



Blue Lotus Water Garden



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Discover the exotics of the tropics on the edge of Melbourne!

Hidden in the beautiful Yarra Valley is the stunning Blue Lotus Water Garden, which is gearing up to hold its annual floral spectacular featuring the largest display of lotus and waterlily flowers in Australia.

This summer the 17th annual “Lotus Flower Season” will run daily from the **26th December 2022 to 10th April 2023**.

Each year Geoff Cochrane transforms his **14 acre** (50,000 sqm) garden into a tropical wonderland, filled with thousands of stunning water flowers, exotic blooms and unique plant displays. Thought to be the largest garden of its kind in the southern hemisphere, the Blue Lotus Water Garden also contains dozens of man-made lakes, ponds, fountains, waterfalls and a network of scenic trails for visitors to explore.

Highlights of the Garden include:

- **Hundreds of thousands of stunning Lotus and Waterlilies** - all colours and sizes spread across acres of gardens.
- **Giants of the Amazon Exhibit** – housing one of the largest species of Waterlily known to man. The *Victoria Cruziana* can reach over 1.75m in diameter.
- **Monet’s Lake** – containing 70+ varieties of Waterlily flowers including a prized collection of Claude Monet’s original Waterlilies from his garden in Giverny, France.
- **Bridge Walk** – stretching 500m long with 10 bridges through the middle of Monet’s Lake. One of our number one features offering amazing vistas in all directions.
- **Kakadu Lagoon** – a new feature showcasing native Lotus and Waterlilies from northern Australia.
- **Golden Lotus Exhibit** - one of the largest lotus flowers on the planet with over 80 petals.
- **Lotus Lake** – a virtual sea of colour with thousands of huge *Carolina Queen & Crème Lutea Lotus*. Some of the flowers reach 40cm in diameter and can stand up to 2m above the water.
- **Tropical gardens** - containing new waterfalls, fountains, lakes and thousands of perennial flowers.
- **Childrens fairy garden** – complete with fantasy cubby houses, rainbow slide, giant flowers and mushrooms, fairy village, fairy throne, flower boats, wishing well and more.
- **Fantastic facilities** – including picnic areas, shelters, BBQs, Café, Gift Shop and Australia’s best Lotus and Waterlily nursery.

Tickets: We recommend visitors purchase tickets online if visiting on weekends and public holidays as gate tickets may have sold out during busy periods. Online tickets can be purchased at www.bluelotus.com.au

Ticket Prices: Adults \$23.00, Pensioner \$20.50, Child (4-15years) \$6, Child (0-3years) \$free

Open: December 26, 2022 – April 10, 2023 (7 days 10am-5pm)

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