, cheeky chrome gnomes, curious creatures, and evocative soundscapes.

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Outdoor activities operate from 10.30am-6pm.

Operating hours for indoor activities may vary - check the relevant website for information.

Founders' Entrance Gardens Trail

Glennmore Meadow - Filled with knee-high grass, scattered with yellow buttercups and white daisies the meadow is reminiscent of something out of a story book.

Beehives - The Botanic Garden produces its very own honey, courtesy of Bee Fresh and our bees. Hives are placed around the gardens giving the bees a variety of plants to visit.

Pine Hill Path - Take this scenic route to the Rose Garden. Tucked to the side of the garden, quickly get enveloped in this magical wooded trail.

Fairy Village - A magical treat for those who know its secret. This tiny village is a self-contained fairy home.

Magpie Lawn - Surrounded by mature Pōhutukawa and pines, this spacious lawn is ideal for picnicking, and takes you away from the busy city.

Horseshoe bend - Be enveloped in the tranquillity this nook has to offer.

Discovery Garden - Through play and creativity, unearth the ways plants sustain us.

Children's Play Area - A great place to bring tamariki, there are double slides, a Rocktopus, flying fox and more.

Centennial Entrance Gardens Trail

Lady Norwood Rose Garden - The Lady Norwood Rose Garden (1953) has more than 300 varieties of roses, showcasing new and traditional favourites with a mixture of bush and climbing roses.

Peace Garden - This hidden gem is perfect to have a moment of calm. Take some time to reflect on the history and significance of the peace flame.

Picnic Café - Stop for some delicious food or a drink while looking out at the beautiful Lady Norwood Rose Garden.

Sculpture Trail - Find the many large-scale artworks dotted throughout the gardens.

Waipiro Bushwalk - This walk contains trees typical of regenerating native vegetation, and pre-European remnants of native conifer and flowering tree forests in Wellington.

The Dell - Surrounded by mature trees and green understory, The Dell is a perfect space for picnics.

Begonia House - Escape to a warm and tranquil environment and become immersed in a lush, tropical space.

Herb Garden - Indulge your senses with the sound, sight, touch, smell, and even taste of plants from this quiet and secluded area.

Beehives - Hives are placed around the gardens. Can you find them all?

Bolton Street Cemetery - Home to our display of Heritage roses, this historical landmark makes for an excellent scenic stroll to the city.

Cable Car Entrance Gardens Trail

Cable Car Museum - Located in the original winding house for the cable car system, the museum houses the original winding mechanism as well as two of the original grip cars.

Space Place - Visit Space Place where they share the stories of our New Zealand skies through multimedia exhibits, interactive galleries, and a full-dome planetarium.

Sundial - As the name suggests the 'Sundial of Human Involvement' invites you in to become a part of the sculpture.

Pukatea Bushwalk - This walk contains trees typical of regenerating native vegetation and pre-European remnants of native conifer and flowering tree forests in Wellington.

Dominion Observatory - Using astronomy, it was used to determine time, and in 1916 was New Zealand's first place of seismic research.

Krupp Gun - Gifted to the City of Wellington to honour soldiers of World War I from the Wellington district, it proudly sits overlooking the harbour.

Discovery Garden and Children's Play Area - See Founders' Entrance.

