

History

Designed by the architect Alphonse Laverrière and the botanist Florian Cosandey, the botanical garden was inaugurated June 1, 1946. It is listed in the inventory of Swiss historical gardens as a cultural asset of national importance.

A museum

Installed in this island of vegetation, the botanical museum houses divers collections that include: a herbarium with one million specimens, an archive of botanical illustrations including painted herbariums, and a library specialized in plant biology (35,000 works).

Cultural and scientific activities

The Museum and Botanical Gardens mounts botany-related, scientific and artistic exhibitions. It also organizes discovery workshops for young persons, as well as guided visits for all. By cultivating selected species, it participates in conservation programmes for rare and endangered plants.

An association of friends

The institution benefits from support of an association of people who help and participate in its activities, the Association des Amis des Musée et Jardin botaniques de Lausanne (AMJB).

La Thomasia

The alpine garden of Pont de Nant, La Thomasia, is part of the same institution. It is located at the entrance to the Vallon de Nant, near Bex, Canton of Vaud, in the calcareous Swiss Alps. Created in 1891, it is the oldest continuously active alpine garden in Switzerland.



Open: 1 March to 31 October from 10 am to 5:30 pm
(10 am to 6:30 pm from 1 May to 30 September)
Greenhouses, closed from 12 to 1:30 pm.

Entrance: free of charge

Guided visits (by reservation)

For groups and school classes please inquire at the reception

Main events

Easter vacation: Pâkomuzé
March to October: temporary exhibitions
May to September: Botanical Tuesday, guided visits
May: Spring festival
June: Botanica, the Week of Botanical Gardens of Switzerland
September: the Night of the Museums

Thematic workshops (on demand)

Access

Main entrance: Avenue de Cour, Place de Milan, Lausanne
Bus / metro : from the main train station CFF of Lausanne :
bus n°1, direction: Maladière, stop: Beauregard
metro M2, direction: Ouchy, stop: Délices
By foot from the main train station: 10 min.
Public parking at the train station or Bellerive

Persons with reduced mobility

Certain paths are accessible for persons with reduced mobility. The toilets however are not adapted for this public.

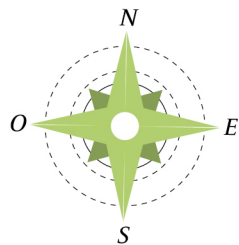
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Paths for visually impaired people

Paths for persons with reduced mobility

Place de Milan

Main entrance, av. de Cour

Colline de Montriond

Entrance

The Botanical Garden of Lausanne

- Alpine plants
- Medicinal plants
- Carnivorous plants
- Arboretum
- Rhodoretum
- Climbing plants
- Protected plants
- Peatlands
- Orangery plants
- Aquatic plants
- Garden of touch and scents
- Theme garden
- Cultures

The botanical garden occupies 1.7 hectares of the south-western part of the Place de Milan in Lausanne. It is 10 minutes by foot from the train station and close to public transport.

This living museum is home to some 4000 species of plants. Decorated with ponds and a water fall, it includes rock gardens with alpine plants from all continents, an arboretum, and a very rich collection of carnivorous plants. Several hundred medicinal plants are presented in a garden, arranged according to systematic classification, in an orangery, and in a tropical greenhouse.

Greenhouse for succulents

Museum, Info, WC

Pavillon Laverrière

Tropical greenhouse

Access by bus and metro

Access by bus train station

2cm = 20m