



The Parc Floral de La Source, *a remarkable green oasis*

The Parc Floral de La Source is the most-visited tourist site in the Loiret Department, contributing to its reputation as well as fulfilling its role as a park for the local area. Awarded the “Jardin Remarquable” (Outstanding Garden) label, this park in Metropolitan Orléans, situated between Sologne and the Loire Valley, covers 35 hectares which are designed to meet the various expectations of visitors. The park is for all ages and is the ideal place for communing with nature, plants and animals. It’s also a place of entertainment, offering a wide range of events and a site that provides a full range of services to make every visit a total pleasure. Although the Parc Floral de La Source is a tourist venue, it’s also a centre for environmental conservation and the home of the source of one of the smallest tributaries of the Loire: the Loiret



Flowering through the seasons

From mid-March to early May
bulbs in flower (tulips, narcissi, hyacinths), rhododendrons, azalea

From April to June
Rockery garden in flower

From mid-May to early June
iris garden in flower

From June to September
rose garden in flower

From July to August
tropical area

From July to September
fuchsias in flower

From mid-July to September
prairie garden in flower

From mid-July to mid-October
flowering of the dahlia garden and the vegetable garden

Other attractions experience throughout the year:
floral events, perennials, pelargoniums, rhododendrons, trees, etc.



The Butterfly House

Recreating the climatic conditions of a tropical garden, it's 25 to 30°C in the greenhouse, with a humidity level of over 80%. In this luxuriant vegetation made up of banana, papaya, vanilla and fig trees, hibiscus and orchids, tropical butterflies come out to meet visitors. These fragile, short-lived insects come from breeding farms all over the world, including South America, Oceania and Madagascar.

The gardens



4 The garden of shapes

This is one of the first gardens you see as you enter the park. With its trees pruned in the shape of clouds, the Jardin de Formes inspires the imagination. Based on the traditions of Zen gardens, it offers visitors a sense of balance and peace of mind.

6 The Rock Garden

APRIL TO JUNE

Between the undergrowth and the meadow garden, the rock garden conjures up a mountain landscape of stone and plants. Here you'll find a peat bog*, a waterfall and alpine vegetation. Through a cloud of mist, it is home to carnivorous plants. From the lookout point, there is a panoramic view over the iris garden and meadow garden.

* Peat bog: a wetland, a fragile ecosystem

8 The meadow garden

MID-JULY TO SEPTEMBER

In the wet meadow, in the foreground, this pastoral interlude is home to riverbank and aquatic plants. The meadow is planted with grasses and flowering plants and acts as a link with the great plain. It's the ideal place for sitting in the grass and enjoying a picnic.

* Wet meadow: fen, marsh

12 The iris garden

MID-MAY TO EARLY JUNE

Protected by two earth walls, this collection garden backs on to the field of irises forming a "blue sea". It contains 90 varieties of Iris Germanica which have the distinctive feature of offering "repeat" flowering at the end of summer, or sometimes in the autumn. The subtle colours and scents of the irises will delight lovers of this ephemeral flower.

14 The kitchen garden and orchard

MID-JUNE TO MID-OCTOBER

The kitchen garden is full of vegetables, from the most traditional and best-known to the rarest and most surprising. In the centre are ponds inhabited by frogs. The water is untreated and used to water the crops. A selection of aromatic plants used for cooking or medicinal purposes is presented nearby. In the orchard, the fruit trees and bushes provide food for the birds and, if they leave any, for visitors.

15 The Jardin de la Source

THROUGH THE SEASONS

Through a light mist you enter this green nook bordered by wetland plants. At one end of the garden you can see the main source of the Loiret, "Le Bouillon", which gets its name from the characteristic boiling turbulence of its waters. A colony of pink flamingos lives all year round on the Loiret.

18 Fuchsia Square

JULY TO SEPTEMBER

Situated between the Loiret and the rose garden, Fuchsia Square contains over 90 species and is sheltered by a line of plane trees. Dewdrops falling from the trees water the pots of fuchsias, while visitors are free to discover these slender flowers from different angles.

