

PREPARATION GUIDE

MY JARDIN BOTANIQUE VISIT

Useful information
to prepare for my visit
to the Jardin botanique.
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SUMMARY

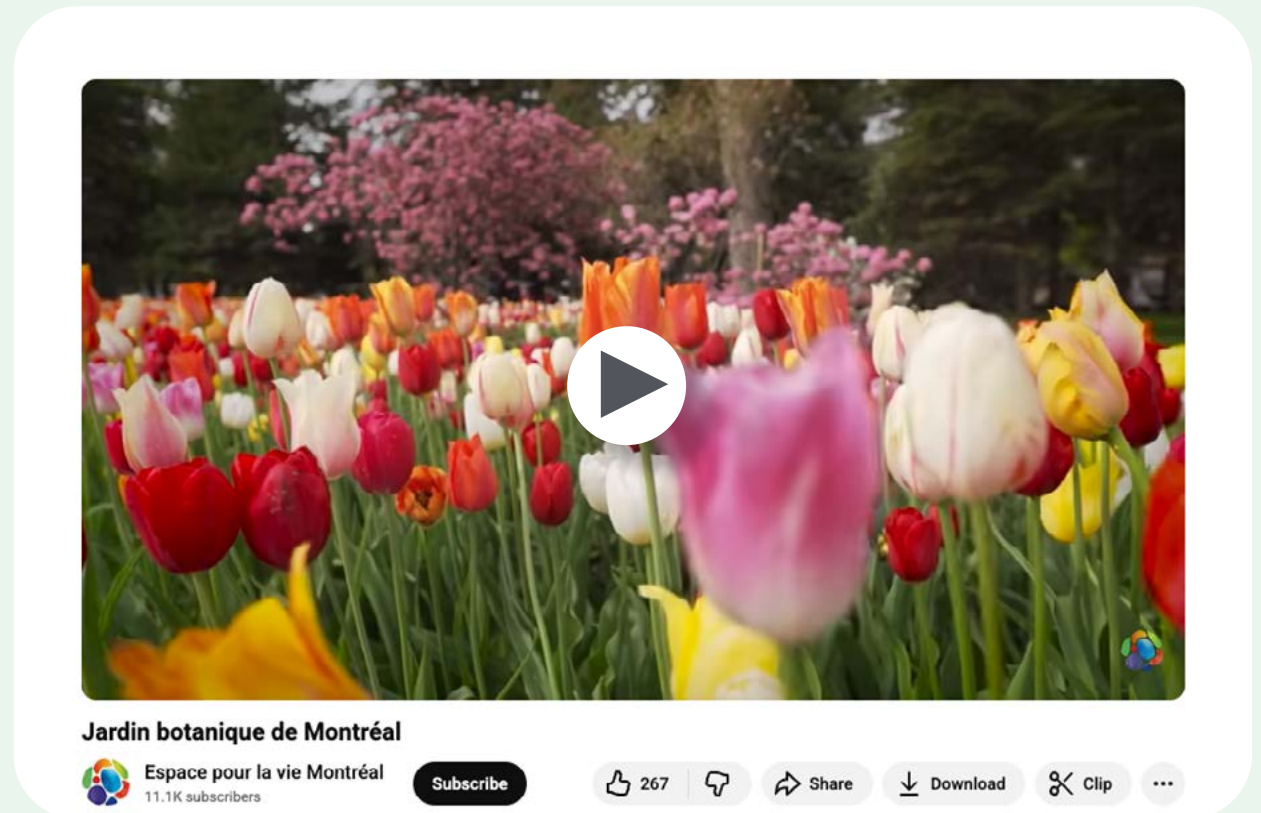
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PREPARING FOR MY VISIT TO THE JARDIN BOTANIQUE

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The Jardin botanique is a museum where I can learn a lot about plants and gardens.

Before I buy my ticket, I can watch
this [video](#) to get ready.



I BUY MY TICKET

I can buy my ticket online.

**To buy my ticket online,
[I can click here.](#)**

I choose the day and time that works best for me.

I keep my ticket on my phone so that I can show it when I arrive.

From May through October,
I need a ticket to visit the outdoor gardens and the exhibition greenhouses at the Jardin botanique.

From November through April,
I do not need a ticket to walk in the outdoor gardens, but I do need a ticket to visit the exhibition greenhouses.

