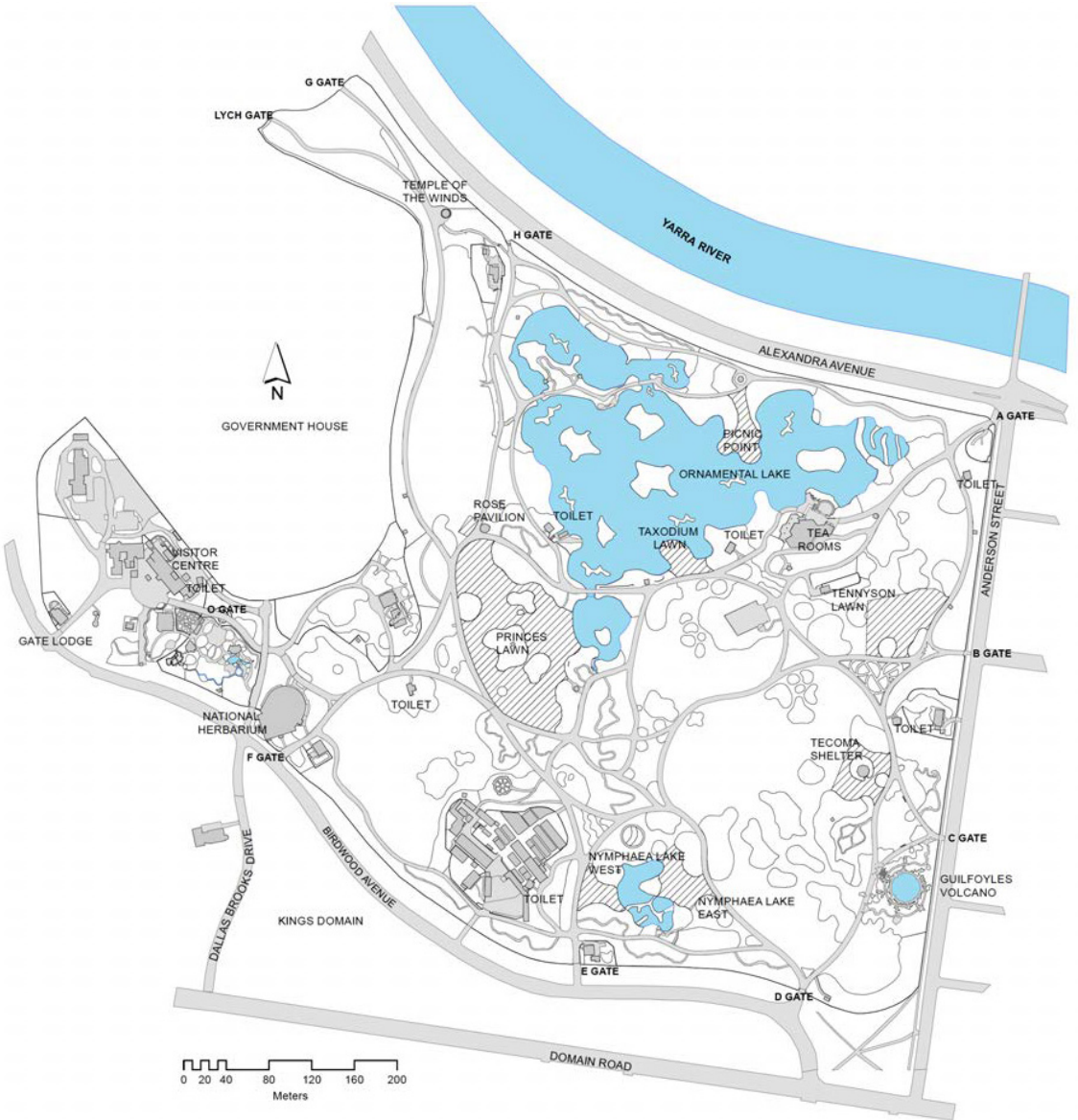


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The Royal Botanic Gardens is Melbourne's most popular wedding ceremony venue. With a variety of areas available for hire, there's something to suit your big day. Locations range from sprawling green lawns, lush tranquil lakesides and unique sheltered pavilions.

