

Welcome to Botaniska!

Botaniska was first opened to the public in 1923. Before that, a country estate with widespread meadowlands surrounded by magnificent hills and forests formed a rural idyll here. A Nature Reserve since 1975, this wild area today constitutes Botaniska's most extensive acreage.

You can ramble freely here for hours without meeting anybody, although you may surprise a hare, fox, deer or elk. Many of the trees in the Nature Reserve belong to Botaniska's Arboretum. Nowadays city streets frame the park, but wild nature and cultivated gardens blend ingeniously in Botaniska, and the frontiers between them are often diffuse.

The botanist and explorer Carl Skottsberg was specially chosen for the assignment of founding a botanical garden in Gothenburg. Right from the beginning, education and scientific research have been essential aspects of Botaniska's work, likewise horticulture and recreation.

Since 1936, Botaniska has actively collaborated with the University of Gothenburg, currently playing an important role as a garden for research and excursions. Pedagogical enterprises and Green Rehabilitation are yet other vital components of Botaniska's daily work.

While you may roam along paths through quite untouched natural scenery in Smith's Hollow, the cultivated areas like the Japanese Dale, Herb Garden, Spring Meadow, perennial flowerbeds and bamboo thickets display attractive collections of plants from all corners of the earth.

Gothenburg is featured on the botanical world map for several reasons, not least of which is its collection of bulb and tuber plants, all gathered in their wild habitats. The internationally famous Rock Garden with its glittering waterfall is ravishing.

For children, Botaniska opens up an enticing world. Inquisitive koi-carp flash golden bodies in the ponds, and secret hiding-places abound among the trees. Anyone with tired feet has a tempting choice of benches to rest on, with a wealth of vistas to contemplate in quiet enjoyment.

In addition to all the cultivated areas, there are various exhibitions to be seen, and objects both of beauty and practical use may be found in the shop. Mouth-watering fika is on offer at the café or you may prefer to have lunch in the decorative café garden. Botaniska is open every day all year round – a delight for Gothenburg's citizens and visitors alike.

Opening Hours and Information

Botaniska's opening hours:

Every day from 9 a.m. to sundown. Tickets (SEK 20) are optional, but Botaniska is dependent upon donations, large and small. Please leave your contribution in the box at the Main Entrance. Thank you – you make all the difference!

Opening Hours of Greenhouses

Over 4,000 species can be seen here – among them tropical orchids and carnivorous plants.
Open: May–Aug: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Other months: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Closed: 24, 25 and 31 Dec.

Tickets: SEK 20 (from 18 years old).
Göteborg City Card valid here.

Shop & Visitors' Centre

Gifts, books, plants, seeds and gardening tools are on sale here. You can also enjoy a coffee or borrow a map.

Open: April – Sept: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.,
Oct: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.,

Nov. – March: 12 noon – 5 p.m.

Closed: 25 Dec.



Dogs

Dogs are not permitted in Botaniska between 1 March and 30 Sept. Dogs on leads are permitted all other months of the year. Guide dogs are naturally welcome all year round.

Accessibility

In certain sectors of the gardens accessibility is rather limited. Electric wheelchairs and walk scooters are available on loan and can be booked via the Shop: tel. + 46 10 473 77 77.

How to find us

Botaniska is situated about 4 km from Central Station. It's easy to find your way here!

By tram: Disembark at Botaniska Trädgården or Sahlgrenska Hospital Main Entrance.

By bus: Disembark at Annedal Church (Annedalskyrkan).

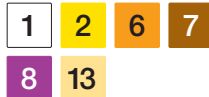
By car: Carl Skottsbergs Gata 22 A. Disabled P-places are available at the Main Entrance. A limited number of other P-places is available there too. There are several larger car parks in Slottsskogen, 500 m. walk.

Welcome!



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Some Ideas For Your Visit

Here are some ideas for your visit to Botaniska, from half an hour to a whole afternoon:

Half an hour or so? Walk to the Great Lawn past the Dahlias and Perennials, glorious in the late summer and autumn. Otherwise there's plenty to catch your attention in the entrance area with its special attractions and Shop.

Only an hour? Walk briskly up the main path to the Japanese Dell via the Rock Garden and back the same way. This will leave you time for a quick lunch or fika, or to explore the rougher terrain of Smith's Hollow on your way back.



Feeling energetic and adventurous? Take the main path past the Japanese Dell and out through the far gate. Then the choice is yours. Follow a small forest trail? Venture off the beaten track? Trek round a lake or pick mushrooms? Please – respect the rules of the Nature Reserve. And preferably carry a GPS with you.

Family outing? Try the wild track to the right of the Ornamental Pond. Let the kids romp around on the grassy slopes among bushes and trees. Climb up to the viewpoint on Håberget Hill. Then it'll be time for your own picnic or cool drinks and buns at the café.

Need a coffee? Just aim for the café! Afterwards you should have enough energy to stroll up to the Rock Garden and return via the Waterfall. Don't miss the Japanese Dell!

Find your way in Botaniska