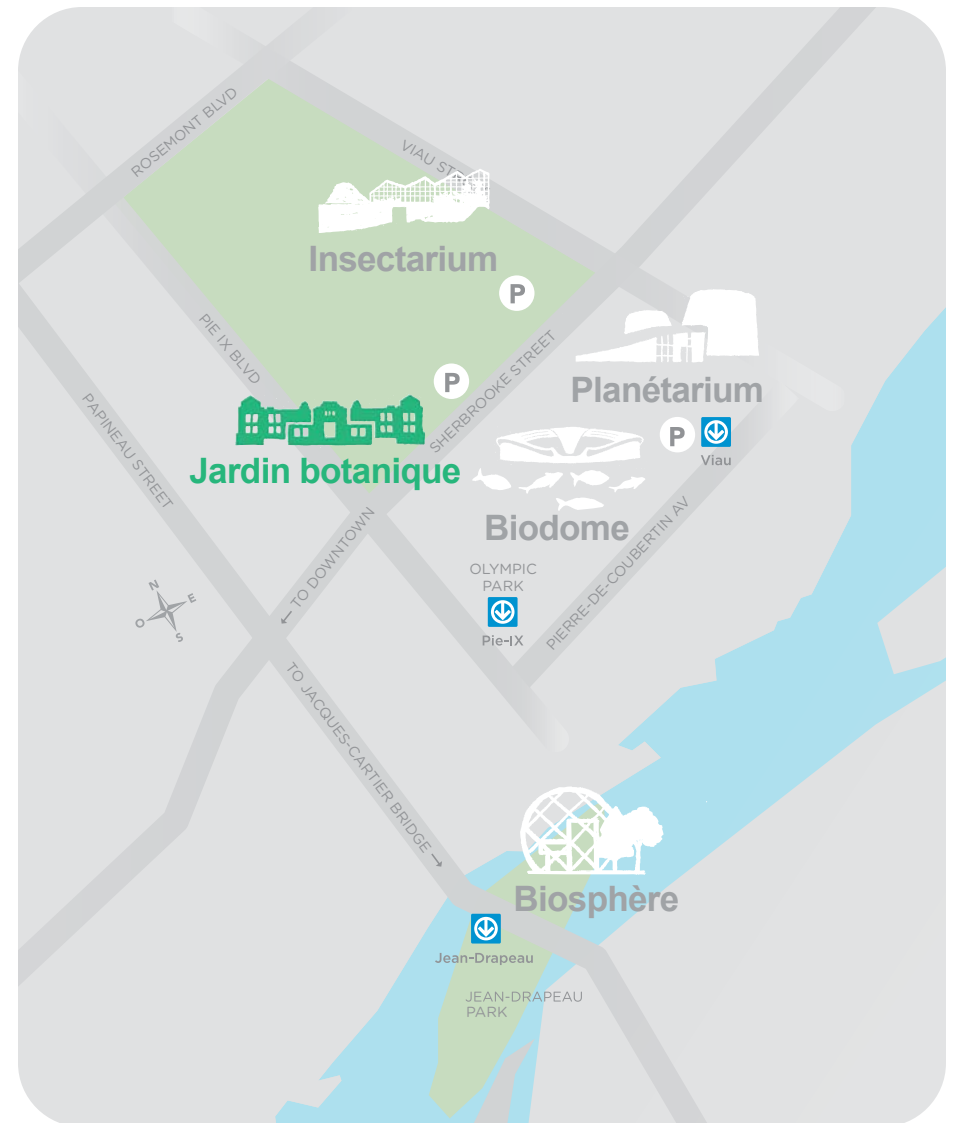
[I can also buy my ticket on-site.](#)

The screenshot shows the 'Ticketing' section of the Espace pour la vie website. At the top left is the logo for 'espace pour la vie montréal'. At the top right is a 'MY PASSPORT' button with a download icon. The main content is organized into several sections:

- Top Section:** A large banner for 'Espace pour la vie Passport' with the text '1 passport 5 MUSEUMS.' and two buttons: 'Buy your Passport' and 'Buy the Passport as a gift'.
- Planétarium Section:** A card for 'The Frontiers of Infinity' (Thursday evenings) with a 'Regular tickets' and 'CMM* Resident tickets (Greater Montreal)' link.
- Biosphère Section:** A card for 'Family Saturday' (December 6, 2025 to April 4, 2026) with a 'Regular tickets' and 'CMM* Resident tickets' link.
- Planétarium Section:** A card for 'Sensory-friendly Moments' with a 'Regular tickets' and 'CMM* Resident tickets (Greater Montreal)' link.
- Museums Section:** A grid of five museum cards, each with a 'Regular tickets' and 'CMM* Resident tickets (Greater Montreal)' link:
 - biodôme
 - biosphère
 - insectarium
 - jardin botanique
 - planétarium

