

Introduction

Botanical Garden are the living museum of plants. The main objectives of the botanical gardens are conservation, education, research, display and recreation. There are 11 botanical gardens in different ecological regions of Nepal under Department of Plant Resources (DPR).

National Botanical Garden, Godawari, Lalitpur (1515m)



The National Botanical Garden, Godawari, Lalitpur is one of the internationally recognized botanical garden. It is located about 25 km south east corner of Kathmandu valley, established in 1962 AD. The Garden offers fantastic view of the Mt. Phulchowki (2760 m.), “Hill of Flower” rich in biodiversity and very popular destination for hiking and cycling. From the top of the Mt. Phulchowki panoramic view of the Himalayas and Kathmandu valley can be observed. Initial layout of this botanical garden was designed by the British scientists G.A.C. Herklots and Tony Schilling. This botanical garden is surrounded by natural forest of Alder Indian Chestnut tree and the temperature ranges between 20°C and 30°C during summer and -5°C to 20°C during winter. Ever since its inception much of its activities have been focused in enriching the garden with indigenous and endemic plant species so as to integrate its collection with scientific investigation, conservation, education and demonstration.

Major Attractions

- In-situ and ex-situ conservation of about 1000 plant species.
- Biodiversity Education Garden (BEG) : Established in 2016 AD on the auspicious occasion of British-Nepal 200 years diplomatic relationships with the collaboration between Government of Nepal, British Embassy, Kathmandu and Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (RBGE). BEG represents about 120 species of native plants of tropical, subtropical and alpine regions of the Nepal Himalaya.
- VIP Plantation Area: Represents different species of plants planted by head of the state and head of the government of different countries. Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip of the UK also planted *Ilex excelsa* in 1987 AD in the VIP plantation area.
- Rock Garden : Designed and built by British horticulturist Tony Schilling
- Special Garden with water fountain, seasonal flowers, orchid house, cactus house, Rhododendron garden
- Seasonal ornamental flowers, wild orchids, medicinal plants, rare, endangered and endemic plants
- Botanical information and exhibition center, Ethnobotanical garden, Tropical house, coronation pond, taxonomic family garden, lily garden and Japanese style garden

- Butterflies and birds
- Access**
- Public vehicles are available from Lagankhel and Satdobato frequently.

Opening Time

- Daily from 9:30 am-4:00 pm (Nov.-Jan.) and from 9:30 am-5:00 pm (Feb.-Oct.)

Admission Fee

Category	Adults (above 10 yrs) NRs		Children (below 10 yrs) NRs	
	Admission	Electric Vehicle (Optional)	Admission	Electric Vehicle (Optional)
Nepalese	50	200	20	100
SAARC	200	400	100	200
Foreigners	500	1000	200	500

Visitors

About 450 thousand visitors (Nepalese, SAARC and Foreigners) per year.

Garden Facilities

- Restaurant facility is available on the first floor of information center near main entrance gate
- Electric vehicle facility
- Wheel chair friendly path in BEG, Taxonomic Family Garden and Special Garden
- Parking facility
- First aid facility near information center
- Garden tour guide

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Maipokhari Botanical Garden, Ilam (2121 m)



The Maipokhari Botanical Garden is situated 15 km north of Ilam Bazaar, East Nepal, Province No.1. It is established in 1992 AD. Visitors can enjoy plant diversity and beautiful landscape here. Most of the Garden area is covered by forest and Mai Pokhari pond (1.85 hectares with depth of about 8.5 m), which is more or less orbicular with nine projected corners. Maipokhari is a wetland listed as Ramsar site in 2008 which is popular as a sacred place for the Hindus and the Buddhists from the very ancient times. Visitors can also enjoy the spectacular view of green tea garden and agro-tourism on the way to the garden. Walking trail from Ilam to Sandakpur (3636 m, highest peak of Ilam) also passes through this garden.

Major Attractions:

- In-situ and ex-situ conservation of rare, endangered, endemic and native flora
- Wild orchids, Rhododendrons, Medicinal plants and one species of endemic bryophyte (peat moss)



- Thematic garden (educational, rock, orchid, fern, ornamental and rhododendron)
- Bird watching, Endemic salamander

Access:

Kathmandu to Bhadrapur airport (Jhapa) by air. Then Bharatpur to Ilam by jeep or bus. Ilam to Maipokhari from jeep.

