

Butterfly Gardens

A great Victoria attraction!

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Located at 1461 Benvenuto Ave in Brentwood Bay just north of Victoria on Vancouver Island BC



It is all about the butterflies

Victoria Butterfly Gardens is one of Victoria's major tourist attractions. It is located just 20 minutes north of Victoria. Just follow the major signs to Butchart Gardens and you will drive right to Butterfly Gardens. Both share Benvenuto Road.

Butterfly Gardens is designed to host the life cycle and free flight of tropical butterflies and moths from across the world. The gardens are an impressive display of tropical plants and blooms with gentle streams and waterfalls flowing throughout. It is also home to dozens of tropical birds, including stunning pink flamingos, and giant koi fish.



Butterfly Gardens along one pathway



Lush foliage at Butterfly Gardens



A display of butterfly larvae

Instead of a trip south to Costa Rica or some other tropical country, you can drive just north of Victoria and immerse yourself in this tropical splendor at a small fraction of the cost. As you journey through these lush tropical and warm gardens you will have close encounters with exotic butterflies as they dart around the premises. They come in many dazzling colors and intricate patterns and there are about 35 species in the Garden at any one time. They may even light on your person, if you are lucky.



Beautiful Flowers and Plants



Ponds full of birds and fish

Having a butterfly land on your nose is akin to having a killer whale splash you with water. It is immensely good luck and it will tickle your fancy. They don't bite, so relax and enjoy the experience.

There are a number of great exhibits in the Gardens. There is an impressive collection of orchids, a carnivorous plant display, and a "Foods of the World" display, all of which will educate and inform you.



A guided tour in progress



A beautiful flamingo in the pond

There are a wide variety of birds. For me the most outstanding are the South African Turocos and the beautiful pink flamingos.

Your education begins with a preview video, which is a great idea. If you enter the Gardens with some knowledge, you will see far more. Inside the garden, there is a naturalist available to answer any of your questions, so don't be shy, ask away!



A Friendly Parrot

Enjoy your visit to [Butterfly Gardens](#), you will be very glad you made it a stop on your visit to Victoria. Be sure to plan on spending lots of time there. In addition to the education you will get, they have a great gift shop to explore when you are done. If you are going to Butchart Gardens, you can easily fit both attractions in on the same day as they are so close together.

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