

When Robert and Jennie Butchart came to live at Tod Inlet on Vancouver Island they named their home 'Benvenuto'- Italian for 'Welcome'. Starting with sweet pea seeds and a rose bush, Jennie began a lifelong project to create a garden. With great vision, she transformed the barren limestone quarry (excavated to supply the cement factory nearby). Now 22 hectares (55 acres) of breathtaking gardens on the 53 hectare (130 acre) estate are visited by close to a million people each year. In 2004, during our 100th anniversary, The Butchart Gardens, still family owned, was designated a National Historic Site of Canada.

## To Find Us...

We are located on the Saanich Peninsula of Vancouver Island. a short drive north of Victoria.

From Swartz Bay Ferry Terminal, continue along Hwy 17 for 7km/ 4.4mi. Turn right (Exit 26) onto McTavish Rd. When McTavish Rd. ends turn left onto West Saanich Rd (Hwy 17A). Continue along West Saanich Rd for 8.5km/5.5mi. Turn right onto Benvenuto Ave. Benvenuto Ave leads directly into The Gardens.

From downtown Victoria, take Blanshard St out of town (North). Blanshard St becomes Hwy 17. 18km/11mi from Victoria, turn left off Hwy 17 (Exit 18) onto Keating X Rd. Keating X Rd becomes Benvenuto Ave, which leads directly into The Gardens.

Detailed maps and directions can be found on our web site.

## Admission Rates & Operating Hours

The Gardens opens daily at 9:00 am, except Christmas Day when it's 1:00 pm. Closing times change seasonally. Visit butchartgardens.com for full hours and rates. Tickets available online.

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