BEFORE I LEAVE HOME

- I check how to get there.
- I make sure I am dressed comfortably.
- Most of the museum is outdoors, so I need to dress for the weather. I might want to bring a hat and sunscreen.
- I can bring a water bottle, a snack, my communication device and anything else I need for the day.
- I can bring things that help me feel good, like my headphones or a toy.
- If I have a service dog, I can bring it with me.



I ARRIVE AT THE JARDIN BOTANIQUE

The Jardin botanique is a large, calm and colourful garden located near the Olympic Park. There is lots of space to walk quietly, breathe fresh air and look at the plants.

I can walk around at my own speed. If I need a quiet moment, I can find a calm place to take a break.



I FIND THE ENTRANCE TO THE JARDIN BOTANIQUE

There are **three entrances** to the outdoor gardens. I can choose the one that works best for me.

Main entrance **(4101 Sherbrooke Street East)**

Most people use this entrance. It is large and easy to find.

- I will see big signs, the welcome gardens, an information booth and an outdoor ticket counter.
- This entrance is close to the main building. The washrooms are nearby.
- There is a restaurant next to the entrance. I can go to there if I am hungry or if I need a place to sit.
- This entrance is close to the parking lot and public transit.
- I use this entrance if I want to visit the greenhouses of the Jardin botanique.

East entrance **(near the Rose Garden and the Insectarium)**

This entrance is less busy. It is close to the Insectarium parking lot.

I can buy my ticket at the Welcome Pavilion.

North entrance **(near the Frédéric Back Tree Pavilion)**

This entrance is farther away and less busy.

- The path to get there is long but calm.
- I can find washrooms inside the Frédéric Back Tree Pavilion.
- There is no parking lot at this entrance.
- I can buy my ticket at the ticket counter.

I ENTER THE JARDIN BOTANIQUE

If I need to buy a ticket, I go to the ticket counter.
I might have to wait in line at the ticket counter
if other people have arrived before me.

From November through April,
the ticket counter is inside the main building.

from May through October,
the ticket counter is outside.

After I buy my ticket at the counter, or if I already have
a ticket because I bought it online, I show it to the person
at the entrance. I might have to wait in line before
showing my ticket.

**I can get a map of the Jardin botanique at the entrance
to help me find my way.**



THE JARDIN BOTANIQUE'S SENSORY KITS



I can borrow a sensory kit for my whole visit. It has objects that can help me feel calm and comfortable.

To borrow a sensory kit, I need to go to the main building.

Before lending me the sensory kit, a staff member will ask me to leave a piece of ID (a driver's licence, a healthcare card, a student card or another card with my name and photo on it).

I can get my ID back when I return the sensory kit before I leave.

