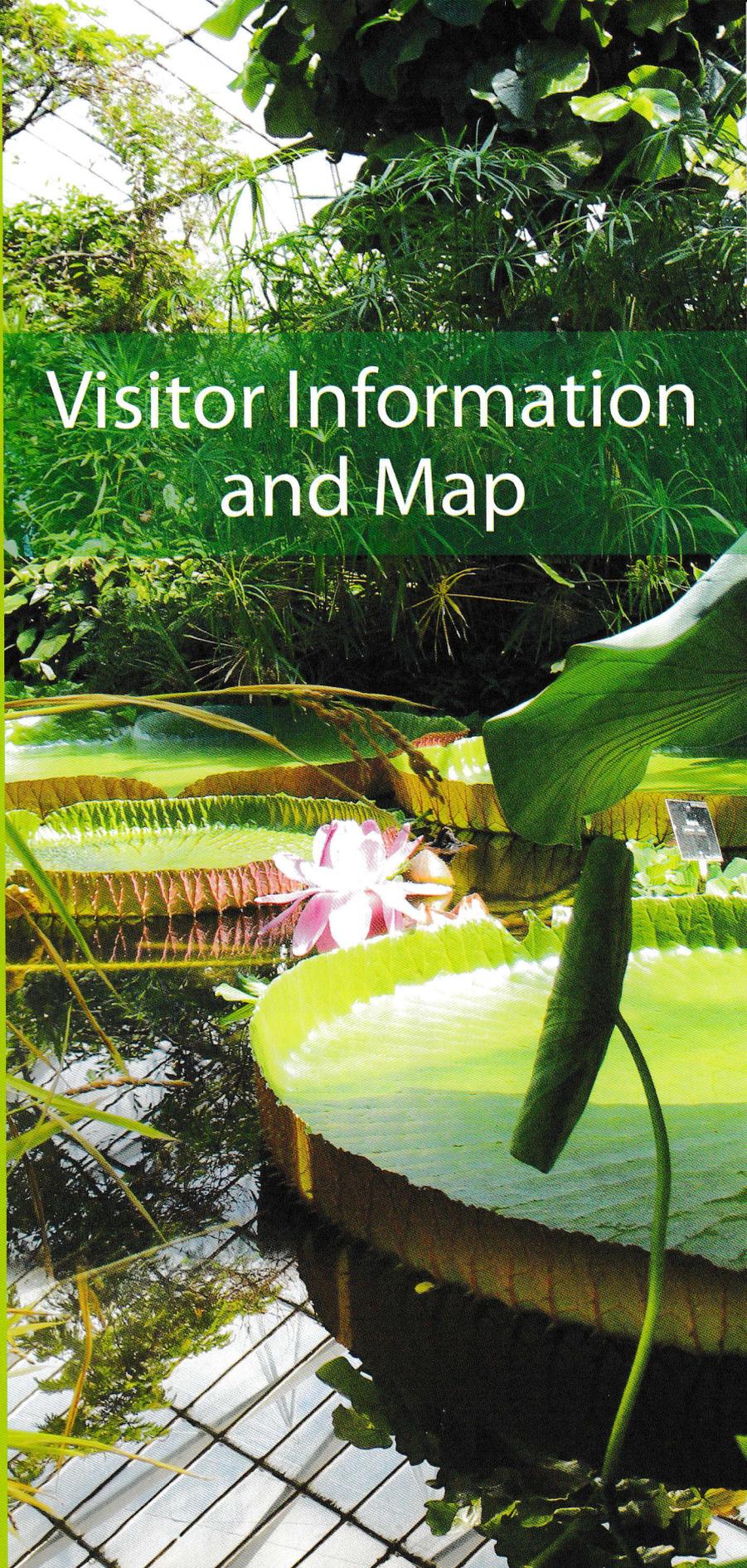
