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Gardens in the Dandenong Ranges are sensational! Natures opera, there's drama, colour and movement.

They punctuate our seasons perfectly and inspire all of those that view them. Some are curated to entice us to walk through and imagine ourselves in a favourite story of our own, whilst others tell wonderful stories of this place, it's vast history and the people that helped settle it.

Dandenong Ranges Botanical Gardens *Open: 10am – 5pm*

The Georgian Rd, Olinda VIC 3788 | 13 19 63 

The 42 hectare garden was first established in 1960 by the Australian Rhododendron Society. The rhododendrons and azaleas flower in spring, the hydrangeas flower during summer, maples and cherry trees are ablaze with autumn hues and hellebores and leucadendrons are at their best in winter.

Cloudehill Gardens *Open: 10am – 5pm*

89 Olinda-Monbulk Rd, Olinda VIC 3788 | 03 9751 1009

A maze of stone walls and jewel like garden rooms plus 20 garden compartments threaded through glorious 80 year old European beech, magnolias, maples and a collection of fabulous Himalayan tree rhododendrons. The garden is highlighted by glorious herbaceous borders which focus on two of the finest Japanese weeping maples to be seen anywhere in the world. Cloudehill features Seasons Restaurant and Diggers Garden Shop. Guided tours available by appointment.

William Ricketts Sanctuary *Open: 10am – 4:30pm*

1402 Mount Dandenong Tourist Rd, Mount Dandenong VIC 3767
03 9751 1300


Ninety-two ceramic sculptures created by William Ricketts, an artist who lived and worked at the Sanctuary for 60 years, are located in the natural surrounds of ferns and Mountain Ash trees. The outdoor sculptural works and their placement within the heavily treed landscape makes William Ricketts Sanctuary a place of significant cultural value and is classified by the National Trust.

Pirianda Garden *Open: Daily 10am – 5pm*

Hacketts Rd, Olinda VIC 3788 | 13 19 63

Pirianda Garden is an 11 hectare, fine example of a tranquil and secluded hillside woodland garden containing many botanically significant exotic plants that are rare in Australia. It has magnificent views featuring a fern gully walk, terraced garden beds in the valley and the house built by the Ansell's in 1962.

Mt Dandenong Arboretum *Open: 24 hours*

65 Ridge Rd, Mount Dandenong VIC 3767 | 13 19 63 

The Mount Dandenong Arboretum extends over 16 hectares and contains a collection of maturing deciduous trees and conifers from around the world. Enjoy quiet walks under mature conifers and exotic trees.

Alfred Nicholas Memorial Garden *Open: 10am – 5pm*

1A Sherbrooke Rd, Sherbrooke VIC 3789 | 13 19 63

Originally part of the adjoining Burnham Beeches estate, this was one of Victoria's largest traditional hill stations established in the first half of the 1900s and is the only garden of its type to be open to the public. It features an impressive ornamental lake, boat house, waterfall and ponds.

George Tindale Memorial Garden *Open: 10am – 5pm*

33 Sherbrooke Rd, Sherbrooke VIC 3789 | 13 19 63

A 3 hectare 'plantsman's' garden developed to collect, study and record and display choice and rare cultivated ornamental plants suited to the climate of the Dandenong Ranges by the Tindale family. The garden offers a distinctive intimate landscape of garden beds under a canopy of Mountain Ash trees.

Karwarra Australian Plant Garden *Open: 10am – 4pm*

Mount Dandenong Tourist Rd, Kalorama VIC 3766 | 03 9728 4256

Set on two hectares, Karwarra is devoted to displaying the diversity of Australian native plants in a landscaped setting. At any time of the year there is plenty to see and enjoy, with many plants flowering in each season. An inspiration for those looking to create their own garden using Australian plants. 1190-1192 Mt.Dandenong Tourist Road Kalorama

Skyhigh Mt Dandenong *Open: 8am – 10:30pm*

26 Observatory Rd, Mount Dandenong VIC 3766 | 03 9751 0443

See Melbourne's skyline from Sky High. The English style garden is set beneath Australian Blackwoods, and is a haven for the local bird life. The garden offers year round interest with a variety of flowering shrubs, perennials, deciduous trees, and a feast of foliage plants. A traditional lychgate opens onto a lawn, which is bounded by a two tiered hedge.

RJ Hamer Arboretum *Open: 24 hours*

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The RJ Hamer Arboretum has views that stretch across to Silvan Dam and the Yarra Valley. It provides visitors with 120 hectares of breathtaking scenery and tranquil beauty. The garden grounds themselves include over 150 species of native and exotic trees including a design that represents mini-forests stretching over the rolling hills. The overall effect creates a stunning 'patchwork' view.

Ferny Creek Horticultural Society Garden

Opening hours may vary

100 Hilton Rd, Sassafras VIC 3787 | 03 9755 1882

The 10 acre Ferny Creek Ornamental Garden Reserve is close to Sherbrooke Forest offering splendid walks and views of the nearby hills with The Great Dividing Range in the distance.

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