

GARDENS // IN MANAWATŪ



Discover Manawatū's vibrant gardening heritage, where award-winning public gardens, charming cottage plots, and native bush walks showcase the region's passion for nature and horticultural creativity.



Location



Contact
Details



Entry
Details



Wheelchair
Accessible



Bookings
Necessary



Onsite
Parking



Toilet
Facilities



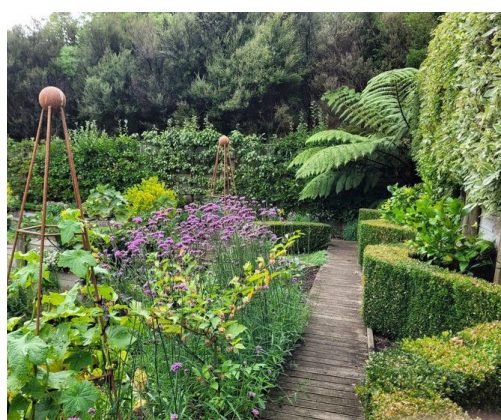
Food
and
Drinks



Guided
Tour



NZGT Star
Rating



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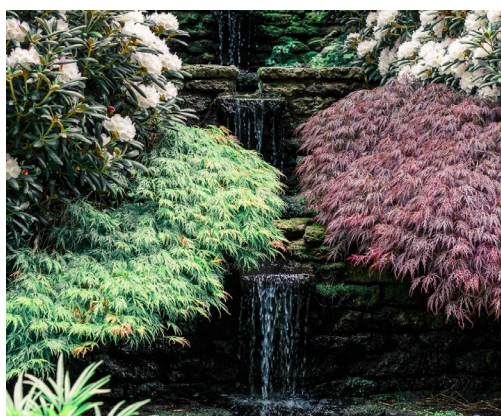
85 Ngahere Park Road,
RD 2, Palmerston North

\$10 per person. Under
16's free.

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Hlomo Hlomo is a stunning country garden near Palmerston North, blending native and exotic plants across terraced landscapes, shady paths, and timber boardwalks. Highlights include reflecting pools, a potager, labyrinth, and "The Cloud."

Open by appointment from 1 November to 28 February, 9am–5pm. Note: the garden features steep terrain and steps between levels.



CROSS HILLS GARDENS



339 Rangiwhia Road,
Kimbolton

Garden Fee: Adults \$10-
\$15. Under 16's free.

Email: office@crosshills.co.nz

Cross Hills features over 2,000 varieties of rhododendrons and azaleas, along with rare trees and perennials for year-round colour. Enjoy a café, shop, camellia maze, and wheelchair-accessible paths, or book a weekday 'Magic Mini' tour (10 Oct–11 Nov).

Open year-round with plant sales available.



GREENHAUGH GARDENS



914 Napier Road,
Palmerston North

Garden entry \$10 per
adult. Under 16's free.

Email: lynne@greenhaugh.co.nz

Greenhaugh Gardens, a six-star international garden, surrounds an 1874 colonial homestead. Explore two hectares of classic gardens with box-edged borders, wisteria-covered pergola, ponds, and limestone paths. Meet Jacob the donkey, spot spring lambs, and browse unique plants in the on-site nursery.

Open weekdays 10am–4pm. Weekends, public holidays, and groups by prior arrangement. Plant sales available.



VILLA CANDOTTI



133 Reid Line East,
Colyton



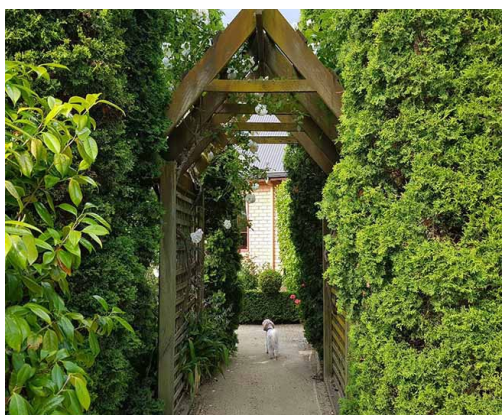
\$10 per person. Under 16's
are free. Guided tours
\$30 per adult.