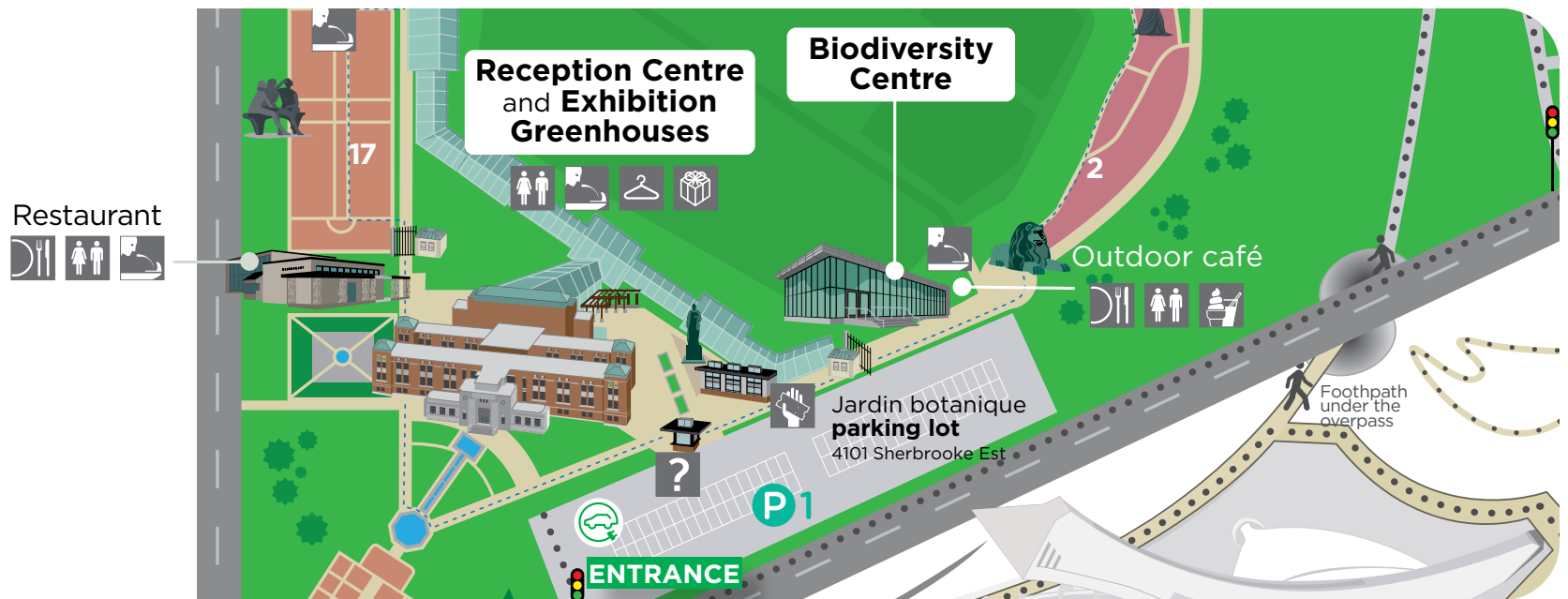


BEFORE STARTING MY VISIT

Washrooms

Before I start my visit, I may want to use the washrooms. There are washrooms in the main building, in the restaurant, in the pavilions of the cultural gardens and in the Frédéric Back Tree Pavilion. I can check the Jardin