

Garden Highlights, March 2023



Two plants in these gardens are both called **Curry Plant**. They are a **daisy *Helichrysum italicum*** from the Mediterranean and ***Escallonia illinita*** native to Central Chile. In the morning, or after rain, the leaves of each of them produce the scent of curry. But, unusually, the closer you get to the plant, the weaker the smell, making these plants difficult to find by smell. The curry scent only occurs after their resins have been modified by the oxygen in the air.

This *Helichrysum* can be located by its hairy grey-green leaves that look like lavender, and, when flowering, it has small yellow daisies.

This *Escallonia* has white flowers in summer with the petals forming a tube. It has sticky leaves. Researchers have found that these shrubs exude a resin that can protect farmed fish from a serious fungus.



Neither of these plants is related to the Curry Tree *Murraya koenigii* (not in these gardens), nor are they used in curries.

What's On in March 2023

Plant Sale: Saturday 4 March, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, Friends Nursery.

Guided Walk: 'Plants and Plates': Sunday 12 March 2 pm, gold coin donation.

Discovery Table: Sunday 19 March 1 - 3 pm.

Free Guided Walks: Wednesdays 11 am, Sundays 2 pm.

Friends Nursery open: Wednesdays 9:30 am - 12:30 pm.

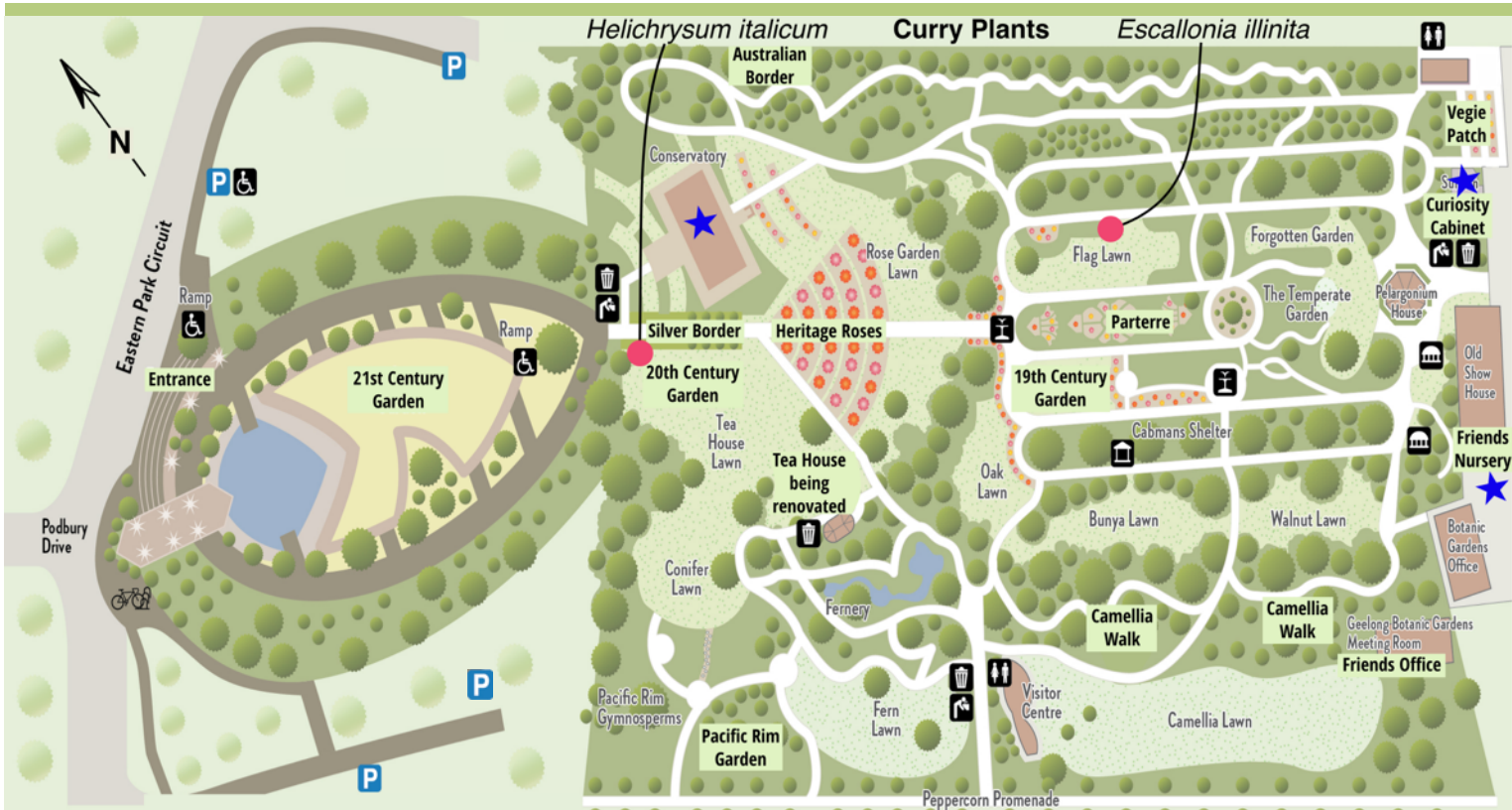
The Conservatory is open every day: 9 am - 4 pm.

(For more details about What's On: Friends website or phone.)

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