

BOTANICAL GARDEN OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARIBOR

The Botanical Garden of the University of Maribor is situated in an area of exceptional natural and cultural heritage, featuring prehistoric burial mounds over three thousand years old, associated with the former settlement of Poštela. The oldest part of the garden was planted at the end of the 19th century as a private collection and is now part of Slovenia's registered cultural heritage.

The garden includes representatives of native flora as well as plants from other continents, including species from Asia, Africa, America, and Australia. Special emphasis is placed on collections of selected cultivars, such as the rose garden and collections of rhododendrons and dogwoods. The botanical garden was officially opened as a public institution in 2002 and now serves as an important educational and exhibition centre.

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THE GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE AND COMRADESHIP


The Garden of Remembrance and Comradeship is a unique memorial botanical park in Petanjci in Prekmurje. It was created after World War II, when Apolonija Šiftar planted weeping willows in memory of her fallen sons. Her third son, distinguished professor Dr. Vanek Šiftar, continued her work. Today, a large number of trees and shrubs grow on almost 2 hectares, telling stories of memory, peace, and hope, inviting visitors to take a walk and quietly reflect on the past and the future.

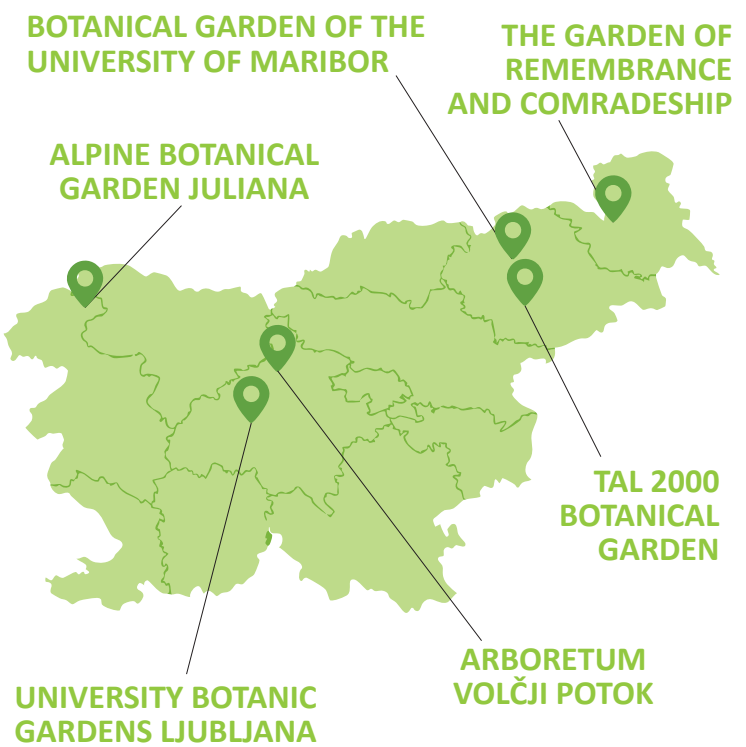
The garden is a cultural monument of local importance. The garden is managed by the Dr. Šiftar Foundation. Among the sculptures in the garden is a memorial plaque to J. Kepler, who spent several months of his exile at the end of the 16th century in Petanjci.

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- 🌿 **SEŽANA BOTANICAL GARDEN**
www.vrtsezana.si
 - 🌿 **MOZIRSKI GAJ**
www.mozirskigaj.com
 - 🌿 **GARDEN OF MEDICINAL AND AROMATIC PLANTS (Institute of Hop Growing and Brewing of Slovenia)**
www.ihps.si/zdravilne-in-aromaticne-rastline/predstavitev/zgodovina-vrta-zdravilnih-aromaticnih-rastlin/

Opening times vary depending on the season. We recommend that you check the opening times on the website of the individual botanical garden you wish to visit.

NETWORK OF BOTANICAL GARDENS AND ARBORETUMS



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ALPINE BOTANICAL GARDEN JULIANA

The Alpine Botanical Garden Juliana in Trenta was founded in 1926 by the Trieste landowner Albert Bois de Chesne. Since 1962 it has been managed by the Slovenian Museum of Natural History. The garden is protected as a natural monument of designed landscape from 1951.

Despite the fact that Juliana is a small botanical garden, it is home to around 600 native alpine, pre-alpine and karst plants, including many rare, protected and endemic species.

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ARBORETUM VOLČJI POTOK

Owing to its well-preserved historic park layout, the Arboretum ranks among the most important examples of garden architectural heritage in Slovenia. In 1999, it was designated a cultural monument of national importance. The original park, formerly owned by the Souvan family, has operated as a public institution since 1952.

The park contains approximately 3,500 species and cultivars of trees, shrubs, perennials and native herbaceous plants from Europe, North America and Asia, including numerous ornamental cultivars. Notable collections include conifers, rhododendrons and roses. The Arboretum manages four thematic rose gardens and currently maintains 1,178 rose cultivars.

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TAL 2000 BOTANICAL GARDEN

Tal 2000 Botanical Garden is the first and only privately owned botanical garden in Slovenia. It is located in a lowland wet woodland along the southern edge of the Rački Ribniki–Požeg Landscape Park. The garden features aquatic and moisture-loving plants, as well as poisonous and medicinal species, and includes a small collection of minerals, fossils and rocks. A themed children's area, **Parzival's Land of Treasures**, is also part of the garden.

The garden has been open since 1998. From May to October, it welcomes individual visitors on Sundays between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., while guided visits for pre-booked groups are available throughout the year by prior arrangement.

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UNIVERSITY BOTANIC GARDENS LJUBLJANA

The University Botanic Gardens Ljubljana, established in 1810, is the oldest cultural, scientific, and educational institution in Slovenia with uninterrupted operation. Since 2008, it has been designated a cultural monument of national importance. Covering three hectares, it cultivates more than 5,700 plant species, subspecies, and forms, over one third of which are native.

The gardens include the largest seed bank of native plant species in Slovenia, as well as numerous thematic collections and greenhouses, including a tropical greenhouse. In addition to *ex situ* plant conservation, it also carries out *in situ* conservation in natural habitats. The University Botanic Gardens Ljubljana conducts scientific research and educational activities, and plays an important role in the protection of biodiversity and endangered plant species.

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