Join the Friends of the Garden

You can get involved in our work through the Friends of the Garden.

An association of Friends of the University of Leicester Botanic Garden was founded in 1980 to promote and support the development of the Garden’s plant collections and amenities. We now have nearly 900 members. Benefits include:

- access to the Garden and Arboretum out of hours
- monthly talks and visits to other places of horticultural interest
- quarterly newsletter
- meeting like-minded people
- developing your interests and knowledge
- plant exchanges

If you would like to join, please contact us or ask for a membership leaflet.

Visitor Information

Admission to the Botanic Garden and Attenborough Arboretum is FREE (except on special event days).

The Botanic Garden is open:
- 10am-5pm every day
- Closed: Christmas to New Year period
- Friends of the Garden have out-of-hours access via a keypad

Entrance and parking on Glebe Road (LE2 2LD)

The Attenborough Arboretum is open:
- 9.30am-3.30pm Monday to Thursday
- 9.30am-3pm Friday
- Except bank holidays and University closure days

Entrance on Carisbrooke Road (LE2 3PF), on-site and street parking available.

All our main paths are wheelchair accessible.

More information can be found on our Website: www.le.ac.uk/botanicgarden

How to find us
Guided tours

Take a tour of the Botanic Garden with one of our trained guides. You will be shown all the highlights of the Garden with specialist detail. The tours focus on the history and development of the garden, especially the restored Edwardian garden, the houses and landscape features of particular interest. Throughout the tour noteworthy plants are pointed out, together with information about their scientific and horticultural importance. The tours can be tailor-made to suit the group's particular interests if required.

Taking a tour ensures that you won’t miss anything: all the garden’s highlights and interesting, hidden details are included.

How to make a booking

Cost: £4.00 per person

The tours are available for pre-booked groups. Tours can be arranged for any time or day. They typically last for 60-90 minutes, depending on requirements.

To make a booking please contact us at our correspondence address:
University of Leicester Botanic Garden,
University Road, Leicester LE1 7RH
Tel/fax: 0116 271 2933
Email: botanicgarden@leicester.ac.uk
Web: www.le.ac.uk/botanicgarden

Herb Garden

Dominated by a pair of Mulberry Trees, and edged with hedges of dwarf lavender and rosemary, the Herb Garden is planted with a wide range of medicinal and culinary plants. The lower part of the Garden features our award-winning Fibonacci pavements.

Limestone garden

The limestone garden displays mountain plants from four geographical areas: the Americas, Asia, Europe and the British Isles.

Edwardian gardens

Featuring our restored Edwardian garden, the tour focuses on period garden design, but also on the four houses and the lives of their owners.

The order beds

The beds show flowering plant families, explaining the relationships and development of 450,000 species in 450 families. The botanical background and scientific classification of the plant world represented in glorious planting.

Woodland area and pinetum

Follow winding paths through a landscaped collection of conifers and woodland trees. See also an example of unimproved Leicestershire meadow with important native wildflowers.