

Toowoomba Parks & Gardens Drive – 27km round trip

We recommend a full day to experience this drive. Alternatively you may prefer to split this drive over two days to allow more time to enjoy the parkland entertainment. Follow the 10 recommended stops.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Picnic Point Lookout & Parklands
- Queens Park Botanic Gardens
- Hanging Basket Display, Cobb+Co Museum**
- Boyce Estate Gardens
- 3 x Exhibition Gardens **
- Laurel Bank Park
- Ju Raku En, Japanese Garden

1. PICNIC POINT LOOKOUT AND PARKLANDS

164 Tourist Road, Rangeville, Toowoomba

Follow an avenue of Hoop Pine to the starting point of your drive at Picnic Point Lookout. Take in panoramic views, enjoy a picnic morning tea or tuck into a tasty delight from the Picnic Point Café.

2. QUEENS PARK BOTANIC GARDENS

Cnr Campbell & Lindsay Streets, Toowoomba

Next stop is the beautiful Queens Park Botanic Gardens. Wander between the colourful garden beds or get a birds-eye view from the viewing platform. Sway to the musical talents of the parkland entertainment.

3. HANGING BASKET DISPLAY AT COBB + CO MUSEUM

27 Lindsay Street, Toowoomba

Just across the road at the Campbell Street end of the park, you'll see the Cobb + Co Museum. If you are looking for ideas to create your next hanging basket, then make sure you visit their Hanging Basket Display. **Entry fee applicable

4. BOYCE ESTATE GARDENS

6 Range Street, Mt Lofty, Toowoomba

Take a short drive to heritage-listed Boyce Estate Gardens. This magnificent park, covering six hectares, was established as a private garden by leading Toowoomba citizens Leslie and Margaret Boyce in 1930.

5. TOOWOOMBA EXHIBITION GARDEN

79 North Street, Harlaxton, Toowoomba

If you love cottage gardens, then be sure to visit this lovely private garden. Discover a delightful old-fashioned cottage garden, awash with colour, perfume and interesting nooks. **Exhibition Garden entry fee applies.

6. LAUREL BANK PARK

50 Hill Street, Toowoomba

One of Toowoomba's best-loved parklands, Laurel Bank will surely delight the senses. Enjoy parkland entertainment as you stroll the scented garden. See spectacularly manicured floral gardens and creatively clipped topiary hedges.

7. JU RAKU EN JAPANESE GARDEN

20 Regent Street, Darling Heights, Toowoomba

Designed as a traditional strolling garden, Ju Raku En is a truly beautiful creation spanning three hectares. There's over three kilometres of paths passing a mountain stream, waterfall, central lake and 230 Japanese and native plants.

8. TOOWOOMBA EXHIBITION GARDEN

5 Fern Drive, Kearneys Spring, Toowoomba

Are you looking for some ideas for a small garden? Colours and abundant flowers feature in this pretty cottage styled garden. There's also an edible garden, sure to provide inspiration. **Exhibition Garden entry fee applies.

9. TOOWOOMBA EXHIBITION GARDEN

17 Dallang Road, Middle Ridge, Toowoomba

This large garden has been touted as the 'lushest and greenest' in Toowoomba. Conifers are a big part of this garden. You'll also discover beautiful flowering trees, palms, gorgeous orange clivias, agapanthus and more.

10. PICNIC POINT LOOKOUT AND PARKLANDS

164 Tourist Road, Toowoomba

Choose to return to Picnic Point for late afternoon refreshments, perhaps to sample their signature wattle and violet flavoured ice cream! We hope you have enjoyed your visit to Toowoomba the 'Garden City'. Come back soon.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO HELP YOU PLAN YOUR DRIVE

1. Applicable entry fees per person:

- Hanging Basket Display – Adult \$12.50; Concession \$10; Child \$6.50
- Exhibition Gardens – 1 garden \$5; 3 gardens \$10; 4 gardens \$12

2. Places to eat along the drive:

- Picnic Point Café
- Cobb+Co Museum Café
- Toowoomba Historical Society, Queens Park
- Croquet Club, Laurel Bank Park
- Toowoomba Golf Club, Middle Ridge, Toowoomba

3. Public Toilets along the drive:

- Picnic Point Parklands
- Queens Park
- Laurel Bank Park
- Ju Raku En Japanese Garden



