

Bois de Vincennes



- City centre
- Forest area
- Meadow, green space & urban park
- Sports facilities
- Road open to traffic
- Road closed to traffic on Sundays & Public Holidays
- Pedestrian-only road

- Cycle path
- The « Scandibérique » / EuroVelo 3
- Cycling loop
- Bus route
- Bus stop
- Metro exit
- Stairs & lift access

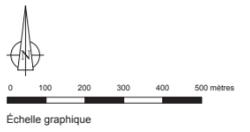
- V Vélib' bike station
- V Viewpoint
- V Tourist Office
- V Botanical house
- V Public toilets
- V Car park

- V Entrance / Exit
- V Ecological discovery site
- V Cultural site
- V Monument & heritage site
- V Restaurants
- V Hotels

- V GR14 Long-distance trail
- V Walking & hiking path
- V GR14 & hiking Trail
- V Coulee verte Renée Dumont Greenway
- V Fitness trail
- V Interval training trail

- V Dog park
- V Bridle path
- V Carousel
- V Children's playground
- V Refreshments stall
- V Picnic Area

- V Children's theatre
- V Seasonal swimming area
- V Outdoor play area



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With its four lakes, wide woodlands, and wildflower meadows spread over 995 hectares (2,459 acres), the Bois de Vincennes is Paris' largest park. It's a green escape in the east of the city, dotted with cultural treasures, gardens, and unique attractions. Visitors come here for everything from a day at the zoo to peaceful walks, cycling, and picnics in the Woods.

Scan the QR code for more information



Parc Zoologique de Paris (zoo)

Discover a modern 14-hectare zoo that's home to 3,000 animals from 255 species. Wander through five distinct bio-areas — Patagonia, Africa, Madagascar, Europe, and Amazon-Guyana — each designed to mirror the animals' natural habitats. Giraffes, lions, and manatees roam under the towering 65-metre Grand Rocher. Things to do – book a special behind-the-scenes experience online to introduce your children to the work of a real zookeeper, follow the family treasure-hunt map.

Croisement avenue Daumesnil, route de Ceinture du lac, Paris 12^{ème}. Practical tips – (M) Metro 8 Porte Dorée or Metro 1 Château de Vincennes + (BUS) bus 46. Open year-round except Jan 6–Feb 2. Entry fee applies.

www.parczoologiqueparis.fr

Ferme de Paris

This 5-hectare educational farm offers a hands-on look at organic agriculture, animal care, and bio-diversity. Workshops, events, and demonstrations run throughout the year, making it a hit with both children and adults.

Route du Pesage, Paris 12^{ème}
Practical tips – (BUS) Bus 77 Plateau de Gravelle. Free entry. Open mid-March to mid-December. Check paris.fr for hours.

www.paris.fr

Hippodrome Paris-Vincennes (racecourse)

This famous racetrack is a key venue for **trotting races** in France. It hosts top-tier horse racing events throughout the year, including the prestigious Prix d'Amérique.

2, route de la Ferme, Paris 12^{ème}
Practical tips – (RER) RER A Joinville-le-Pont, then (BUS) bus 77.
Open only on race days. Ticket and parking fees apply.
Things to do – Dine trackside in the panoramic restaurant; on theme days tour the stable; enjoy After-Race concerts in summer.

www.vincennes-hippodrome.com

École du Breuil (gardens and arboretum)

A peaceful retreat for plant lovers, this arboretum showcases more than 1,200 tree species from across the globe. It's part of Paris' horticultural school, and the grounds are beautifully maintained, with paths winding between rare and ancient trees.

Practical tips – (M) Metro 8 Porte Dorée or (M) Metro 1 Château de Vincennes + (BUS) bus 46
Free entry. Closed Jan 6–Feb 2.
Things to do – Use the free app for a self-guided tree trail; sketch or photograph blossom tunnels each April.

www.paris.fr
www.ecoledubreuil.fr

Parc Floral de Paris (botanical garden)

The city's largest botanical park is famous for its ever-changing themed gardens — vivid tulips in spring, dazzling dahlias in autumn, and colourful displays all year. Beyond the flowers, you'll find playgrounds, mini-golf, a treetop adventure course, and even an escape game.