19 The rose garden

JUNE TO SEPTEMBER

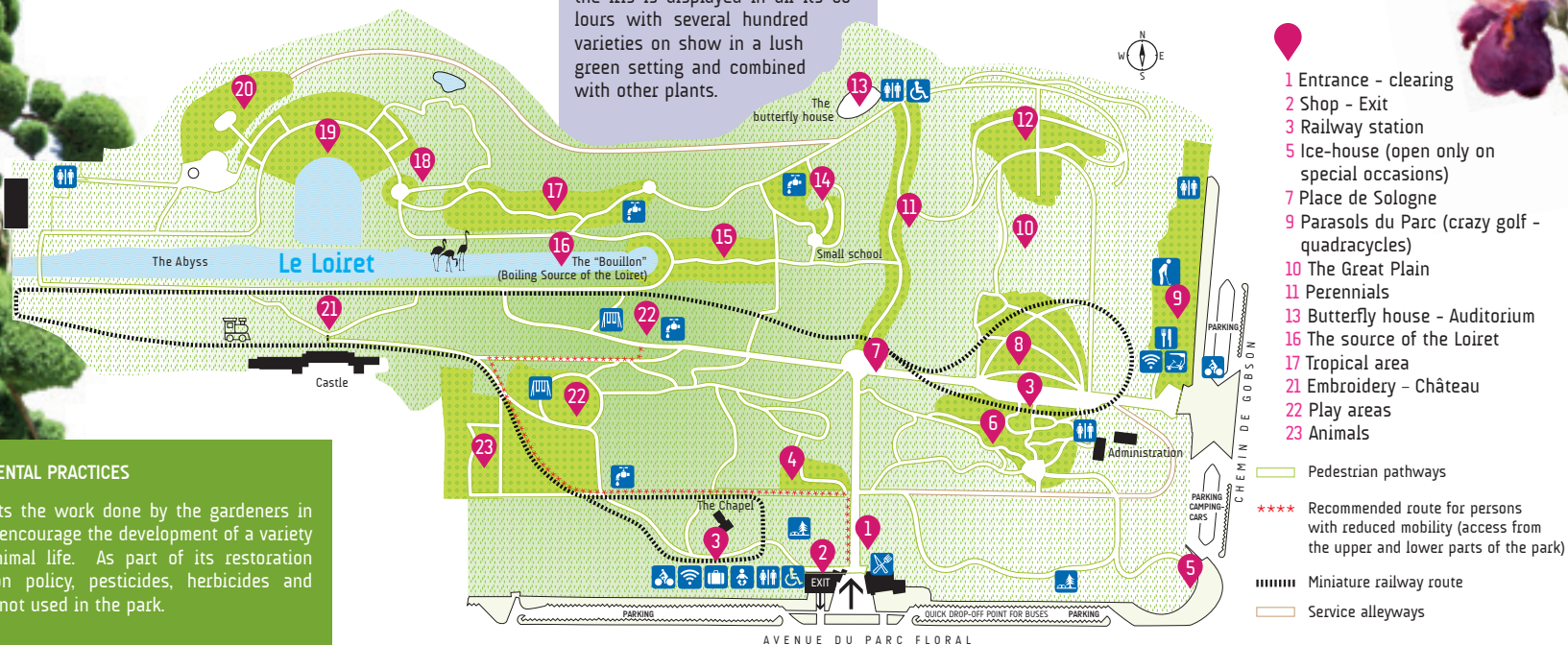
Along the main walkways are a series of pergolas planted with climbing roses. Perennial and aromatic plants are mixed with old, modern and botanical varieties of roses. The circular bench overlooking the rose garden offers an outstanding view over the mirror lake and château.

20 The dahlia garden

MID-JULY TO MID-OCTOBER

Long known as "chichipatlí", dahlias, which come from the high Mexican plateaux, are a hugely colourful sight. Presented in a circular garden, the patches of dahlias alternate with strips of lawn. This garden may be admired until the first frosts.

FLORAL CIRCUIT - IRIS ROUTE
The Iris Route offers a floral circuit for lovers of beautiful gardens, all along the Loire Valley between Tours and Nevers. In 5 parks and gardens, including the Parc Floral de La Source, and via 2 growers, the iris is displayed in all its colours with several hundred varieties on show in a lush green setting and combined with other plants.



GOOD ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES

The park restricts the work done by the gardeners in certain areas to encourage the development of a variety of plant and animal life. As part of its restoration and conservation policy, pesticides, herbicides and insecticides are not used in the park.

Events throughout the year

To help you discover every aspect of the Parc Floral de La Source, a wide range of activities are on offer in the various gardens, from spring to early autumn: children's entertainment, talks, evening events, exhibitions... A full programme that invites you to come and relax in nature, in every season.