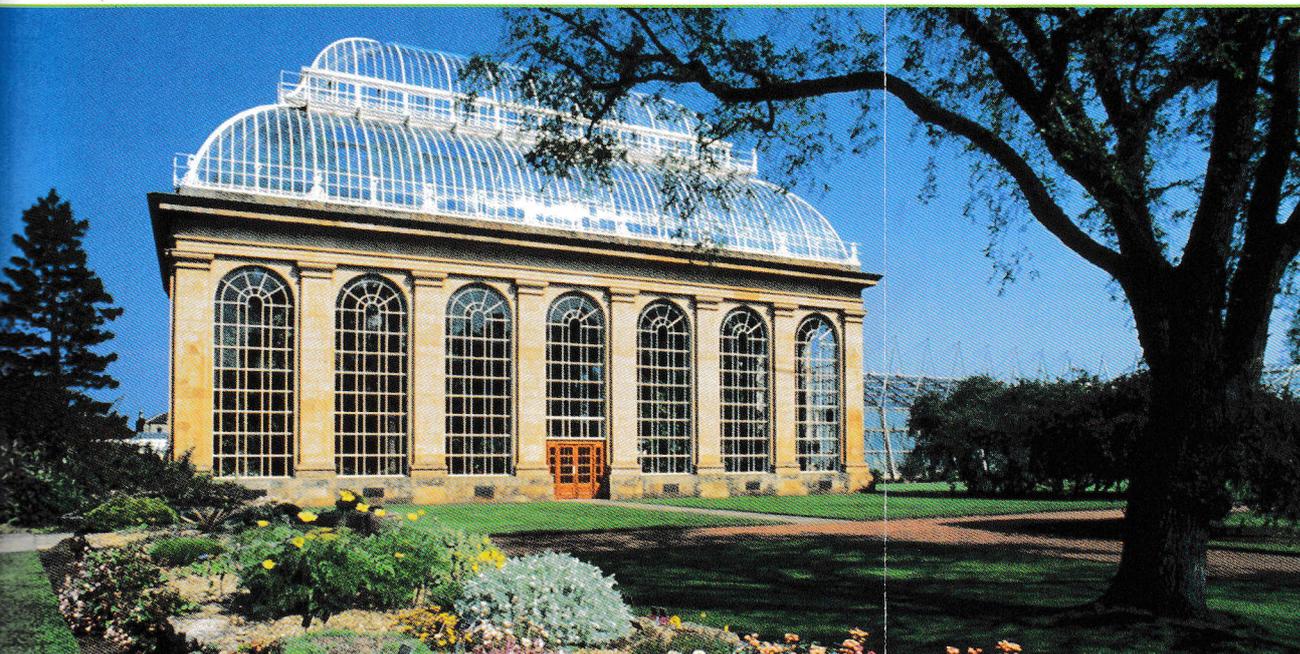


