

# Tamborine Mountain Botanic Gardens

Created in 1982 from lantana infested bushland, the local Mount Tamborine Garden Club volunteers have transformed the land into what is now a jewel in Queensland where tropical meets temperate.

Extensive constructions such as a lake and stone bridge created a solid heart to the garden which is now pivotal to all walks and garden vistas.

Seasonal highlights include:

- Summer: agapanthus, clivias, daylilies, hydrangeas
- Autumn: camellias and autumn leaf tones
- Winter: camellias, magnolias, viburnums
- Spring: azaleas, cherry blossoms, acers, prunus, wisteria

The gardens can be appreciated at a slow pace by studying the plants, flowers and leaves in the crisp mountain air. A gentle walk allows time to enjoy the array of blossoms and myriad textures of foliage that exist in the temperate plants growing near subtropical plants. Subtle blossoms of roses, jasmines and anthuriums become eye-catching focus points to admire and celebrate.

When walked more swiftly the pathways become a gentle exercise route, permitting a broader appreciation of the space and connectivity of the gardens to the surrounding environment.

Significant walks in the gardens include the Cherry Tree Walk, Japanese Bridge, Lake District and The Boardwalk. Walking through the garden is easy-going (except for the Hillside Rainforest Walk) and distances are not great.

A trip to Mount Tamborine is more than cafés, shops and the tourist strip. Address: Forsythia Drive, Eagle Heights, Qld.

