

Greener Choices for Visiting Melbourne Gardens & Nature

Sofitel Melbourne On Collins is within walking distance to many of the city's protected areas and features that make up the "Garden State". For more resources speak with Concierge and for visiting beyond the CBD visit [Parks Victoria](#).



[Albert Park](#) is home to a plethora of events, from fun runs to cycling events, pet-friendly meetups and the iconic Australian Grand Prix.

🚶 49 minutes 🚇 25 minutes

Operating Hours:

Open 24 Hours

📍 Albert Park Lake, Albert Park, Melbourne

🔗 *Concierge tip; Albert Park Lake is known for its black swans and cygnets, its golf course and the Melbourne Aquatic and Sports Centre*

[Birrarung Marr](#) is an urban park on the north bank of the Yarra River, next to Federation Square, and is a place for the community to celebrate public activities, major events, and festivals.

🚶 9 minutes

Operating Hours:

Open 24 Hours

📍 Birrarung Marr, Melbourne

🔗 *Concierge tip; the park's name comes from the language of the Wurundjeri people who originally inhabited the area - 'birrarung' means 'river of mists' and 'marr' relates to 'side'*

[The Treasury Gardens](#) is one of Victoria's oldest public gardens and the closest gardens to the hotel, it leads into the [Fitzroy Gardens](#) just east of the CBD.

🚶 3 minutes

Operating Hours:

Open 24 Hours

Sunday, 11am – 5pm

📍 Treasury Gardens, 2-18 Spring Street, East Melbourne

🔗 *Concierge tip; the Treasury Gardens are a great spot for a brisk morning walk or post-lunch stroll*

[The Carlton Gardens](#) is a World Heritage Site located on the edge of the CBD, popular for weddings, picnics and local fauna, such as tawny frogmouth owls and kookaburras.

🚶 13 minutes 🚇 10 minutes

Operating Hours:

Tuesday – Friday, 10am – 5pm

📍 Carlton Gardens, 1-111 Carlton Street, Carlton

🔗 *Concierge tip; there are many eclectic shopfronts to see, visit [Lumi](#) for small batch pieces made with sustainable textiles*

[Royal Botanic Gardens](#) host many incredible events; gardens, walks and guided tour. Walking or running along the 'Tan' is a Melbourne custom with year-round marathons next to the Yarra.

🚶 26 minutes 🚇 23 minutes

Operating Hours:

Monday – Sunday, 7:30am – 7:30pm

📍 Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne

🔗 *Concierge tip; book yourself in for an Aboriginal Heritage Walk, you'll learn about the native plants, their uses and customs connected to Country*