

Moorbank Botanical Gardens

This oasis of tranquillity is located just a short walk from Newcastle city centre and the main university campus. Owned by Newcastle University, this site is a hive of activity with active research being carried out in fields such as agriculture, neuroscience and biochemistry, as well as being the home of the OPAL (North East) initiative.

A number of important plant collections are located in Moorbank, including the rainforest habitat of the tropical house and the cactus and succulent collections of the desert house. Furthermore, the landscaped gardens present a number of beds with a variety of species including the Rhododendron and Teesdale collections.



Guided tours of the gardens and glasshouses are available to the public at specified times. A wildlife trail, which takes in the flower meadow, pond and bog garden is also open for the public's enjoyment. Group visits are available by appointment.

Please **visit** <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/biology/about/facilities/moorbank/> **ring** 0191 232 8063 or **email** Clive Barr (Moorbank Manager) c.w.barr@ncl.ac.uk for more information.