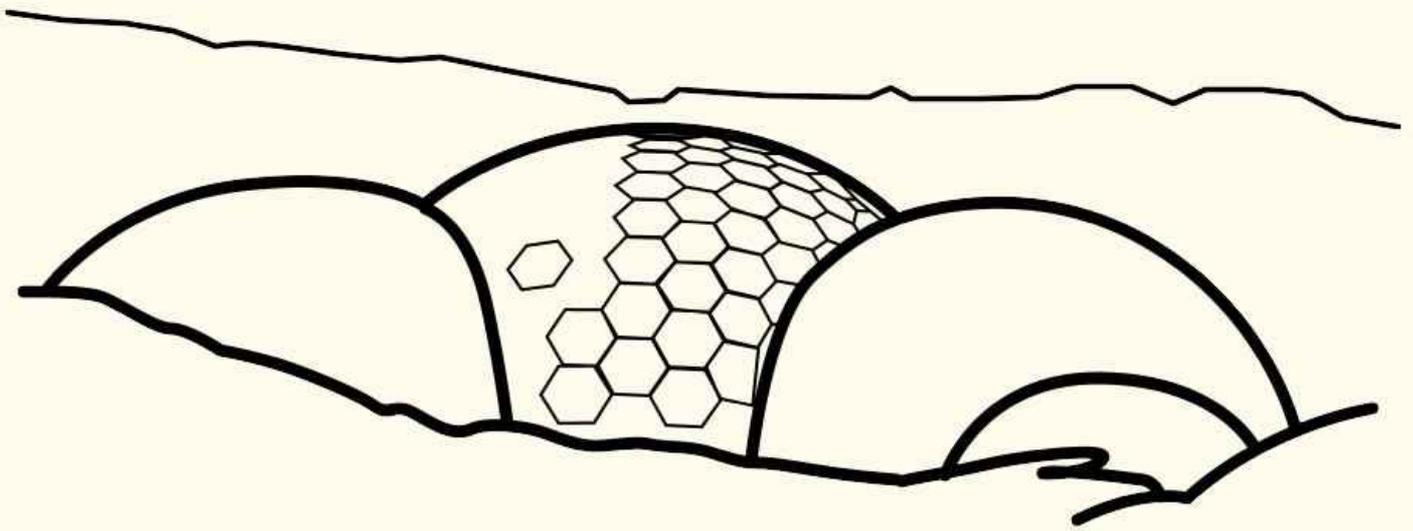


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Welcome to the Eden Project

Eden is...

- an international visitor destination
- an extraordinary educational facility
- a pioneering foundation, inspired by the conviction that the future holds the promise of a better world for all.

The Project is owned by the Eden Trust, a registered charity (No. 1093070). Money raised by the Eden Project is used to further our work in education, research, conservation and sustainable development.

We aim to...

- break down the barriers to communication, sharing information and ideas with the widest possible audience
- explore the potential for working with the grain of nature, bringing together science, art, technology and commerce to create a constituency for change – then help to put it into action.

Eden is ethically driven, yet commercially aware as its future depends on protecting its most valuable commodity – its independence. Eden is not for sale, because we believe it should belong to everyone. Its future belongs to you.

Navigating the Living Theatre

Explore our interdependence with plants today and ask what the future might look like. Eden is about choices... from global initiatives to the small steps we can all take. We bring you stories about...

- Nature and the environment
- Economic and trade issues
- Social issues and the people
- Who decides on choices for possible futures

Why? Because all these things are linked together and linked to... you.

The Humid Tropics Biome

Experience the sights, smells and sheer scale of the rainforest in the world's largest conservatory: 240 metres long, 110 metres wide and 50 metres high. Visit the Tropical Islands, Malaysia, West Africa and Tropical South America and look at how people are managing the land to meet their needs and learn about the environments they are trying to conserve. Discover the tropical plants and products you use every day and explore ways in which they are being managed for a positive future.

The Warm Temperate Biome

Travel the world from the Mediterranean to South Africa and California, where plants thrive on drought and poor thin soils. Delve into traditional cultures amongst old olive groves and gnarled vines, investigate the cork-popping present and discover new tastes, ideas and scents in citrus, vegetables and perfume.

The Outdoor Biome

The crescent-shaped terraces tell the stories of cultivated plants that have changed the world and wild plants that could change your future. Plants to eat, drink, wear and use day in, day out. There will always be something new to see from lands as different as India and Cornwall. Part of the beauty of plants is their seasonality and different exhibits will come into their own at different times of the year.