When choosing a location, it's important to consider all elements you will require for your wedding. Considerations may include the necessity of shelter, entrance proximity, or lawn areas for larger guest lists.

wedding ceremony locations

nymphaea lake east and west

nymphaea lake acts as a showcase for the gardens' collection of water lilies, Japanese irises and other aquatic plants. The peak time for this location is in high summer when the multicoloured lilies are in bloom; however, the lake and its surrounding lawns are gorgeous year round. The east side of the lake is expansive with undulating hills; and the west more intimate for those seeking privacy.

tecaoma pavilion

available for ceremonies of up to 60 people, tecoma pavilion provides shelter and the ideal outdoor setting. With views to government house and the city skyline, it has a garden feel with an impressive backdrop. Tecoma pavilion is located near C Gate, enabling guests easy access to your event.

taxodium lawn

popular with those having a reception at the terrace, taxodium lawn is an ideal breakout area for your event. Named after the beautiful taxodium distichum tree beside the ornamental lake, this space is home to our resident swans and ducks, offering a perfect combination of nature and wildlife.

rose pavillion

this is a romantic pavilion in which to make your vows, particularly when it is covered with blooms around november and march. It is an intimate space centrally located within the gardens available for ceremonies of up to 45 people.

picnic point

located opposite the gardens shop, lakeside and the terrace, this popular lakeside space offers an expansive lawn and palm trees — adding to the picturesque garden surrounds. Larger than its opposite neighbour taxodium lawn, picnic point can comfortably fit a large guest list for a ceremony.

princes lawn

with a sweeping view out over central lake, princes lawn cuts a manicured green swathe through to the centre of the gardens. princes lawn is sheltered by many of the garden's oldest trees and is located right next to the rose pavilion.

tennyson lawn

this lush green lawn is perfect for ceremonies that require close gate access in luscious surrounds — providing a natural shade canopy for guests. Alongside its beautiful trees and natural setting, it is conveniently located near B Gate and restrooms.

eastern transit room

the eastern transit room is in the heritage listed old melbourne observatory building, available as a ceremony location for up to 120 people. This space can also be booked as a wet weather backup that ensures peace of mind if you are organising a ceremony in Melbourne's colder months.

have you found a reception venue?

marquee weddings

Undoubtedly Melbourne's most romantic & unique venue, the Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria permits marquees to be built on a selected number of lawns. Offering a blank canvas, blakes feast catering can help you style your event to suit your theme. With a tailored menu especially for you, Blakes Feast Catering ensures restaurant quality food, wine & service within a picturesque location.

handy hints

Many couples wish to entertain their guests and celebrate with a glass of champagne and/or canapes immediately after the ceremony. Speak to Blakes Feast Catering about assisting you on the day. Please note that only Blakes Feast can cater in the lawn and pavilion areas within the gardens — no BYO alcohol is permitted.

Your booking time should commence at least half an hour prior to your ceremony to allow your guests time to arrive, and any suppliers to set up. If you wish to extend your booking time to accommodate this, you can do so in 15 min blocks.

If you have elderly or disabled guests, we advise that you choose a location close to a gate as they are not permitted vehicle access under any circumstances.

The Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria permits marquees, umbrellas, chairs and equipment to be set up on a number of selected lawns. Please contact any of the suppliers on our recommended list for further information.

making a booking

After choosing your ideal location please contact us to ensure the location you have selected is available. We will place a tentative booking until the registration process is complete.

If you wish to ask a Blakes Feast coordinator any questions regarding a ceremony or reception in the Royal Botanic Gardens please call us on 9885 2777 during business hours Monday to Friday.