Lambton Quay Entrance

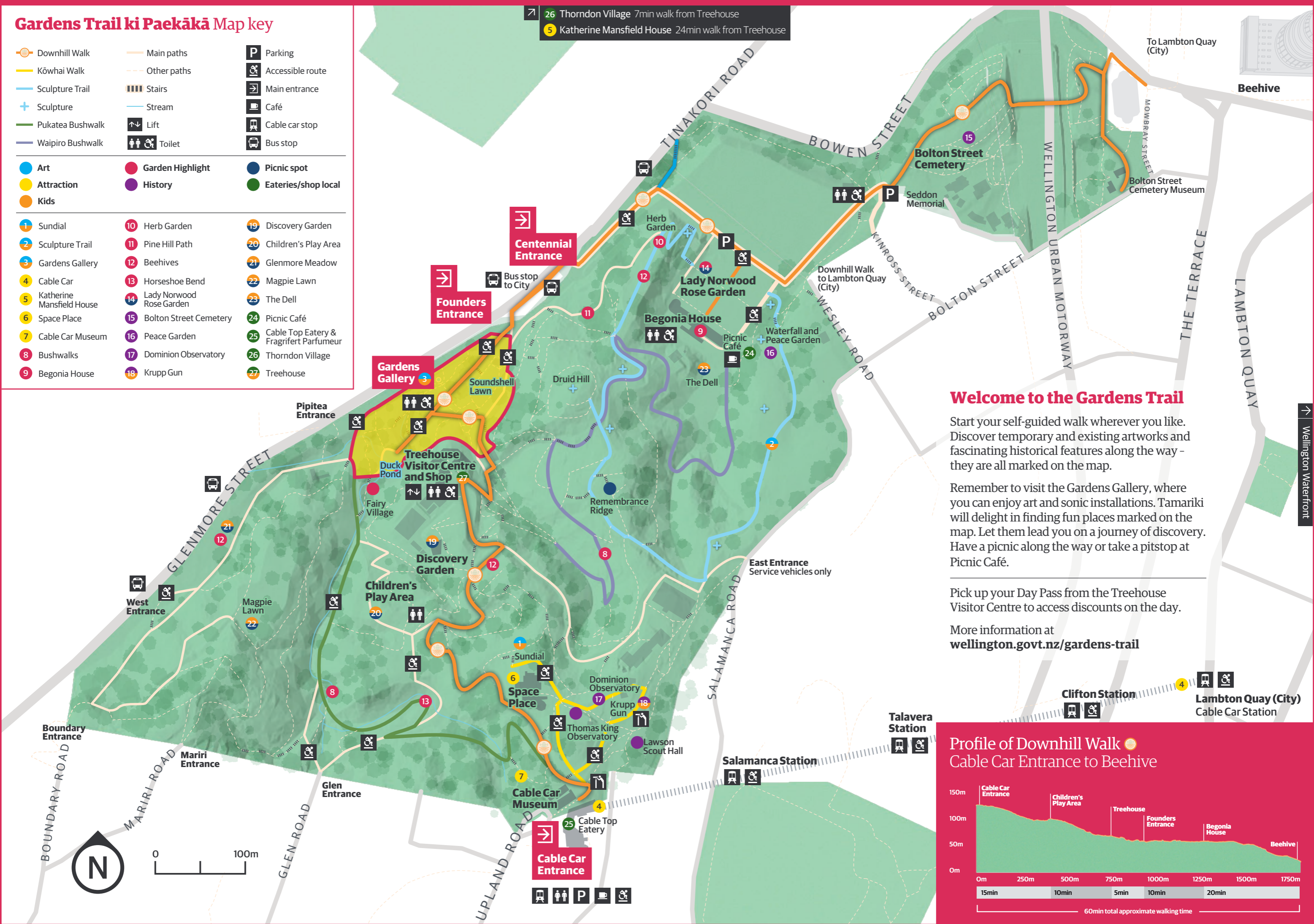
Wellington Cable Car - Experience a journey through time as you take a seat on the historic Cable Car from the heart of Wellington's city centre, up through the hillside terraced houses of Kelburn, to the lookout perched high above the city.

A special Family Pass deal is available for Gardens Trail visitors.

Find out more at wellingtoncablecar.co.nz

Gardens Trail ki Paekākā Map key

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| Downhill Walk | Main paths | Parking |
| Kōwhai Walk | Other paths | Accessible route |
| Sculpture Trail | Stairs | Main entrance |
| Sculpture | Stream | Café |
| Pukatea Bushwalk | Lift | Cable car stop |
| Waipiro Bushwalk | Toilet | Bus stop |
| Art | Garden Highlight | Picnic spot |
| Attraction | History | Eateries/shop local |
| Kids | | |
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Welcome to the Gardens Trail

Start your self-guided walk wherever you like. Discover temporary and existing artworks and fascinating historical features along the way - they are all marked on the map.

Remember to visit the Gardens Gallery, where you can enjoy art and sonic installations. Tamariki will delight in finding fun places marked on the map. Let them lead you on a journey of discovery. Have a picnic along the way or take a pitstop at Picnic Café.

Pick up your Day Pass from the Treehouse Visitor Centre to access discounts on the day.

More information at wellington.govt.nz/gardens-trail

Profile of Downhill Walk Cable Car Entrance to Beehive