Opening Time:

Daily from 9:30 am - 4:00 pm (Nov.-Jan.) and from 9:30 am- 5:00 pm (Feb.-Oct.)

Admission Fee: Free

Visitors: About 20,000 national and international visitors per year

Garden Facilities:

- Restaurant facility is available in front of the main entrance gate
- Parking facility
- Garden tour guide

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Dhanushadham Botanical Garden, Dhanusha (107m)



Dhanushadham Botanical Garden is a tropical garden situated 20 km east from Janakpur airport, Dhanusha district, Province No. 2. The city is a popular pilgrimage destination of the Hindus (birth place of Lord Sita). The garden was established in 1998 AD, spreads over an area of 107 hectares of which 88.14 hectares of land is covered by natural forest with rich of tropical plant diversity. It lies in the south-west side of Dhanusha market at distance of 100 m. from Dhanushadham Temple of Dhanusha.

Major Attraction:

- A mosaic of the Hindu Mithila culture
- Ramjanaki and Dhanusha temple
- Bow shaped Dhanush Garden
- In-situ and ex-situ conservation of 103 Plant Species

- Thematic garden (rose, educational, herbal medicinal and aromatic plants, ornamental plants, ethnobotanical and aquatic)
- 30 plant species with religious value are conserved in religious garden.

Access:

20-minute flight from Kathmandu to Janakpur and Kathmandu by Bus to Janakpur. Janakpur to Dhanushadham on jeep.

Opening Time:

Daily from 9:30 am-4:00 pm (Nov.-Jan.) and from 9:30 am- 5:00 pm (Feb.-Oct.)

Admission Fee: Free

Visitors: About 20,000 national and international visitors per year

Garden Facilities:

- Parking facility
- Garden tour guide

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Brindaban Botanical Garden, Makawanpur (405 m)



Brindaban Botanical Garden was established as a medicinal herbal garden, situated 3 km south-west side of Hetauda bazaar and from east-west highway, Makawanpur district, Chure region of Central Nepal, Bagmati Province. Visitors can discovers its history from 1962 AD. It covers about 57 hectares of land of which 32 hectares is covered with natural Sal forest and deciduous riverine forest. Visitors can enjoy the natural beauty of the garden along with the beautiful view of Rapti, Karra and Kukhreni River. It adjoins the area of Parsa National Park, which is famous for Royal Bengal tiger and Elephant.

Major Attraction:

- In-situ and ex-situ conservation of more than 455 species of rare, endangered, endemic and native plant

- Plant landscape and thematic garden (herbal nurseries, cactus, wild orchid, ornamental, sandalwood, eduactional, domestication and germ-plasm conservation)
- Chure exhibition plots which includes the plant diversity of central chure region of Nepal

Access:

Four-hour drive from the capital city of Kathmandu (via. Pharping) to Hetauda then 10 min drive from Hetauda

15-minute flight from Kathmandu to Simara then one-hour drive from Simara.

Opening Time:

Daily from 9:30 am-4:00 pm (Nov.-Jan.) and from 9:30 am-5:00 pm (Feb.-Oct.)

Admission Fee: Free

Visitors: About 5000 visitors national and international per year.

Garden Facilities:

- Parking facility
- Garden tour guide

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Mountain Botanical Garden, Daman, Makwanpur (2320 m)



The Mountain Botanical Garden is situated 63 km south-west of Kathmandu, Daman area, north side of Makawanpur district, Central Nepal, Bagmati Province. It is established in 1962 AD and covering an area of 65 hectares. It is a beautiful landscape garden. It is surrounded by Pine, Oak and Rhododendron natural forest. Visitors can enjoy the garden with panoramic view of the Himalayas and landscape.

Major Attraction:

- 10 species of Rhododendron

- In-situ and ex-situ conservation of more than 220 species of rare, endangered, endemic and native plants of temperate and subalpine climatic zones.
- Plant Landscape and thematic garden (Herbal nurseries, cactus, ornamental, orchid, sandalwood, domestication and germ-plasm conservation)
- View tower from where one can have a panoramic view of the magnificent Himalayas including Mount Everest (the highest peak of the world), Annapurna, Ganesh Himal, Manaslu, Langtang etc.
- Best destination for 2-4 hours of hiking
- Snowfall in winter season

Access:

About four-hour drive from Kathmandu through Tribhuvan Highway

Opening Time:

Daily from 9:30 am-4:00 pm (Nov.- Jan.) and from 9:30 am -5:00 pm (Feb.-Oct.)