Visitor Information and Map



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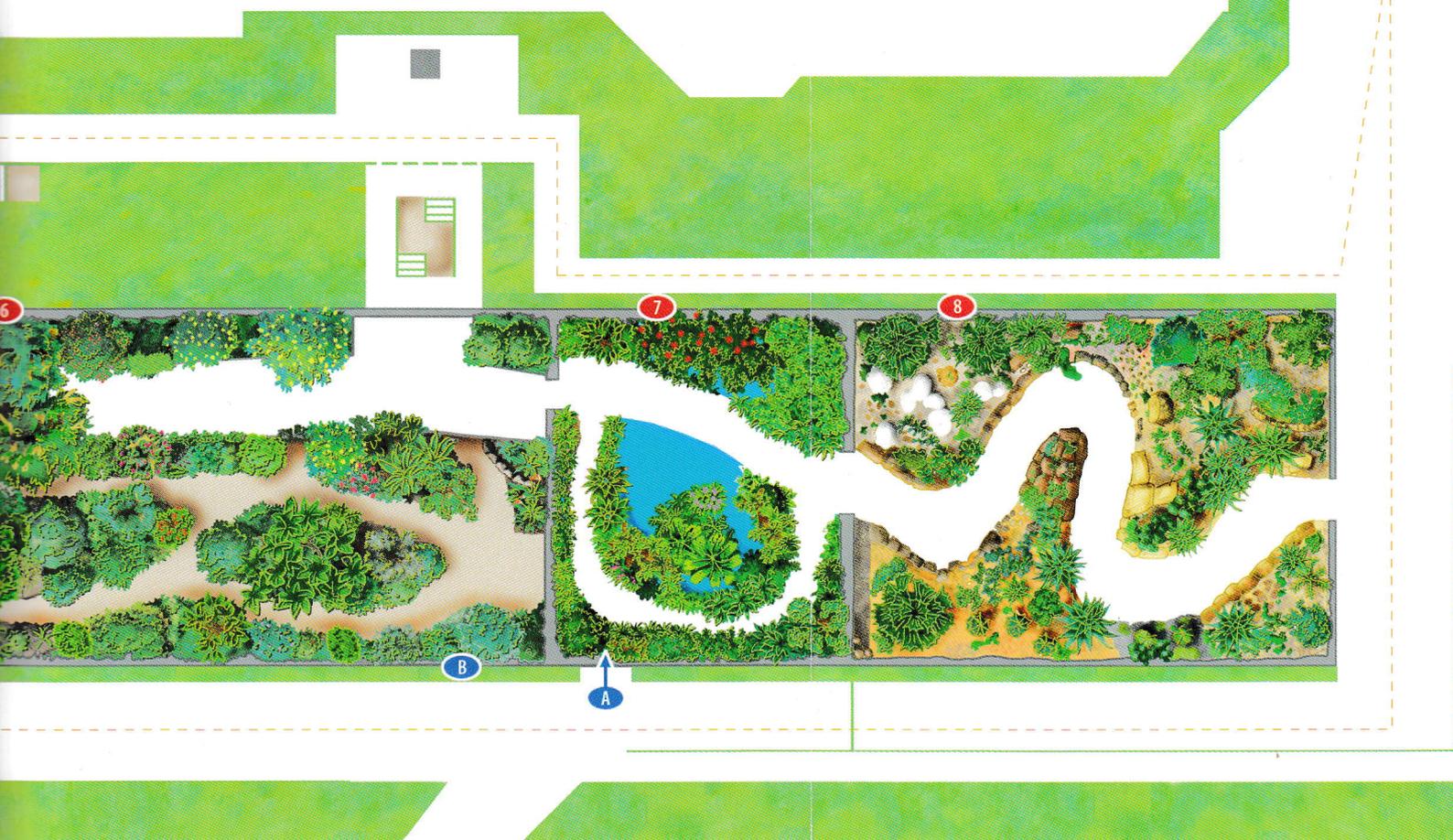


THE GLASSHOUSES

- 1 Temperate Palm House – entrance and reception
- 2 Tropical Palms
- 3 Orchids and Cycads
- 4 Ferns and Fossils
- 5 Plants and People
- 6 Temperate Walkway
- 7 Rainforest Riches
- 8 Arid Lands
- 9a Montane Tropics
- 9b Wet Tropics

FACILITIES AND FREE AREAS

- A Lower entrance and information zone
- B Temperate Lands
- C Aquarium
- D Exhibition Hall
- Toilets
- Recommended routes for returning Audiopass



The Glasshouses – Windows on the World

Welcome to the Glasshouses, where colourful and unusual plants from around the world flourish in ten indoor zones.

Tour with us through these zones and you will discover an astonishing diversity of plant life from the planet's warm temperate and tropical parts. Over 80% of the world's flora is found in these regions!

In the Glasshouses we recreate suitable climates by computer control of the heating, humidity and ventilation.

Your tour will take you from the Amazonian rainforest to an Indonesian mountainside, from Australian cloud forests to sun-baked Arabian deserts. Feel the difference in climate in each zone, and marvel at the dazzling variety of plant life!

A Working Collection

The 2,400 or so plant species growing in the Glasshouses are not only fascinating to look at. They play an important part in the global science, conservation and education work of the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh.

