

Go Bush at the Botanic Garden

Wild spots to explore



Acer saccharinum



Amanita muscaria



1 Fern Gully

About a minute's walk from the aviary, Fern Gully is a shady secret nudging beneath Opoho Road. A single track wends its way through the welcoming coolness, passing ferns ranging from forest floor to tree ferns.



4 Little Bush

In the middle of the Botanic Garden you can feel as if you're in the middle of the bush. This tiny patch links the aviary and Mediterranean Garden. A long term scientific study is investigating the changes happening in here over time.

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Hound's Tongue Fern



2 Lovelock Bush

It's amazing how nature can heal itself in 130 years. Lovelock Bush used to be grazed by deer but now is a visible example of the regrowth process – tall kanuka protect regenerating native bush below.



3 Rhododendron Dell Bush

This bush is home to a silent survivor of the olden days. A big broadleaf tree remains from pre-Pakeha days, in the board-walked gully beneath the Cherry Walk.

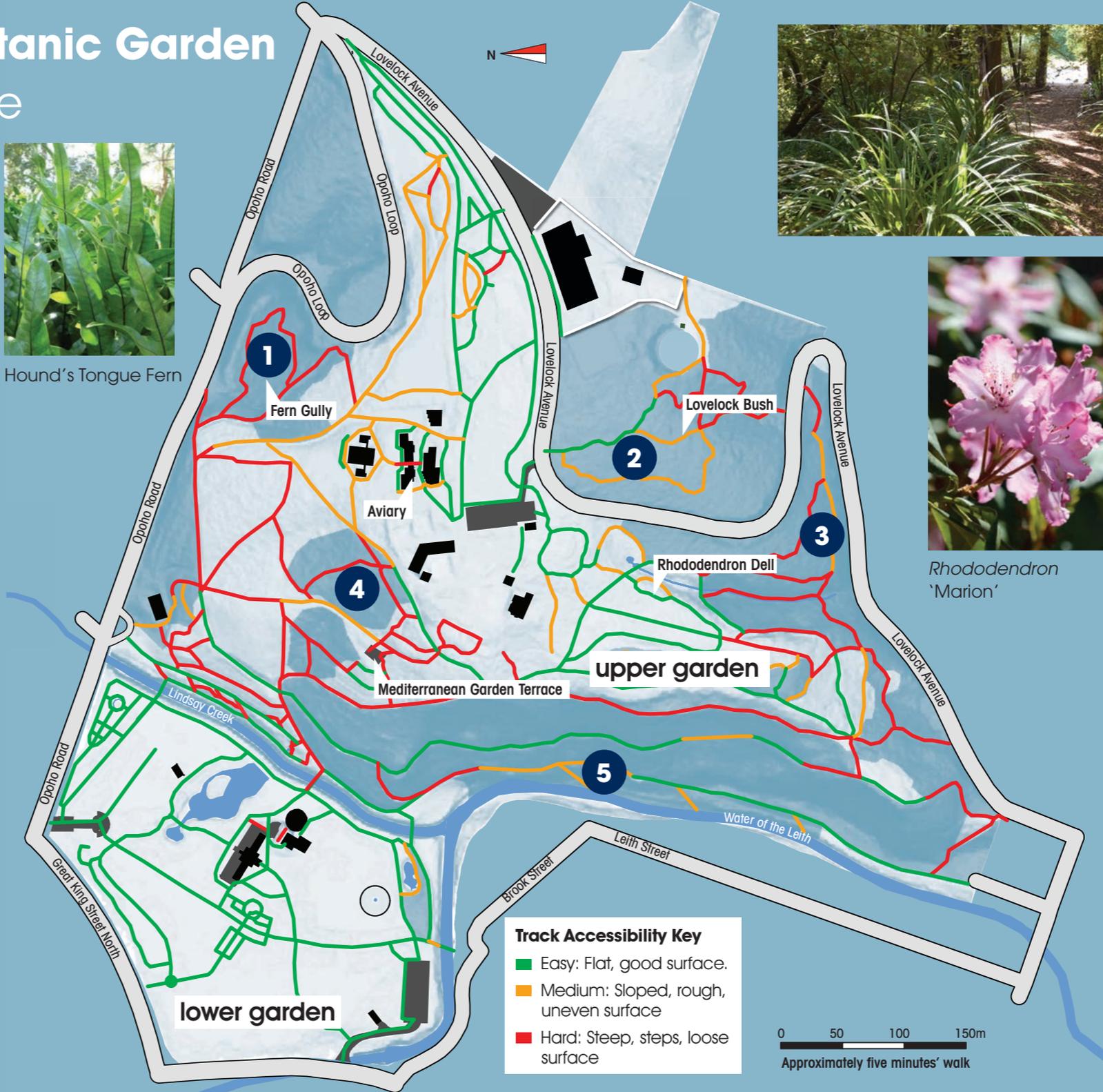


Rhododendron 'Marion'



5 Hillside Bush

Long, flat sections of track take you through this massive bush patch on the side of a hill. At the bottom, riverside tracks go to grassy picnic spots that soak up the sun.



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Picnic by the Plants

Favourite and hidden picnic spots at Dunedin Botanic Garden



1 North Asian Lawn

A wee gem, this private lawn has views to Flagstaff and is bordered by plants from Japan, Korea, and China. It's an easy, flat walk from the intersection of Signal Hill Road and Lovelock Avenue.



3 Friendship Lawn

Sloped towards the sun, this large lawn is surrounded by exotic species from all around the world. From the upper garden carpark, follow the signs to the Geographic Collection.