The "Salon des Arts du Jardin" (Gardening Show) - 9th year



SATURDAY 6 AND SUNDAY 7 APRIL
Exhibition and sale of plants and works of art. Nurserymen, horticulturalists, landscape gardeners, bric-a-brac traders and artists will be on hand to advise

you on your choice and purchase of plants and outdoor decorative objects.

Evening entertainment



ON THE EVENINGS OF SATURDAY 15 JUNE, 20 JULY, 17 AUGUST, 14 SEPTEMBER, 12 OCTOBER, 26 OCTOBER
An opportunity for a picnic, a family show and a walk in the light of a paper lantern* at nightfall.

The park closes at 11.00 pm. Last entry 9.30 pm (except on 12 and 26 October, park closes at 10.00 pm, last entry 8.30 pm).

*Paper lantern offered by the Parc Floral.

Services

Opening times and dates vary from season to season. Please contact us.



FOOD SERVICE

Les Parasols du Parc

Separate entrance
(chemin du Gobson)
02 38 49 30 01

Restaurant La Terrasse du Parc

Separate entrance
(avenue du Parc Floral)
Closed Mondays.
02 38 25 92 24
www.laterresse45.com

Picnic areas



Baby changing table,
bottle warmer, etc.



SHOPS

There is a shop at the park entrance (separate entrance) and a sales outlet dedicated to butterflies in the greenhouse.



ACCESSIBILITY

Most of the paths and alleys in the Parc Floral are paved and equipped with benches. Wheelchairs are made available free of charge (subject to availability). The park's sanitary facilities are accessible to all (approved for persons with reduced mobility, includes facilities for babies) and a cloakroom is also available.

Leisure activities



PLAY AREAS

For children aged 3 to 12.



MINIATURE RAILWAY

Adult: €4
Child: €3
Opening times and prices:
02 38 49 30 00.



PARASOLS DU PARC QUADRACYCLES AND CRAZY GOLF

Separate entrance
Opening times and prices:
02 38 49 30 01.
Minimum age for crazy golf:
7 years old

Useful information

OPENING TIMES

20 March > 29 September 2019:

10.00 am - 7.00 pm*

30 September > 3 November 2019:

10.00 am - 6.00 pm*

4 November 2019 > March 2020:

2.00 pm - 5.00 pm*

(open with free admission, the butterfly house is closed).

Closed on 25 December and 1 January.

*Last admission one hour before the park closes.

The park is open on the evenings of **Saturday 15 June, 20 July, 17 August, 14 September, 12 October, 26 October 2019**. The park closes at 11.00 pm. Last entry 9.30 pm (except on 12 and 26 October, park closes at 10.00 pm, last entry 8.30 pm).

Languages spoken at reception.

Information and reservations for activities and guided tours: 02 38 49 30 00.

Dogs are admitted if kept on a short lead, except in the butterfly house.

INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS

Avenue du Parc Floral
45100 Orléans
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02 38 49 30 00
www.parcfloraldelasource.com

PRICES

Unguided tour with free brochure and map.

INDIVIDUAL ADMISSION

Adult: €6

Adult reduced price*: €5

From 6 to 16 years old: €4

Under 6 years old: free

* Salon des Arts du Jardin (Gardening Show), students over 16 years old, person accompanying a disabled individual, etc.

GROUPS (FROM 15 PEOPLE)

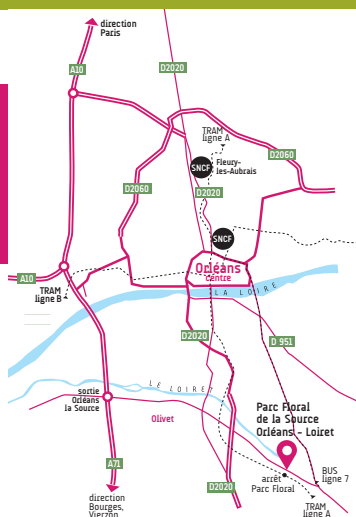
Adult: €5

From 6 to 16 years old: €2.50

From 3 to 5 years old: €1.50

Under 3 years old: free

Payments methods: Bank card, cash.



ACCESS

Large free car parks for light vehicles, camper vans and coaches

A71 motorway, exit: Orléans-La Source
• D2020, exit Orléans-La Source/St-Cyr-en-Val/Parc Floral

Tram line A - take the Parc Floral stop

Bus route 7 - take the Parc Floral stop

Cycle tracks connect the Parc Floral to the town centre