

The Botanical Garden

Designed by the architect Alphonse Laverrière and the botanist Florian Cosandey, the Botanical Garden was inaugurated on June 1, 1946. The inventory of Swiss historical gardens lists it as a cultural asset of national importance. Its main collections consist of Alpine, carnivorous, and medicinal plants.

The Botanical Museum

Installed within the Botanical Garden, the Botanical Museum features various collections: A herbarium with one million specimens, an archive of botanical illustrations including painted herbariums, and a library specialising in plant biology (35,000 works).

Cultural and scientific activities

The Museum and Botanical Gardens organise botany-related, scientific and artistic exhibitions, as well as a rich programme of activities for the public and schools. They perform scientific research and participate in conservation programmes for rare and endangered plants by cultivating some of them.

An association of friends

The institution is backed by an association – the *Association des Amis des Musée et Jardin botaniques de Lausanne* (AMJB) – which participates in its activities.

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.

SCHEDULES

Lausanne Botanical Garden open daily

- 10 18.30 from May to October
- 10 17 from November to April
- Closed during the winter school holidays

Lausanne Botanical Museum

During exhibitions, open daily

• 10 – 18 from May to October

• 10 – 17 from November to April

Herbarium and Library

• By appointment only

"La Thomasia" Alpine Garden at Pont-de-Nant

· Open daily from dawn to sunset from May to October

VISITS AND WORKSHOPS

Temporary and permanent exhibitions

Numerous guided tours, workshops and events (*free of charge*) Guided tours for private groups (*subject to a charge, advance booking*) Guided tours and workshops for school classes (*free of charge, advance booking*)

ENTRANCE

Main entrance: Avenue de Cour, Place de Milan, Lausanne Metro M2, stop Délices Bus nr 1, stop Beauregard

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Exhibition halls and greenhouses accessible to people with reduced mobility Garden partially accessible Path of touch and scents adapted to all Toilets not adapted for wheelchairs

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Admission free Open daily from 10 to 18.30 (17 from November to April)



The Botanical Garden of Lausanne



The Botanical Garden covers 1.7 hectares of the south-western part of Place de Milan in Lausanne. It is a 10-minute walk from the train station and close to public transport. This living museum is home to some 4,000 plant species. Decorated with ponds and a waterfall, it includes rock gardens with Alpine plants from all continents, an arboretum, and Switzerland's most important public collections of carnivorous plants. Several hundreds of systematically classified medicinal plants are presented in a garden, an orangery, and a tropical greenhouse.