New developments

In addition to the seasonal events on the Stage we're building several new permanent facilities and exhibitions:

- our unique Education Centre, for public and schools alike, opens in the late summer. Outside: a roof inspired by the blueprint for plant architecture. Inside: a magical

exhibition dedicated to the engine that powers our world.
Upstairs: public workshops, talks, schools programmes and café.

- our new Alchemy Centre, in Pineapple car park, explores how we can turn trash into treasure.
- our Food Theatre, opening in 2006, brings a new dimension to 'you are what you eat'.
- in Winter 2005 'the Arcade of Ideas' brings vibrant exhibitions to the Visitor Centre.

Also in early summer, back to improved car parking and a covered outdoor eating area so you can go alfresco, whatever the weather. We hope our new works do not inconvenience you in any way and hope you enjoy the results.

General information

Lost, hungry, confused? If you need any help, please ask a member of staff. Our site is bigger than it looks. There's a lot of walking if you want to see it all, so please bear in mind that a rewarding visit can also be a tiring one. A land train runs between the main site and the Visitor Centre to save you the steepest climb, but you will still face some slopes within the Biomes. Wheelchairs are available on a first come first served basis.

The Humid Tropics Biome can reach 28 degrees centigrade (82 degrees Fahrenheit). Some cloakroom space is available in the Biome link. There is an exit near the Malaysian House

if you are finding it uncomfortable and a cool room further up in tropical South America for emergencies. You can get sunburnt in the Biomes – remember sun cream and hats on sunny days.

What's the story?

The Living Theatre of Plants and People

Take a deep, steep-sided, clay pit. Carve into a flat-bottomed bowl, add 83,000 tonnes of soil made from recycled waste and colonise with the plants that we use every day (but don't often get to see). Add superb architecture and people from all walks of life.

Why? To show that degraded environments can be regenerated, to create a beautiful place to explore our place in nature and to show what people can do when they put their minds to it.

So, join us on a journey. Travel your world and taste its delights; explore the wild places, discover the crops you use and engage in stories.

Explore your world with fresh eyes

The only thing which enters the earth is sunlight and the

only thing that leaves is heat... nature recycles everything else. So, how can we run out of resources? There's a lot we can learn from the natural world.

Plants. Could you survive without them? We depend on plants for foods, fuels, medicines, tools, fresh air, blue jeans, houses and coffee beans... and much more. How many plants have you used today?

Places. Across the world we grow crops to feed our needs and must find a balance between using and conserving the land.

People. Growing and trading crops affects people too... worldwide. We explore the human stories, to explain the way the world is and how it could be.

Look to positive futures

Eden works with partners and supporters locally, nationally and internationally and provides a stage where they can bring you their news, views and ideas on how to effect positive change.

Part of nature. We are all part of the environment and players on the stage. What we do affects the story, the environment and the people.

Making a difference. By working with the grain of nature we may all be able to help create more positive futures.

Engage, explore and enjoy the relationship between plants, people and places

Eden's four seasons

Our year round Eden Live events programme has live music, theatre, trails, conversations, talks and workshops that put champagne in the veins and ideas in the mind. The Stage acts as a hub for your hands on experience: keep an eye on the website and press for details.

Spring – Bulb Mania. An explosion of colour in our spring bulb display. In our workshops you can add your own ideas to the palette.

Summer spectacular. The best summer garden in Cornwall, with activities and events for all the family.

Autumn – Jungle season. Come and explore the rainforest canopy – life on a different level.

Winter – A Time of Gifts. Experience subtropical and subzero in our winter world of celebration. Go from the magically lit night-time rainforest to the romantic chill of our skating rink.

Waste Neutral

As part of our sustainability strategy we're tackling resource and waste management. After reducing and reusing, Eden aims to buy in a greater weight of products made from recycled materials than the weight of materials we send off to be recycled and thus become 'Waste Neutral'. Please help us by using the recycling bins round site and come and visit the Alchemy Centre in Pineapple car park.

The Eden Project: Science meets art and technology in the Living Theatre of Plants and People.

Eden is a project

A work in progress; a symbol of the strength; of people working with nature...

- to repair damaged places
- to make our environment rich
- to make our environment healthy.

These are some of the most exciting and important challenges we face. We hope you will enjoy seeing, learning about, even participating in, this growth. We have achieved a lot, but the fun has only just begun.

Join us!

Would you like to make an active contribution to our future, visit us often, watch Eden grow and enjoy free admission, special events, regular newsletters and much more?

Becoming a Friend gives you a chance to delve deeper and gives you a chance to help us make a difference. If you join today you will have your admission fee refunded. Please ask for details at the Friends Desk in the Visitor Centre. Contact the Friends Desk on 01726 811932 or email:

friendsdesk@edenproject.com

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