

KIDS PICKS: GARDEN HIGHLIGHTS

Refer to a Garden Map to locate these favourite features! Pick up a map at the Admissions Desk.
Please note: not all paths are wheelchair accessible. Ask the Visitor Services Desk for info.



MAZE

People have been constructing and exploring mazes around the globe for thousands of years. VanDusen's maze is made of 3,000 pyramidal cedars planted on top of a sketched design. Read the sign to learn how to find your way out of any maze.



BEEES

Bees are important pollinators. Each one of the white bee boxes is home to 30,000 - 65,000 honeybees. Apiarists (beekeepers) tend to the hives from spring through autumn, and collect excess honey the bees produce. Read the signs to find out why bees dance, how many eggs a queen lays everyday, and what honeycomb is made of.



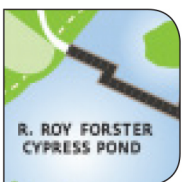
GIANT REDWOODS (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*)

Giant sequoia trees are the tallest growing tree species on earth, and can live for thousands of years! Explore beneath the sweeping boughs of the tall giants, and take a moment to enjoy the quiet space. Can you guess why there isn't much growing beneath the trees?



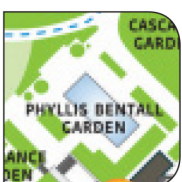
GROTTO

The Grotto is constructed of volcanic basalt rock quarried from False Creek. Take a walk inside and peer closely at the variety of plants growing on the rough walls.



FLOATING BRIDGE

VanDusen's ponds are teeming with life above and below the the water. Look around and try to think of various ways the plants and animals in the pond are adapted to the environment. Can you find any bald cypress trees, red-eared slider turtles, or mirror carp?



CARNIVOROUS PLANTS

Carnivorous plants derive most of their nutrients by trapping and consuming prey such as insects. Some larger species even trap small animals! VanDusen's pitcher plants attract their next meal with their unique coloration and scent. How do other plants get their energy and nutrients?

THERE'S MORE... 

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GITKSAN TOTEM POLES

Explore a hidden corner of the garden, and find two cedar totem poles. Read the storyboard to learn about the Gitksan Mosquito People and the Orca Clan. Can you create your own legend using the carved images?



SECRET RHODODENDRON PATH

Take the road less traveled! This narrow, winding path will give you a different perspective while exploring the rhododendron walk. Find the hidden entrance on the right hand side as you enter the path. White dashed lines on the Garden map are all secret paths.



FRAGRANCE GARDEN

Explore some delightful scents by gently rubbing the leaves of herbs and plants, and smelling as many beautiful flowers as you can. Which scent did you enjoy the most?



MECONOPSIS DELL

Does exploring the Meconopsis Dell make you feel like you have stepped back in time? Enjoy this remote and quiet area of the Garden.



WATERFALL

After you enjoy the soothing sound of falling water, step under the tumbling branches of the weeping katsura tree. Take a moment to close your eyes and listen to the sounds around you.



HAVE MORE TIME? KEEP EXPLORING!

There are dozens of 'secret' paths (the white dotted lines on the map) to discover, plants to see, and animals to happen upon. Find your own favourite places!

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