Admission Fee: Free

Visitors: About 7,000 national and international visitors per year

Garden Facilities:

- Parking
- Garden tour guide

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Tistung Botanical Garden, Tistung, Makwanpur (1900 m)



The Tistung Botanical Garden is situated 55 km far from Kathmandu, Makawanpur district, Central Nepal, established in 1962 AD. It is a subtropical garden with a natural blend of beautiful landscape and plant diversity. Spanning over an area of 45 hectares of land, the garden consists of natural forest of Pine and Himalayan cherry. Visitors can enjoy the garden with amazing beauty and panorama of landscape.

Major Attraction:

- In-situ and ex-situ conservation of more than 300 Plants (rare, endangered, endemic, native flora) of mountains
- Plant landscape and Thematic garden (herbal nurseries, orchid, ornamental and educational)

Access:

About three-hour drive from Kathmandu through Tribhuvan Highway.

Opening Time:

Daily from 9:30 am-4:00 pm (Nov.-Jan.) and from 9:30-5:00 pm (Feb.-Oct.)

Admission Fee: Free

Visitors: About 5,000 national and international visitors per year.

Garden Facilities:

- Parking facility
- Garden tour guide
- Seedlings

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World Peace Biodiversity Garden, Pokhara (775-1078 m)



World Peace Biodiversity Garden is the first biodiversity garden, situated at south-west corner of Fewa lake extending from Pardi Fewa dam to the World Peace stupa, Pokhara, Nepal. It was formerly known as Raniban and established in 2014 AD. It covers 164.76 hectares area with dense forest of Indian chest nut and schima trees. The main aim of this garden is to manage biodiversity, improve viability of wild flora & fauna and address the economic needs of the community with main emphasis on the conservation of floral diversity.

Major Attraction:

- Renowned Gupteshwar cave
- It has 2.4 km cycle trail from base of Raniban to world peace pagoda.
- In-situ and ex-situ Conservation of many threatened plant species like Devil's tree, Tree Fern, Brown pine and many others endangered species.
- Plant landscape and thematic garden (orchid and biodiversity)
- Panoramic view of Himalayan range including the Mt. Macchhapuchhre
- Unique fern are lush green remain inside the natural forest.

Access:

10-minute drive from Pokhara airport.

Opening Time:

Daily from 9:30 am -4:00 pm (Nov.-Jan.) and from 9:30 am-5:00 pm.

Admission Fee:

 Free

Visitors: Every year, many tourists including Nepalese pass from the garden to reach World Peace Stupa, Pokhara

Garden Facilities:

- Restaurant facility is available in Pokhara
- Parking facility
- Garden tour guide

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Dhakeri Botanical Garden, Banke (170m)



The Dhakeri Botanical Garden is situated along the east west highway, 11 km north-east from Nepalgunj, Banke district, Lumbini Province, western Nepal. It lies adjacent to the Banke National Park, which is famous for Royal Bengal tiger. Visitors can discovers its history dating back from 1980 AD, learn about its plant diversity and beautiful landscape. It covers 5.29 hectares area of tropical forest.

Major Attraction:

- Cutch, Black Plum, Ceylon oak, kumkum tree forests, sandalwood, annatto and Blackboard tree or devil's tree
- In-situ and ex-situ Conservation of 400 plant species (rare, endangered, endemic, native flora)
- Thematic garden (orchid, ethno botanical, fern, red sandalwood, aquatic and germ-plasm conservation)

Access:

About 40-minute drive from Nepalgunj Airport.

Opening Time:

Daily from 9:30 am-4:00 pm (Nov.-Jan.) and from 9:30am-5:00 pm (Feb.-Oct.)

Admission Fee:

 Free

Visitors: About 18000 national and International visitors per year.

