

# Welcome to Barnhill Rock Garden

The Rock Garden is sited on part of a former nine-hole golf course which was laid out after the Dundee to Aberdeen railway was built more than a century ago. The garden was started in 1955 by clearing an area of volcanic rock which had at one time been the old shore line. There were originally five natural springs and the lowest pond is the site of one of these, the others having dried up in 1976.

The Scottish Rock Garden Club and Dundee Botanic Garden have made generous donations to create a geographical theme to reflect the many countries from which the plants originated. The Friends of Barnhill Rock Garden have raised a wide range of plants from seeds and cuttings in the garden and nursery.

The Friends of the Barnhill Rock Garden is a formally constituted body with charitable status and acts as a support group, liaising with Dundee City Council's Neighbourhood Services Department on issues relating to the well-being of the garden.

The Friends also participate in joint projects to improve the facilities in the garden. The Geddes Glasshouse; which functions as a meeting room, information point and plant display area, was installed in 2006 with the kind cooperation of Dundee Contemporary Arts, and the artist Apolonija Sustersic.

**Membership is open to all for a modest annual subscription.** Members can take part in a varied programme of garden visits, garden-related talks and workshops. Members also have the opportunity of experiencing hands-on gardening in the nursery area and scree bed.

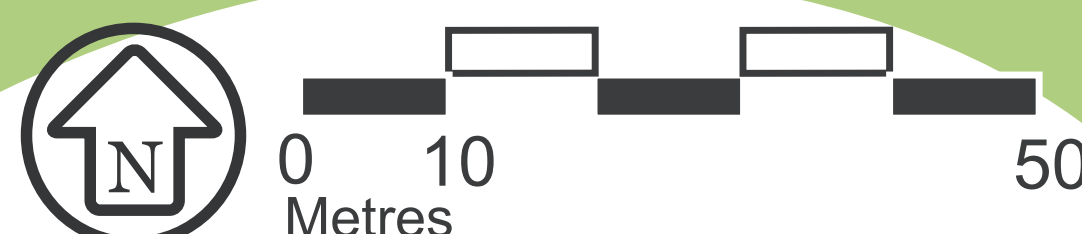
Picnics are very welcome in the gardens  
Alcohol and fires are not allowed in any of Dundee's parks.  
Failure to clean up after dogs can lead to instant fines.  
Littering is also punishable by instant fines.  
**Refer to main management rules for further details.**  
Thank you

**Toilet Opening Times**  
Summer (April - Sept) 08:00 - 18:00  
Winter (Sept - April) 08:00 - 15:00

- 1 - Geddes Glasshouse:**  
Information and display beds. Weekdays only (open 8 - 4:30 April - Sept / 8 - 3:30 Oct - March)
- 2 - Snowdrop Wood:**  
Wander through and enjoy the changing display of bulbs, woodland plants and specimen trees.
- 3 - Plant Nursery:**  
Propagation area making use of the garden's own resources.
- 4 - Pergola / Office / First Aid Point:**  
Take advantage of the fantastic view from the pergola, or chat to the Friends of the Rock Garden.
- 5 - Scree Bed:**  
One of the areas maintained by the Friends, which exposes the natural volcanic rock.
- 6 - Water Features:**  
Enjoy this tranquil setting and listen to the gentle sound of the water.
- 7 - Sunken Garden:**  
Sometimes known as 'The Secret Garden', it's full of interesting plants.
- 8 - Terraced Rock Garden:**  
Largest borders in the garden, containing alpines, trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants
- 9 - Recycling Area:**  
This is where we compost our waste.  
Section of path not recommended for wheelchairs.



Path through Nature Reserve  
To Broughty Ferry and City Centre



Barnhill Rock Garden is owned by Dundee City Council, and managed by the Neighbourhood Services Department.  
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