Esplanade Saint-Louis, route de la pyramide, Paris 12^{ème}
Practical tips – (M) Metro 1 Château de Vincennes.
Free entry from October to March; fee from April to September.
Opens at 9:30 AM, closes in bad weather.
Things to do – Enjoy "Festival du Parc Floral" during summer.

www.parcfloraldeparis.fr

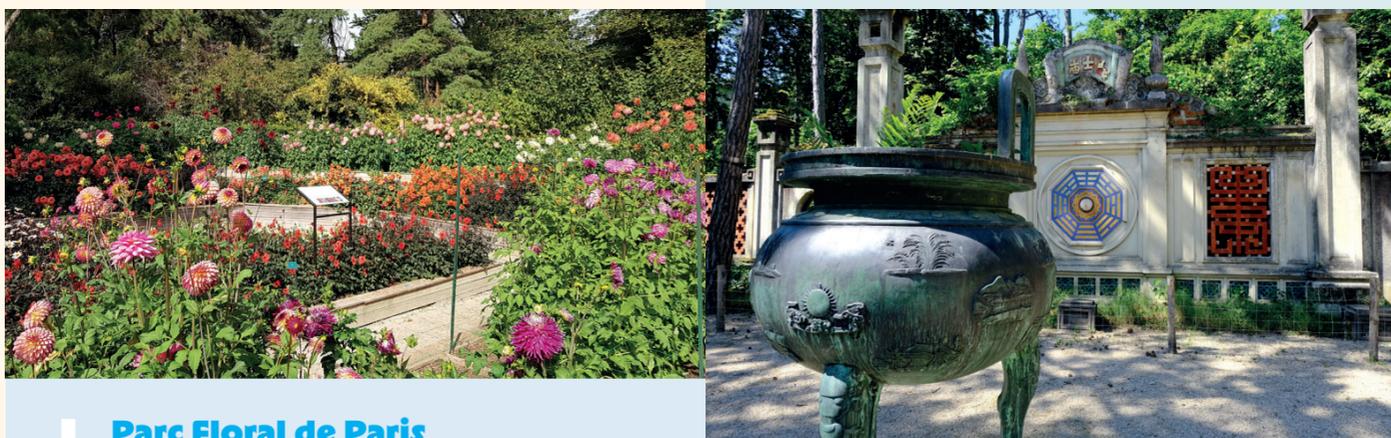


Palais de la Porte Dorée

This elegant Art Deco palace houses the National Museum of the History of Immigration and the Tropical Aquarium. The museum's exhibitions tell powerful stories, while the aquarium's tanks are home to everything from seahorses to tropical fish.

293, avenue Daumesnil, Paris 12^{ème}
Practical tips – (M) Metro 8 or (T) tram T3a Porte Dorée.
Closed Mondays. Free for EU residents under 26, fee for others.
Things to do – take the 90-min guided tour; watch aquarium feeding.

www.palais-portedoree.fr



Jardin d'agronomie tropicale

Founded in 1899 as an experimental garden, this site hosted the 1907 Colonial Exhibition and served as a military hospital during the First World War. Today, it's a place to explore both history and nature.

45 bis, avenue de la Belle-Gabrielle, Paris 12^{ème}
Practical tips – (RER) RER A Nogent-sur-Marne + 10 min walk. Free entry.
Closed only in high winds.
Things to do – Discover colonial relics, war memorials, and a community micro-farm for weekend visits and seasonal vegetables.

www.paris.fr
www.cite-developpement-durable.org

WAYS TO ENJOY YOUR DAY



Rowboat rides – Daumesnil Lake & Minimes Lake

Sail across Daumesnil Lake past swans and the Temple of Love, or row Minimes Lake with its wooded shores and tiny islands — both perfect for a picnic along the banks. Things to do – Rent a classic wooden small boat (30 min to 2 h).

Practical tips – Daumesnil lake
Open from 15/02 to 15/11 every day from 10am to 7pm.
Last departures 1 hour before dusk. Contact: 01 43 28 19 20.

Minimes lake
Open from 01/03 to 30/11 every day from 1.30pm to 7pm.
Last departures at 6pm.

Contact: 06 86 08 01 12.
Access (BUS) Bus: 46/86/325 to Demi-Lune stop.

Coulée Verte René-Dumont – Elevated garden walk

This 5 km elevated park runs along a 19th century viaduct from Opéra Bastille to the Bois de Vincennes. It offers skyline views, leafy walkways, and hidden gardens.

Practical tips – Free and well-lit.
Closing times vary.
Toilets and water available at Jardin de Reuilly.



Where to eat – Inside the Woods

Salon de thé Ladurée – Elegant tea house near Lac de Gravelle in the Bois de Vincennes, known for its iconic macarons and refined French tea-time classics.

Belle Gabrielle – Vintage-style guinguette inside the Jardin d'agronomie tropicale with seasonal dishes.

Rosa Bonheur à l'Est – Festive spot by Minimes lake with pizza, rosé, and dancing.

La Cipale – Seasonal French cuisine with fine wines, a summer terrace and a winter fireplace in the Vélodrome de Paris.

Practical tips – Please check the openings.

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