

## Exploring the garden gullies of Mt Lofty Botanic Garden

The sprawling network of hillside gullies makes Mount Lofty Botanic Garden truly distinctive and memorable. Each has its own environment and unique story to tell.



### Magnolia Gully

Featuring beautiful flowers and some rare species, this trail shows the Magnolia family in all its glory. See tree varieties prized for their timber and shrubs used in Chinese medicine. This gully is at its best in August to September when the Magnolias are in full flower.

### Woodland Trek

Paths through the woodland garden weave around the hillside connecting the upper and lower gardens and overlooking the Main Lake. Listen to the gentle flowing of the streams and waterfalls in the gully below while you enjoy the shade and tranquillity provided by the dozens of northern hemisphere tree species.

### Fern Gully

High rainfall plants from Australia and New Zealand create a temperate rainforest that is cool and inviting year-round. Tall tree ferns extend out of the gully as you climb among the vines and shrubs.

### Rhododendron Gully

This is one of the most extensive and impressive gullies of the Garden, boasting one of Australia's best rhododendron collections. Follow the full length, from near the upper car park all the way to the Duck Pond to fully experience and appreciate the scale and variety of the rhododendrons, which range from small shrubs to tall forest trees. The Rhododendron Gully is a sea of vibrant colour in August- October.

### South American Gully

Imagine a prehistoric world where dinosaurs roamed the earth. A time of Gondwana, the ancient supercontinent which later spawned Antarctica, Africa, South America, India, Australia and New Zealand. The South American and surrounding gullies have been planted with a Gondwanan theme. Compare plants from these now far-flung parts of the globe and look out for clues of their shared origins.

### Spring Gully

A glimpse into the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century history of the Piccadilly Valley. The permanent spring in this area was once used by local market gardeners as their main water supply and you will find an old well and other remnant structures from this period. Also look out for the endangered King Fern and rare indigenous Coral Ferns which have survived in this gully.

### South East Asian Gully

Camellias are the dominant feature of this gully. Their large flowers are definitely beautiful, but there's more to camellias than just looks - did you know that the black tea plant is a Camellia?

### West Asian Gully

A winding hillside gully fitted with Asian and Indian flora, including an impressive collection of Viburnum shrubs are renowned for their colourful berries and flowers.