botanique map to see where the washrooms are.

If I cannot find the washrooms, I can ask a staff member to show me where to go.



DURING MY VISIT TO THE JARDIN BOTANIQUE

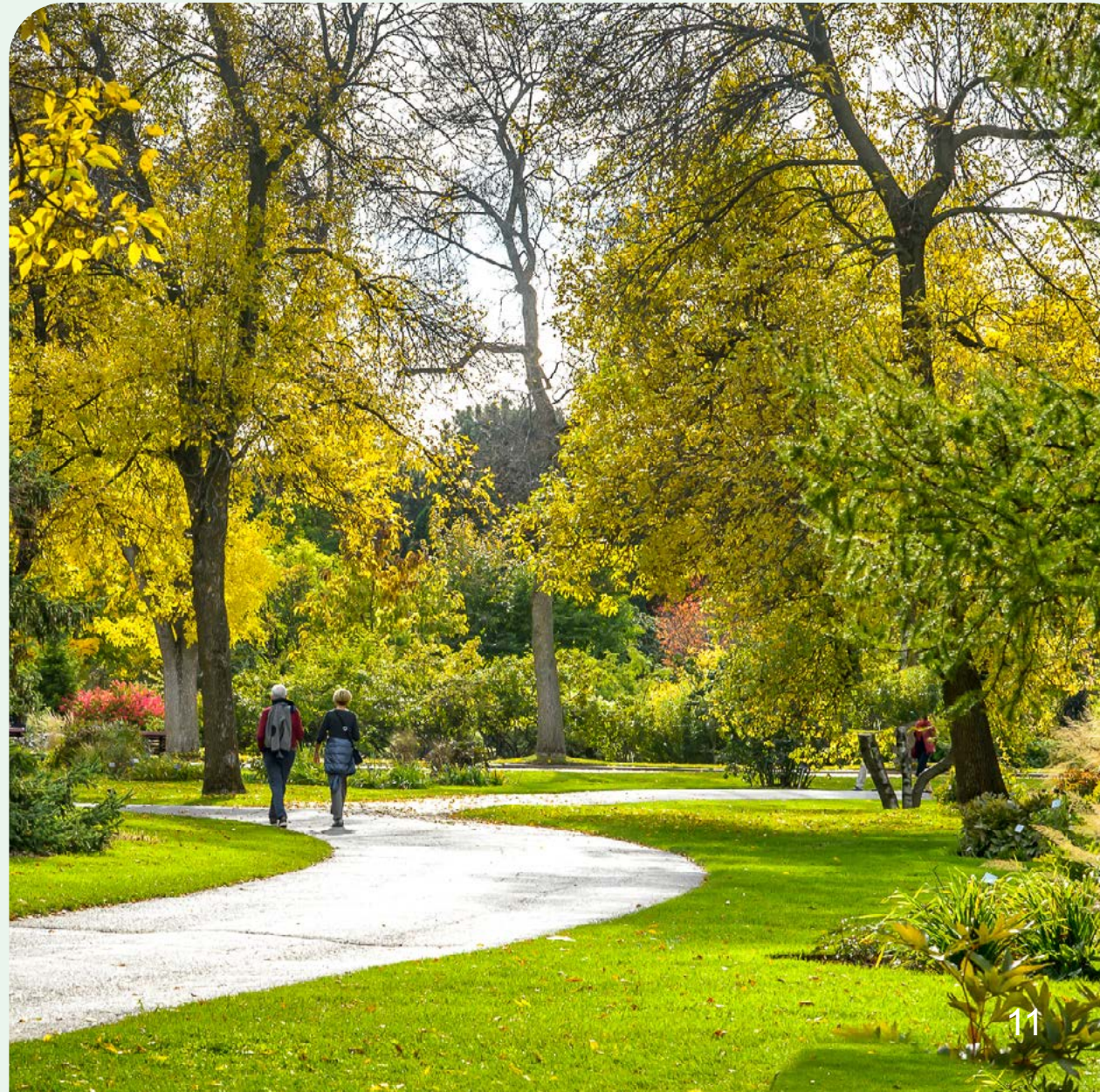
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What I can see in the outdoor gardens