Garden Facilities:

- Parking facility
- Garden tour guide
- Tropical flora observation

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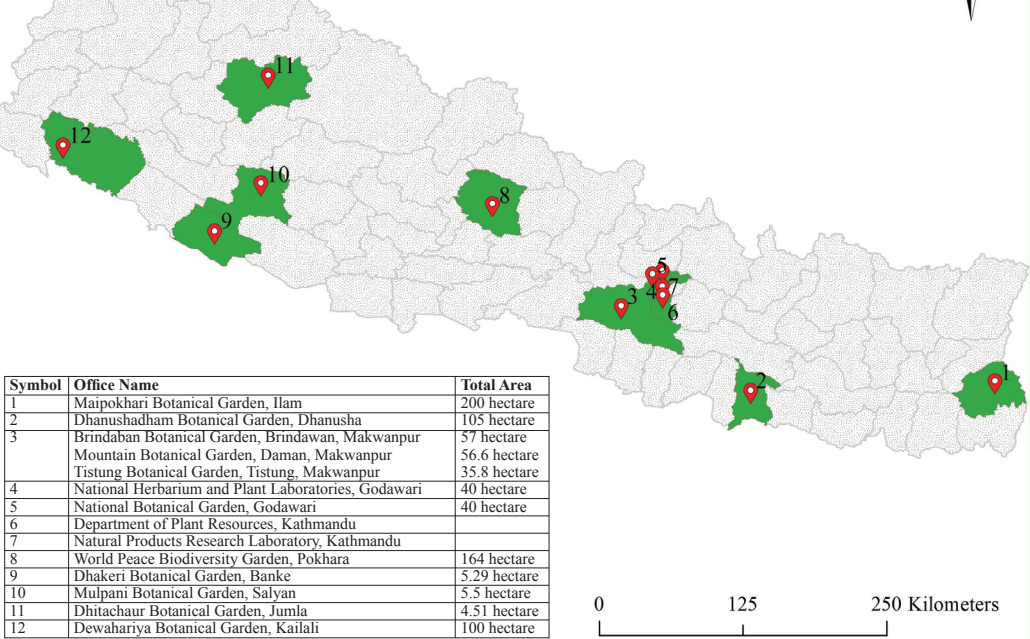
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Mulpani Botanical Garden, Salyan (1420m)

The Mulpani Botanical Garden is situated 25 km north from the Dang Valley, the largest valley of



Botanical Gardens: Department of Plant Resources



Symbol	Office Name	Total Area
1	Maipokhari Botanical Garden, Ilam	200 hectare
2	Dhanushadham Botanical Garden, Dhanusha	105 hectare
3	Brindaban Botanical Garden, Brindawan, Makwanpur	57 hectare
	Mountain Botanical Garden, Daman, Makwanpur	56.6 hectare
	Tistung Botanical Garden, Tistung, Makwanpur	35.8 hectare
4	National Herbarium and Plant Laboratories, Godawari	40 hectare
5	National Botanical Garden, Godawari	40 hectare
6	Department of Plant Resources, Kathmandu	
7	Natural Products Research Laboratory, Kathmandu	
8	World Peace Biodiversity Garden, Pokhara	164 hectare
9	Dhakeri Botanical Garden, Banke	5.29 hectare
10	Mulpani Botanical Garden, Salyan	5.5 hectare
11	Dhitachaur Botanical Garden, Jumla	4.51 hectare
12	Dewahariya Botanical Garden, Kailali	100 hectare

Asia, Salyan district, Karnali Province. Visitors can discover its history dating back from 1980 AD. It covers an area of 5.5 hectares of area especially majority of which is occupied by natural pine forest. It is only one of the national level Botanical garden in lower belt of Karnali Province covering 6district.

Major Attraction:

- In-situ and ex-situ Conservation of 375 plant species (rare, endangered, endemic, native flora)
- Plant Landscape and thematic garden (biodiversity, physic, ethnobotanical, fern, rock and orchid)
- Agrotechnology of Red pepper, Machilus and Keshar
- Water fountain, mini bridge, seasonal flower plots
- Bird watching (100 Bird species)

Access:

About one-hour drive from Dang valley

Opening Time:

Daily from 9:30 am-4:00 pm (Nov.-Jan.) and from 9:30-5:00 pm (Feb.-Oct.)

Admission Fee:

 Free

Visitors: About 5,000 national and international visitors per year.

Garden Facilities:

- Parking facility
- Garden tour guide

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Dhitachaur Botanical Garden, Jumla (2500 m)

The Dhitachaur Botanical Garden is situated Guthichaur-5, Jumla, covering area about 5 hectors 3 km north-east from Khalanga, Jumla district, Karnali Province. It was established in 1980 AD and as a Saffron cultivation spot in 1990. It is developed as Alpine Botanical Garden found in Himalayan



Mountainous region. It is one of the most splendid gardens with natural plant diversity and majestic view of landscape.

