

# University of Bergen Botanical Gardens

## The Arboretum and Botanical Garden at Milde

The Botanical Garden was established at Milde in 1996. The garden contains mainly herbaceous plants, and the collections are arranged in different sections such as the Useful Plants Garden, the Japanese Garden and the Alpine Garden.

The University of Bergen has built the Botanical Garden within an area that belongs to the Arboretum. The land is located to the west of Mildevegen / Skipanesvegen and is approximately 7 hectares.

In the Sunny Meadow, just inside the southern entrance, there is a large exhibition of summer annuals. There is also a large peony exhibition, a collection of cultivar of genera in the Honeysuckle family, the Olive family, and a collection of narcissus flowers.



The Alpine Garden contains alpine plants from different parts of the world, and the collections are arranged in a geographical order.

In 2007 a farmyard tree was planted at the main entrance, a future starting point for the theme gardens that will come here. The Useful Plants Garden in the area above the Alpine Garden is an exciting area with both old and new useful and cultivated plants.

The Japanese Garden is a new attraction in the Botanical Garden, built during the period 2005 - 2008.

For the time being, the main part of the work has been carried out in the southern part facing Lake Mildevatn. In the northern part, a number of trees and bushes have been planted, and on the inside of the main entrance there is a collection of tulip cultivars.

- 5000 plant taxa from all over the World
- Norway's largest collection of Roses
- The largest Rhododendron collection in Scandinavia
- Heather Garden, Japanese Garden and Alpine Garden
- Displays of historical garden plants and traditions
- Accessible for disabled persons



The Arboretum and Botanical Garden are situated in idyllic surroundings at Milde next to the Fanafjord, south of Bergen.

The collection facilitates research, education, testing of plants for their suitability in Norwegian conditions, and to generate interest in the natural sciences, in botany and in horticulture. The area is also perfect for recreation and open air activities.

The Arboretum and Botanical Garden at Milde are open all year round.

You will find us about 23 km south of the city of Bergen. Bus route 525 runs from Bergen Storsenter (the bus station) to Milde. There are car parks at Dalsmyra, Mildevågen and in the Botanical Garden at Vågelva (see map). Disabled persons can park at Grønevika.

On arrival you are free to wander along well-prepared roads and paths, many of which are suitable for wheelchair users. The bathing areas at Grønevika (with toilets) and Sandholna are managed by "Bergen & Omland Friluftsråd".

Coffee, waffles and ice cream are sold at Blondehuset every Sunday from Easter to the end of September.

In May and June the café is also open on Saturdays.

Guided tours: Groups can book guided tours. The price is currently NOK 30 per person (minimum charge NOK 200).

<http://www.uib.no/arboretet/en>

## The Museum Garden in Bergen

The Museum Garden is a botanic garden linked to the natural history department of the University Museum on Nygårdshøyden in Bergen. The garden was created in 1887-1889 and although it covers less than 14,000 square meters it has around 3,000 different species collected over the years. Most of them arrived here as seeds of plants growing wild in Norway and the rest of the world, but the garden also holds culture plants of special beauty or of economic importance.



The garden was the original botanic garden of the University of Bergen and functioned as the outdoor unit of the natural history collections at the Bergen Museum. The new and far larger botanic garden of more than 70,000 square meters was established at the Norwegian Arboretum at Milde, but the Museum Garden is preserved as the face of the botanic garden in the centre of town.