The Jardin botanique has many plants, trees, flowers and ponds.

There are different themed gardens, like the Japanese Garden, the Chinese Garden, the First Nations Garden, and others. I walk on the pathways.

There are some places where I cannot walk. I will see No Walking signs in these places.



VISITING OUTDOOR GARDENS

I am not allowed to pick flowers or plants.

During my walk, I may see **butterflies, birds, insects and other animals like squirrels and fish.** They are part of nature. I can look at them, but I cannot touch or feed them.

I may see fruits and vegetables growing in the gardens. I am not allowed to pick them.



VISITING GREENHOUSES

There are also many plants inside the greenhouses.
The greenhouses may be hot and humid.

There are many colourful flowers and unique plants for me to see.
Some plants and flowers may smell strong. There is also a waterfall and it may be noisy.

I am not allowed to pick the flowers or plants.



GUIDED ACTIVITIES

Sometimes there are guided activities in the outdoor gardens and in the greenhouses of the Jardin botanique.

I don't have to take part if I don't want to.



ASKING FOR HELP

If I have a question, or if I need help, I can ask a staff member.

Staff members wear uniforms or badges,
and they can help me find what I need.

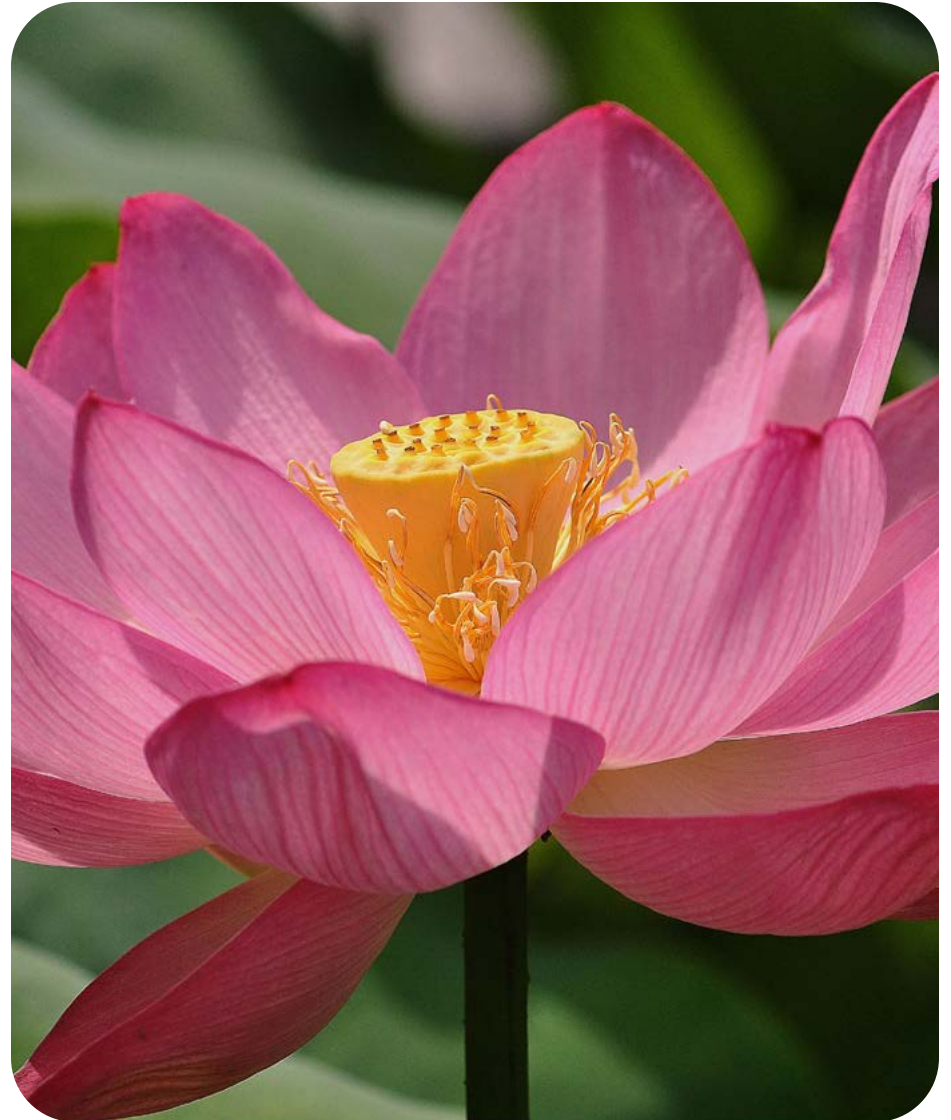


LEAVING THE JARDIN BOTANIQUE

When it's time to leave, I go to the exit.
I can take a moment to think about what
I liked most during my visit.

It's fun to learn and explore new places.

