

11 Tropics

The original Tropical Palm House was opened in 1834. The taller Temperate Palm House in front was opened 28 years later. Both buildings use cast iron, a favourite of Victorian architects.

12 World Hedge

At 8m tall and 212m long, the RBGE Beech Hedge is the second tallest in Scotland after the one at Meikleour near Blairgowrie.

13 Europe

The yew tree is native across Europe and beyond. The Garden has begun a yew conservation hedge around the perimeter that will ultimately consist of around 1800 trees from across the trees' native range.

14 Stone Wall

15 Almost There...

The Terrace Café

16 Inverleith House and Beyond

Inverleith House has been an art gallery since 1960. This Georgian era residence was built in 1774 as the family home of Sir James Rocheid.

17 Return Home

We hope you enjoyed your journey through Botanic Lights 'Explore', please tell friends and family to come and visit.

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Botanic Lights 2016 - Explore has been designed by leading Scottish lighting designer Grant Anderson working with composer Claire McKenzie and projection designer Ross Blair to create an all-new journey of light around the Garden, themed around exploring regions of the world where the Garden's plants and trees originate, including the US, China, Chile, Nepal and the Tropics, where RBGE's scientists currently research and undertake important conservation work.

Photography and Social Media


The Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh welcomes photographers to Botanic Lights 2016: Explore, who are invited to capture and film their Botanic Lights experience on cameras and smart phones for personal use and sharing via social media using #botaniclights

Photography for commercial purposes is strictly prohibited. If using professional photography equipment and tripods please adhere to the following guidelines to ensure that you do not obstruct or diminish the enjoyment of others at the event:

- Please stay on the designated route of the trail during your visit, and do not stray too far away from the path.
- Persons, equipment, materials or stools **must not cause damage** to plants and the Garden environment.
- Due to pathway restrictions **please do not use tripods** until after the Chinese Hillside installation
- Please do not impede the movement, access or view of other visitors to the event with tripods or other equipment.

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Food and Drink

There are refreshment areas on the Botanic Lights route, with 'Hot Pimm's' and 'Toasted Marshmallow' stalls to keep you warm, and The Terrace Café at Inverleith House will be open serving hot snacks, mulled wine, beers and hot drinks at the end of your walk. Alcoholic drinks will not be served to anyone under the age of 18.

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Event Guide

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Experience an all-new journey of light around the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh and explore regions of the world from where many of the Garden's plants and trees originate.