Email: villacandotti@gmail.com

Villa Candotti is a world-class Italian Renaissance-inspired garden in rural Manawatū, featuring formal manicured landscapes, ponds, fountains, and statues. Created from former sheep paddocks, it offers romantic views and has been featured in NZ Gardens Magazine.

Open most days by appointment.



LONGWOOD GARDENS



388 Stoney Creek Road,
Palmerston North



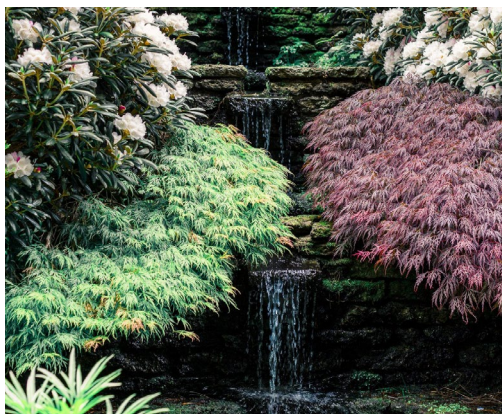
\$10 per person. Under
16's free



Email: info@longwoodgardens.co.nz

Longwood Gardens is a hidden 3.5-acre oasis in Palmerston North, transformed from a horse paddock into a stunning botanical haven. Wander through diverse plant collections, peaceful paths, and vibrant flowerbeds, each corner offering a fresh delight.

Open year-round by appointment.
Plant sales available.



CROSS HILLS GARDENS



339 Rangiwhahia Road,
Kimbolton



Garden Fee: Adults \$10-
\$15. Under 16's free.



Email: office@crosshills.co.nz

Cross Hills features expansive gardens with over 2,000 varieties of rhododendrons and azaleas, plus rare trees, shrubs, and perennials for year-round colour. Enjoy the onsite café, shop, and accessible paths, or take a tour on the 'Magic Mini'. Kids (and kids at heart) will love the camellia maze.

Open year-round. 'Magic Mini' tours run weekdays from 10 Oct-11 Nov by appointment.
Plant sales available.



HERITAGE PARK RHODODENDRON GARDENS



Haggarty Street,
Kimbolton



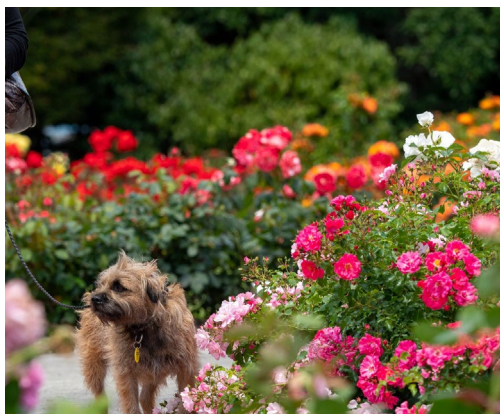
1 September - 31
January: \$10
1 February - 31 August: \$5
Under 14's free



Email: secretary.heritagepark@gmail.com

Heritage Park Rhododendron Gardens in Kimbolton showcases 2,000 rhododendrons, trees, and shrubs. This magnificent 5-hectare park features picnic areas, lawns, ponds, and diverse rhododendron species. Open year-round, it offers an ever-evolving landscape with heritage and hybrid varieties. The chalet serves refreshments from late September to December.

Open everyday from Dawn till Dusk.
Plant sales available.