2 New Zealand Native Lawn

This flat, manicured lawn, near the upper garden carpark, is so beautiful it is popular for weddings. Check out the divaricating lancewoods that start life as twisted and prickly then grow to graceful trees.

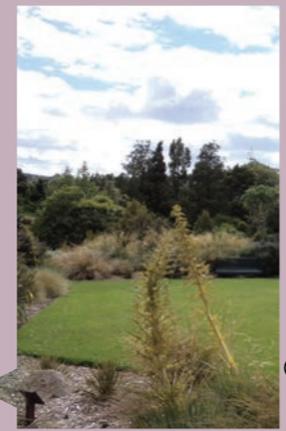
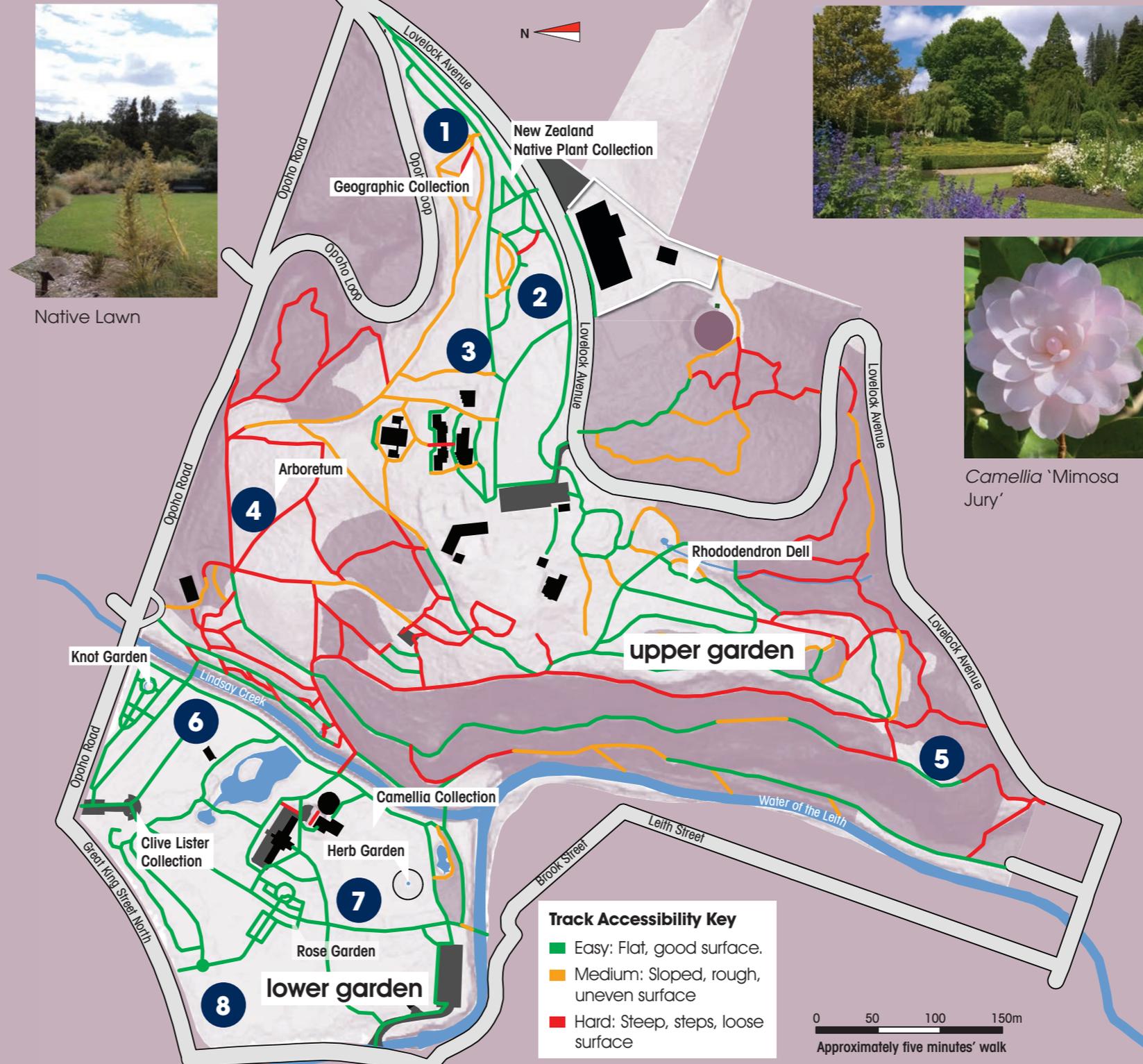


4 Arboretum

With tall trees and open, grassy glens, the arboretum is wild and beautiful - find your own secret spot. The arboretum is a five minute walk from mid-Opoho Road or park in the upper garden carpark.

5 Rhododendron Dell South Lookout

A flat grassy area, The Point offers views for miles and instant access to the woodland tracks of the wild, forested end of the Rhododendron Dell. A woodchip track off lower Lovelock Avenue gets you there in minutes.



Native Lawn



Camellia 'Mimosa Jury'



7 Herb Garden Lawn

Tea is made from a plant that grows beside this lawn - *Camellia sinensis*, in the species border of the Camellia Collection. The fascinating Herb Garden has labels describing how these plants help people.



8 Lower Garden Trees

By the rose garden are huge expanses of lawn, offering plenty of space for running and playing. Mature specimen trees have interesting labels and create a graceful, park-like atmosphere.

Track Accessibility Key

- Easy: Flat, good surface.
- Medium: Sloped, rough, uneven surface
- Hard: Steep, steps, loose surface

0 50 100 150m
Approximately five minutes' walk