

DINOSAURS & PLANTS

More than 20 types of dinosaurs have been found on the Isle of Wight.

Some of the plants that dinosaurs would have seen are still alive. At Ventnor Botanic Garden you can see some of these 'living fossils'.



The Isle of Wight in the Early Cretaceous period 125 million years ago

CAN YOU FIND OUR DINOSAUR PLANTS?



GINKGO TREES

Ginkgo biloba

Look at its unique leaf shape; this has stayed the same for 240 million years. This tree is important for Chinese medicine.



THE WOLLEMI PINE

Wollemia nobilis

This pine was thought to be extinct until someone rediscovered it in 1994. It was recognised from fossil records from 200 million years ago.



TREE FERNS

Dicksonia antarctica

This huge tree dominated the earth 360 million years ago. Stand under Bob's Bridge and imagine you are a dinosaur.



DAWN REDWOOD

Metasequoia glyptostroboides

This tree is even older than dinosaurs; it is a descendant from the Carboniferous period.



CYCADS

Cycas revolute

There were a lot of Cycads around when dinosaurs were here. Most of their species prefer warm weather but ours still flowers in the Ventnor microclimate. This is the first flowering Cycad in 250 million years.



MAGNOLIA

Magnolia spp

These beautiful trees evolved towards the end of the dinosaur age and were one of the first flowering plants. Before bees evolved they were pollinated by beetles.



MONKEY PUZZLE TREE

Araucaria araucana

This tree is now native to South America, but some were found in fossil beds on the Isle of Wight. Since 2013 they have been classified as an endangered species.

SEE DINOSAURS ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT:

- Dinosaur Isle
- Dinosaur Expeditions Centre
- Blackgang Chine
- Go on a guided fossil and dinosaur walk

Visit visitisleofwight.com for more information.

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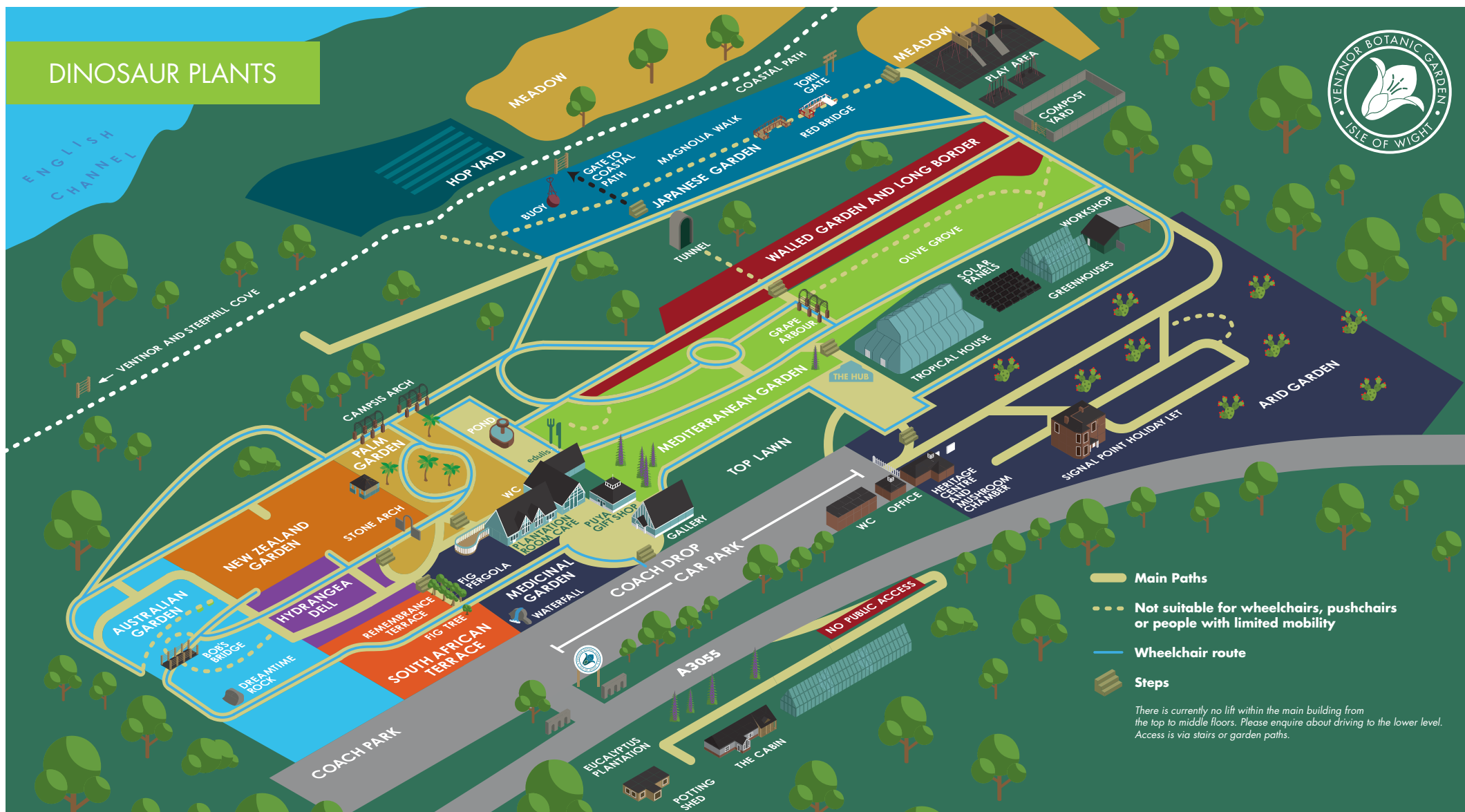
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Discover some of the 'living fossils' that covered the Earth during the time of the dinosaurs.

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GINKGO TREES
Medicinal garden



THE WOLLEMI PINE
Australian garden



TREE FERNS
Australian Garden



DAWN REDWOOD
Hydrangea Dell



CYCADS
Arid Garden



MAGNOLIA
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MONKEY PUZZLE TREE
Opposite New Zealand
Garden towards
coastal path