



# OLDS COLLEGE BOTANIC GARDENS AND WETLANDS

**General Information & Maps**  
**Open Dawn til Dusk**  
**April - October**

## CENTRAL – ORIGINAL GARDENS

The first two phases of the gardens, established in 2002, have matured into a rich, diverse landscape home to plant collections and specialty gardens. In this 5 acre site garden areas are based on particular criteria - Geographical Collections display plants from a certain region; Ecological Collections showcase plants that inhabit a particular type of ecosystem; Taxonomic Collections are based on plant classification and evolution; Theme Collections bring together plants based on their landscape or cultural uses. These gardens provide resources for courses and programs at the college, gardening information and inspiration for garden visitors, research opportunities, and a wonderful setting for campus staff.

## HOURS & ADMISSION

The gardens are open to the public free of charge from dawn til dusk during the gardening season (April to October). During the winter months, the Central portion of the gardens is accessible, but the East portion is closed to the public.

Donation boxes are found at each entrance to the gardens, and a \$5 donation is suggested. All proceeds go to the ongoing support and care of the gardens.

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# WELCOME

The Botanic Gardens and Treatment Wetlands at Olds College truly offer something for everyone regardless of the season. Whether you are a keen gardener looking for ideas, or simply seeking a pleasant place to stroll, the Olds College Campus and Botanical Gardens and Treatment Wetlands are both worthy destinations.

## EAST – TREATMENT WETLANDS

The third phase of the garden is spread over 20 acres, encompassing 19 ponds with 1.3 kilometers of pathways. Completed in 2013 and planted with hundreds of trees and shrubs, native plants, perennials and wetland plants, the site is truly impressive.

The Gazebo on the top of Celebration Hill provides the best vantage point to see the garden in its entirety. What is not obvious to the eye is the function of the ponds - treating and polishing run-off water from the campus, and providing incredible research opportunities in the area of waste-water treatment.

*For more information on the research aspects of this site contact the Olds College Center for Innovation at 403-507-7970 or visit our website.*

## PARKING

Parking for the Central portion of the gardens is in Lot A near the Land Sciences Building. The East portion of the gardens which houses the Treatment Wetlands can be accessed by walking along the Bylands Promenade, or parking can be found in Lot D.



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