Major Attraction:

- Only place where Brown Rice (Jumli Marshi) is cultivated above 3000 m. (highest altitude grown rice in the world)
- Unique in floral and faunal diversity
- Famous for walnut, apple and Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (MAPs)
- Major trek to Rara Lake (largest lake of Nepal/gem of the west) and Phoksundo Lake.

Access:

About 90-minute walk from Jumla airport.

Opening Time:

Daily from 9:30 am-4:00 pm (Nov.-Jan.) and from 9:30 am-5:00 pm (Feb.-Oct.)

Admission Fee:

 Free

Visitors: About 10,000 national and international visitors.

Garden Facilities:

- Parking facility
- Garden tour guide

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Dewahariya Botanical Garden, Kailali (170 m)



Dewahariya Botanical Garden is situated 5 km away from Dhangadi market in Kailali district, Far Western Province. It was established in 1998 AD and covers an area of 149.5 hectares with tropical natural wild forest. It is rich in wetland plant diversity and beautiful landscape with ornamental plants. Three natural lakes i.e. Jakhaur, Murfutta and Murfutti which are rich in wetland biodiversity are present inside the garden.

Major Attraction:

- Famous for lotus and migratory birds.
- In-situ and ex-situ Conservation of 500 plant species including CITES listed plants like Devil pepper, Tree Fern, Yam, Brown Pine, Orchids, etc as well as rare, endangered, endemic and native flora.
- Plant landscape and thematic garden (taxonomical family, physic, seasonal flower plot, fern, ethnobotanical, aquatic plant plot, educational, CITES, rock, domestication and germ-plasm conservation, Chure demonstration plot, head of the government and world plantation area)

- Peace Pillar

Access:

Around 15-minute drive from Dhangadi airport.

Opening Time:

Daily from 9:30 am - 4:00 pm (Nov.- Jan.) and from 9:30 am - 5:00 pm.

Admission Fee:

 Free

Visitors: About 20,000 national and international visitors per year.

Garden Facilities:

- Restaurant facility is available in Dhangadi.
- Parking facility
- Garden tour guide

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National Herbarium and Plant Laboratories (KATH)



National Herbarium and Plant Laboratories (KATH) was established in 1961 AD which is the oldest and largest herbarium of Nepal, situated at the base of Mt. Phulchowki Hill, 14 km. south-east corner of Kathmandu, Central Nepal. It is aimed at survey, collection, preparation, identification and preservation of herbarium specimens and documentation of plant resources. It is the repository of the diverse plant wealth of Nepal.

Major Attractions:

- Hike to Mt. Phulchowki (Hill of Flower), highest point of Kathmandu valley (2782 m)
- Public Service for the identification and utilization of plant species
- House about 165,000 herbarium specimens with 114 Type specimens
- Digitization of 80,000 herbarium specimens (plantdatabase.kath.gov.np)

Access:

About 90-minute drive from Tribhuvan International Airport, Kathmandu



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Opening Time:

Daily from Sun-Fri: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm (Nov- Jan) and from 10:00 am- 5:00 pm (Feb.-Oct.)

Others:

Cozy guest house facility for international researchers

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Natural Products Research Laboratory (NPRL)



Natural Products Research Laboratory is an ISO/IEC 17025:2017 accredited Laboratory established in 1964 AD with the major objectives of phytochemical, pharmacological, pharmacognostic research, in the field of medicinal and aromatic plants (MAPs) of Nepal. It is located at Thapathali, Central Kathmandu, in the vicinity of the famous world heritage sites; Kathmandu Darbur squares and Patan Darbur square.

Major Attractions:

- Testing of MAP and essential oil
- Unique museum
- Animal House: Rearing of animals like rabbit, guinea pig, rat and mice for Research purpose
- Technology development of MAPs
- Formulation of herbal products
- Standardization, Identification, Certification and Characterization of plants and plant products

Access:

Around 30-minute drive from Tribhuvan International Airport, Kathmandu.

Opening time:

Sun-Fri: 10:00 am-4:00 pm (Nov.-Jan.) and from 10:00 am-5:00 pm (Feb.-Oct.)

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