

Lake MacDonald Botanic Gardens Cooroy



Established in 1986 and maintained by the local municipal council and Friends of the Gardens, this 8 ha site is a pleasant surprise to all who visit. In addition to the diverse range of native and non-native plants, the gardens provide good picnic facilities (no BBQ's), an open air bush chapel, fern house, lily pond and large lawn areas with winding paths leading to picnic areas.

The Grecian style Amphitheatre seats 500 people and has a natural acoustic, ideally suited to opera, concerts, weddings and other events.

Located on the shores of Lake Macdonald, a short drive from the hinterland town of Cooroy, the gardens are abundant with birdlife and other creatures. Up to 47 species of birds have been noted on and around the gardens.

Originally a farm, then resumed as part of the Lake MacDonald water supply, the gardens have slowly been converted into a tourist destination. Massive hoop pines on site were originally planted during its farming period.

This asset is much under-rated by the local council for its horticultural beauty and overlooked by the broader locals of the Sunshine Coast as a valuable destination for the family and tourists.

Access to this location:
Entrance is on Lake MacDonald Drive, Cooroy.
Open 7 days a week 9am-6pm.