Many have been carefully collected from the wild by staff and are of research interest to scientists working

at the Garden. These include the world's largest collection of tender *Vireya* rhododendrons, a range of cycads and ferns, and substantial representations from the African violet and ginger families.

In addition, a number of plants are very rare or nearly extinct in the wild, so conserving them here is crucial.

Tradition Alive

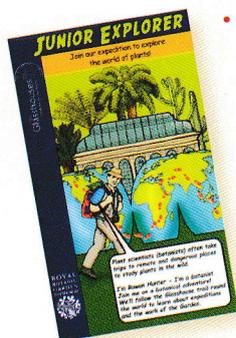
These buildings showcase a grand tradition of glasshouse design, from the pre-Victorian elegance of the Tropical Palm House (built in 1834) to the modern simplicity of the Main Range (built in 1978).

The magnificent Temperate Palm House, the entrance to the Glasshouses, was opened in 1858. At 23 metres, the height of five double-decker buses, it's the tallest traditional palm house in the world!



Go on tour!

- Grab your Audiopass sound guide – a complete talking guide to the Glasshouses, with heaps of fascinating facts. Look out for these symbols in each zone, punch in the number and listen.

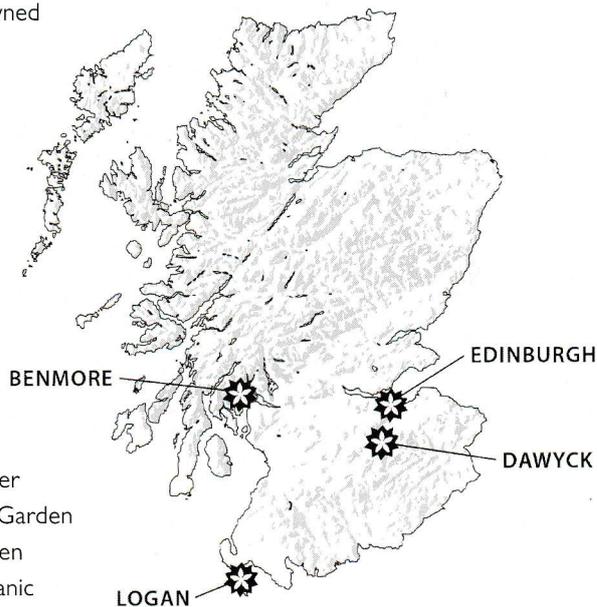


- For the kids we have a *Junior Explorer map* – an expedition with tasks to complete, games and factoids.
- Follow the route through the zones 1 to 9b – as indicated on this map and on the doors.
- Return your Audiopass to the Palm House reception desk – recommended return routes are shown on this map. Please visit the Exhibition Hall along the way!

About the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

The Garden is a world-renowned scientific institute with a reputation for excellence in the study of plants and their diversity. It was founded in 1670 as a physic garden located near Holyrood Palace. Since then the Garden has expanded and moved, settling here at Inverleith from 1820.

In the 20th century the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh acquired three other Gardens – Benmore Botanic Garden in Argyll, Logan Botanic Garden in Galloway and Dawyck Botanic Garden in the Borders. Together, the four Gardens, collectively known as the National Botanic Gardens of Scotland, grow more than 15,500 plant species. Much of the material is of known wild origin, making this is the second richest collection of its kind in the world!



This exceptional collection of plants is not only a joy to our visitors, but provides the raw materials for our globally important activities in plant research, education and conservation.

Enjoy more... Become a Friend of the Botanics

Inspired by what you see around you? By becoming a Friend you can support our vital work in plant research, conservation and education. Help us secure the future of plant diversity for the enjoyment and benefit of future generations.

Friends enjoy a number of benefits, such as free access to the four Gardens and the Glasshouses

at Edinburgh as well as a number of other gardens in the UK and around the world; an exciting range of events; a discount on adult education courses and on purchases made in the Botanics Shops.

For more information, or to join, please contact the Membership Office, tel. 0131 552 5339, or email members@rbge.org.uk

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