



Botanical garden is much more than a garden

A botanical garden is an institution holding documented collections of living plants for the purposes of scientific research, conservation, display and education.


The Taipei Botanical Garden is dedicated to the following goals.

1. Conduct scientific research to provide plant conservation data.
2. Collect and nurture plant species extensively for plant conservation.
3. Promote the understanding of conservation by the general public through exhibition and inspirational education.
4. Collaborate with Botanical Gardens Conservation International to help conserve the plant diversity.



Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI) is an international organization that exists to ensure the world-wide conservation of threatened plants, the continued existence of which are intrinsically linked to global issues including poverty, human well-being and climate change. BGCI represents over 700 members - mostly botanical gardens - in 118 countries. We aim to support and empower our members and the wider conservation community so that their knowledge and expertise can be applied to reversing the threat of

extinction crisis facing one third of all plants. Taipei Botanical Garden is the first BGCI member in Taiwan. Our mission is to collaborate with institutes worldwide for plant conservation and academic research. (cited from BGCI website <http://www.bgci.org/>)

Taipei Botanical Garden

Open Hours

5:00 am - 22:00 pm, everyday.

Getting Here

Due to limited parking near the garden, it's advised to get here by public transportation systems.

By Metro

MRT- Xiaonanmen station, take exit 3.

By Bus

Stop 1 Botanical Garden / Bus line 1, 242, 624, 907, B28, or Heping Main Line

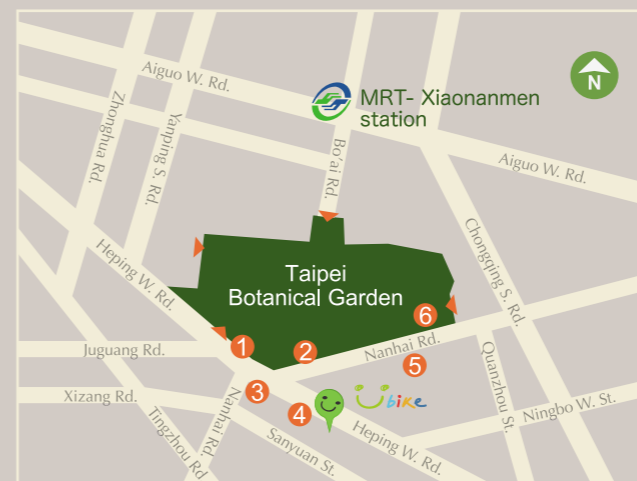
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Stop 5 Jianguo High School (Experimental Primary School) / Bus line 1, 204, 630

Stop 6 Jianguo High School (Nat'l Museum of History) / Bus line 1, 204, 630



The First Botanical Garden in Taiwan

The Taipei Botanical Garden was first built as a nursery (Taipei Nursery) in 1896 during the Japanese colonial period. It was later expanded and renamed Taipei Botanical Garden in 1921 and became the first botanical garden in Taiwan. The garden was reassigned to be under the management of Taiwan Forestry Research Institute after the WWII.

The Garden occupies 8.2 hectares which contains the gardens of Gymnosperms, Ferns, Taxonomic Garden, Ethno-plants, Aquatic plants, Lotus pond, Taiwan Indigenous Plant Display Area and other theme exhibition sites with a collection of more than 2,000 plant species. It has become one of the most important institute for the research and educational resource for plants in Taiwan.

Taipei Botanical Garden also happens to be an unearthed cultural relic of the old Taipei Lake. Around 4,500 years ago, the lake became habitable land, and human activities started to take place in the area. The abundant cultural remnants left behind makes the botanical garden an important archeological site in Taiwan.



In addition, there are two historic monuments in the garden - the Herbarium and Guest House of Imperial Envoys. The Herbarium was built in 1924 and was the first herbarium in Taiwan. The worldwide plant specimens collection dated back from the last century along with abundant living plants makes the garden a precious place in Taiwan. The Guest House of Imperial Envoys was built in 1892 at the location of the Taipei Zhongshan Hall. It was relocated to the current site in 1933.

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