**Reminder: I won't forget
to return my sensory kit
if I have used one.**



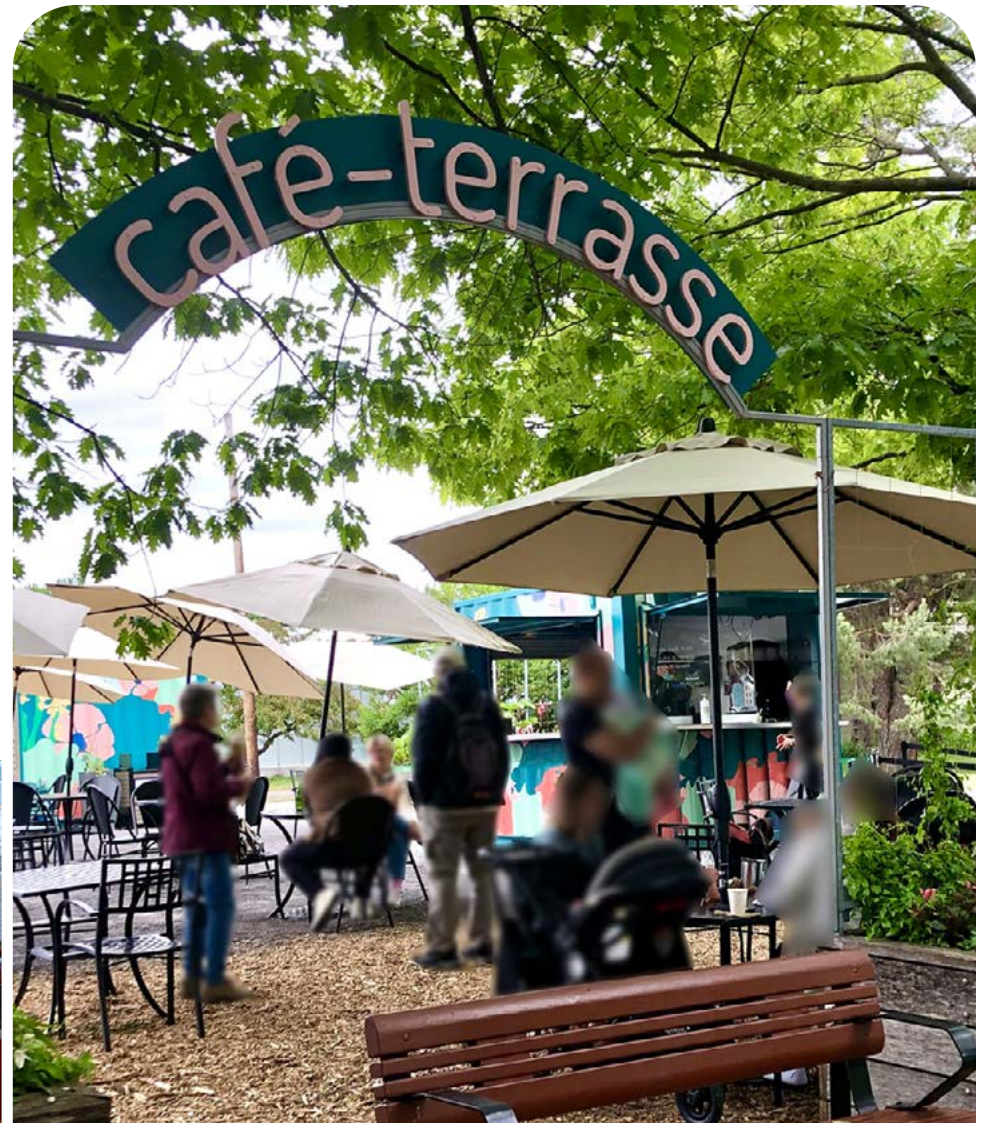
OTHER SERVICES AT THE JARDIN BOTANIQUE

I can eat at the Jardin botanique. If I want to eat inside, I can go to the restaurant where there are places to sit.

If I want to eat outside, I have several choices: the restaurant patio, the Halte Gourmande, the outdoor café or the dairy bar.

[I can check the opening hours.](#)

I am not allowed to bring a picnic to the outdoor gardens, but I can eat in designated places where food is allowed. There are outdoor tables where I can sit.



OTHER SERVICES AT THE JARDIN BOTANIQUE

There is also a gift shop where I can buy souvenirs of my visit.



OTHER ADAPTED SERVICES AT ESPACE POUR LA VIE

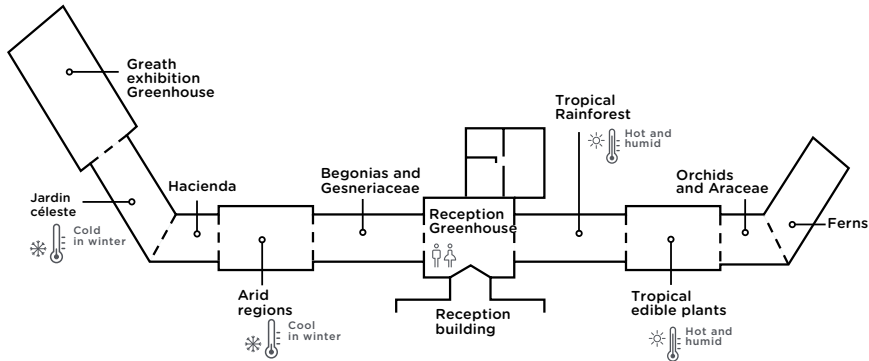
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The five museums that make up Espace pour la vie would like the visitor experience to be as accessible as possible for everyone. If you have a functional limitation, or if you are with someone who has functional limitations, you can find [information for each museum to help you plan your visit.](#)



JARDIN BOTANIQUE MAP

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Legend

- Metro
- Parking
- Washrooms
- Low luminosity
- High noise level
- Low temperature
- High temperature

jardin botanique



For people with restricted physical ability
More details : Keroul.qc.ca

ENTRANCE

Espace pour la vie
parking vouchers
are valid all day for the
Jardin botanique P1,
Insectarium P2 and Biodôme/Planétarium
parking lots P6.

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COMMUNICATION BOARD

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encore more	manger eat	j'ai froid I'm cold	je suis fâché I'm mad	j'aime I like	arrête stop
fini finished	boire drink	je suis malade I'm sick	je suis content I'm happy	je n'aime pas I don't like	silence quiet
aide help	marcher walk	je suis fatigué I'm tired	j'ai mal I'm hurt	maison home	bravo bravo
pause break	toilette toilet	j'ai peur I'm scared	c'est trop clair It's too bright	il fait noir It's dark	c'est cool It's cool

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