VICTORIA ESPLANADE



Park Road,
Palmerston North

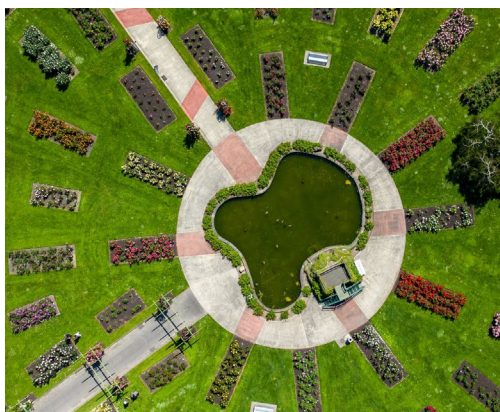


Free



Website: <https://bit.ly/VictoriaEsplanade>

Victoria Esplanade is a horticultural paradise. Lush, vibrant, and diverse, it boasts the world-renowned Dugald MacKenzie Rose Garden with over 5,000 roses. The Peter Black Conservatory showcases tropical and subtropical plants, including a stunning orchid collection. Seasonal flower beds, a fernery, and native bush create year-round interest. This 19-hectare riverside oasis offers a captivating blend of exotic and native flora, perfect for garden enthusiasts.



DUGALD MACKENZIE ROSE GARDENS



Palm Drive,
Victoria Esplanade,
Palmerston North



Free

The Dugald MacKenzie Rose Garden in Palmerston North showcases over 5,000 roses across formal beds, trial grounds, and a plant variety rights collection. Home to the NZ Rose Society's International Rose Trial Grounds, it's where new roses are judged over two years for beauty, fragrance, and performance.

Open October–March, 9am–9pm; April–September, 9am–6pm.



PETER BLACK CONSERVATORY



Palm Drive,
Victoria Esplanade,
Palmerston North



Free

Step into the Peter Black Conservatory, a tropical oasis in Palmerston North's Victoria Esplanade. Marvel at the diverse collection of exotic plants, with orchids taking center stage. Next door, the lathe house showcases cool climate exotics and native flora. Garden enthusiasts will be enchanted by this horticultural gem, where nature's beauty flourishes under careful cultivation.

Peter Black Conservatory is open October - March 9am - 9pm, and April - September 9am - 6pm.



THE HERB FARM



86 Grove Road,
Ashhurst



General admission – free.
Guided tours \$10 per
adult.



Email: info@herbfarm.co.nz

Discover the enchanting world of The Herb Farm, where nature and nurture intertwine. Spread across two acres, fourteen themed gardens invite visitors of all ages to explore and connect with the living magic of herbs. Wander through this botanical wonderland, and marvel at the diverse collection of medicinal, culinary, and aromatic plants. Enhance your visit with a free self-guided tour map from the retail shop, or for a hands-on experience, groups of 10 can participate in workshops to create their own herbal creams.

Plant sales available.



CAROLINE'S GARDENS



613 Fitzherbert East Road, Aokautere



Free



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Discover Caroline's Gardens, a hidden gem near Palmerston North. This enchanting country retreat features a picturesque 100-year-old homestead, stunning water fountain, and diverse hydrangea varieties. Stroll through mature tree-lined paths and explore the on-site 'Design & Desire' boutique for interior inspiration. With its French-country styled barn and ample parking, it's an ideal wedding and event venue. Enjoy the Artisan Kitchen café for a perfect day out, just minutes from the city.

Plant sales available.



SPRINGVALE GARDENS



210 Pohangina Valley East Road, Manawātū



Free



Email: brent.liz@inspire.net.nz

Immerse yourself in Springvale Gardens, a century-old horticultural gem near the Ruahine Ranges. This enchanting retreat showcases historic rhododendron and cherry borders, complemented by diverse plantings and rare species. Wander beneath towering natives, where Chatham Islands forget-me-nots bloom.

Delight in prolific birdlife and a charming fishpond. Five generations have crafted this living museum, where each plant tells a story. Best visited August to November for peak blooms.

To find more gardens visit
ManawatuNZ.co.nz/gardens



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