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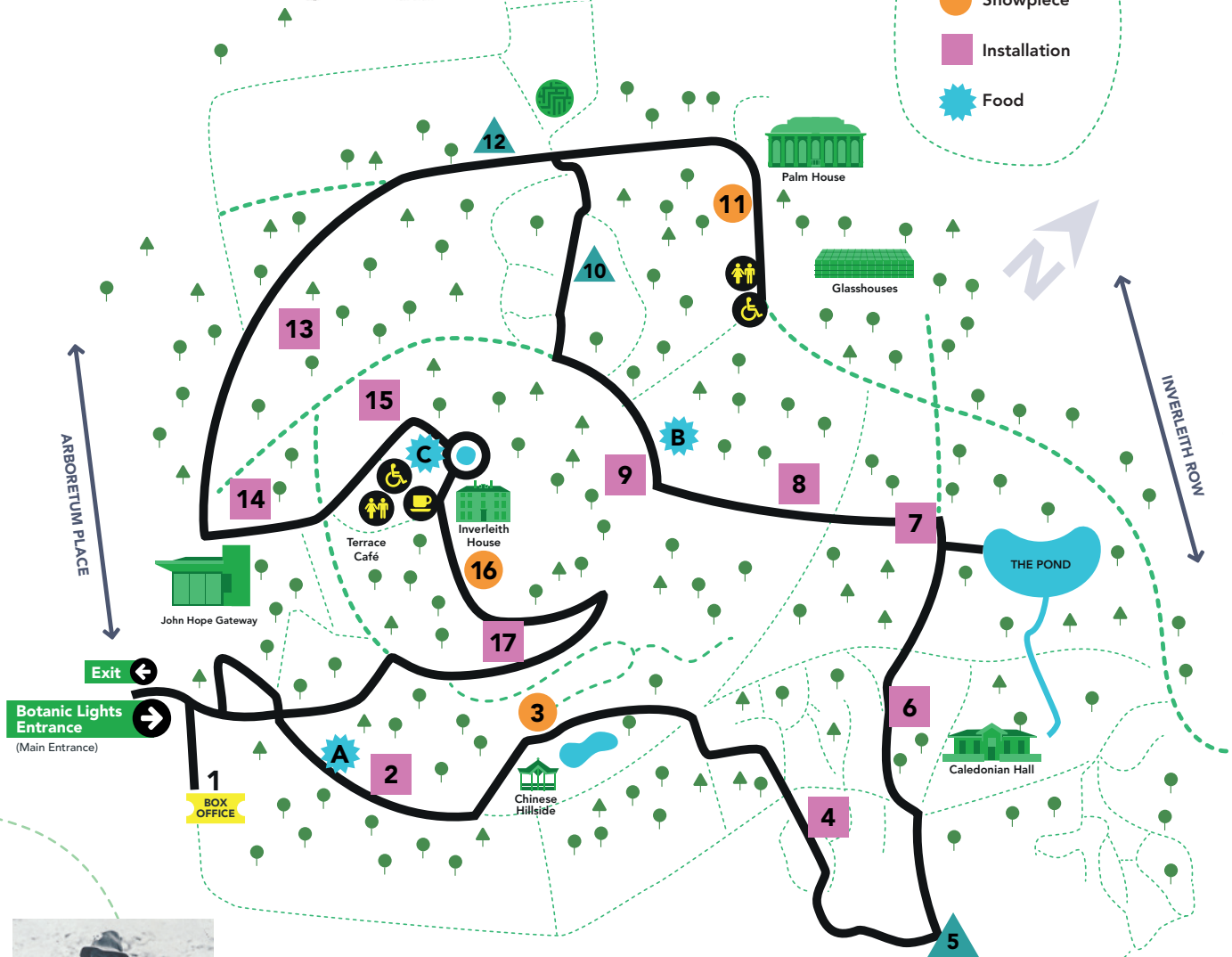
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Important Event Information

- Visitors to the Garden after dark may be lucky enough to catch glimpses of the Garden's wildlife, such as bats, badgers and foxes. Please respect them and their home during your visit.
- Please keep to the paths and do not walk on the grass.
- Please listen and follow any instructions given by the event marshals.
- Please place your litter in the bins provided.
- In inclement weather, please watch your underfoot conditions.
- For safety reasons, strictly no naked flames (i.e. candles, night lights, flares, fireworks and lanterns).
- Please be aware that flash lighting is used throughout this event.

Botanic Lights



3 George Forrest 1873 - 1932 (Botanist)

On 14 May 1904, a 31-year-old herbarium assistant called George Forrest set off from the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh for a great unknown on the other side of the world. For this intrepid Scot, his

first journey to China would mark the start of a love affair with the tough, challenging existence of a plant hunter. For British gardens, this trip and Forrest's six subsequent

expeditions would mean a wealth of scientific discoveries and new gems. For more information visit www.rbge.org.uk

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1 Box Office & Welcome Hub

A Hot Pimm's Stall

2 Journey To Explore...

3 Chinese Hillside

On 14 May 1904, a 31-year-old herbarium assistant called George Forrest set off from RBGE for the great unknown on the other side of the world - the remote, mountainous region of Yunnan, south-west China.

4 Himalaya

RBGE links with this region date back to 1802 when Scottish surgeon-naturalist Dr Francis Buchanan-Hamilton made the first natural history collections here. He spent a year in the region collecting and documenting over 1100 plant species.

5 California

The first seeds of the Californian giant sequoia to reach Europe arrived in Scotland in August 1853.

6 Journey to Africa

7 Africa

The Congo Basin contains the second largest block of tropical rain forest in the world. These forests are poorly known botanically and have been the focus of botanical inventory at the RBGE.

8 Climb to Nepal

B The Marshmallow Lady

9 Nepal

Strings of Prayer Flags or 'Lung ta' are a common sight on mountain passes across Nepal, Bhutan and Tibet. The coloured flags are printed with prayers that are believed to be picked up by the wind and blown far and wide. Write your own message of hope and add to the collection.

10 Arctic

Plant life north of the Arctic Circle is limited to the edges of the region. As a result of climate change and the shrinking ice caps we are likely to see this vegetated fringe expand and colonised by new species migrating from further south.