



Unique in Europe, and a listed "Most Beautiful Garden in France", la Bambouseraie en Cévennes gives visitors an extraordinary, exotic show.

National recognition, and an international reputation, confirmed by many prizes and labels.

Uniquely singular botanical gardens, with over 1,000 varieties of bamboo, rare flowers, trees and remarkable plants, giving visitors a magical break in the Cévennes.



The Bambouseraie en Cévennes has 160 years of history. The park reflects the vibrant passion of women and men for their environment, and the permanent, living performance of nature in all its splendour, a constant source of inspiration to the artists of today and tomorrow.

Brimming with history, but resolutely modern and forward-facing...

Once again this season, the journey will be rich in discovery and surprise! Experience the park in a different way... enhanced enjoyment of nature in movement.





DISCOVER THE WONDERFUL WORLD **OF THE BAMBOUSERAIE**

Plant life heritage, recognised by many labels



















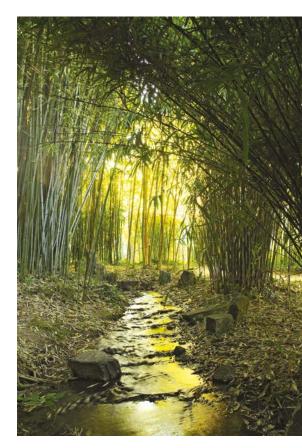


he park landscaping is impressive, with many rare tree species and carefully selected clusters of trees and shrubs. All five continents are represented here, with many unique specimens: centenary Sequoias, over 240 different bamboo varieties, Japanese Maples, Camellias, Ginkgo Biloba, etc. Many species found at the Bambouseraie en Cévennes are unique in Europe.

They include blue bamboo, or, "Phyllostachys edulis", with the tallest, thickest stalks in Europe, and a superb, 160-year old male Ginkgo Biloba specimen. proudly watching over Dragon Valley! Known as "the venerable", this is one of the most beautiful specimens of its kind in Europe. The incredible dimension of the "Quercus Robur" oak is also worth a mention; a majestic 34m high trunk with a 7.35m circumference...

More than just a garden, the Bambouseraie en Cévennes park also represents a truly natural heritage, rewarded by numerous labels: "Remarkable Garden" label renewed in 2020, for 5 years, "Quality Sud de France", "Quality Tourism", "Tourism and Disability" and "Remarkable Trees".

Appearing on the "Supplementary Inventory of Historical Monuments" list, crowns the constant efforts made by the park.



In 2019, Bambouseraie en Cévennes was awarded the natureinspired "National Park Spirit" label.

The Cévennes National Park is a vast stretch of mid-mountain ranges and hills, running from the Lozère, to the Gard and the Ardèche. It is one of France's ten National Parks. The Cévennes National Park is unusual in that it hosts a large, permanent population of inhabitants, living in a highly protected and regulated zone, in the "heart" of the park.

The Cévennes National Park enjoys an international reputation: it has been designated as a Unesco Biosphere Reserve; the agro-pastoral landscapes of the Causses and Cévennes are listed World Heritage Sites; it has been awarded the International Dark Sky Reserve label.

Deeply committed to environmental conservation and protection of biodiversity, the National Park Spirit label represents a further sign of trust and commitment for the Bambouseraie.

THE BAMBOUSERAIE EN CÉVENNES HOSTS

- A Garden centre, with a wide choice of plants, and on-hand specialists for
- A **Bamboutique**, with a wide range of articles (books, tableware, gifts, decoration, etc.).



· The Bambousnack café, for refresh-







Acoustic magic Live entertainment Experimentation Fulfilment

Replenishment Artistic creation

Shared enjoyment Orchestra Discovery



In 2019, travel to the heart of the Gard Cevennes to discover:

- Workshops and teaching activities
- **∠** Exhibitions Conferences
- Exclusive events





PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY COLLECTIONS



and visual artist, created a Japanese garden, inspired by the traditional art of Feng Shui. Rock-lined riverbanks are planted with Japanese maple, cloud-shaped conifers and dwarf bamboo. The dragon's breath water feature, can be crossed via the wooden Phoenix Pavilion.

The valley subtly juxtaposes plant life and mineral matter. "This is the traditional characteristic of a Japanese garden", explains Erik Borja, "the Buddhist garden is the park's largest walk around garden. The garden is not only zen, because when compared with a predominantly mineral zen garden, summer flowers and autumn colours have the upper hand here." For Erik Borja, one of the site's most original aspects is the 2 lake edge points, stretching out towards the wild Cévennes hills. The feature not only fits into the Bambouseraie en Cévennes, but also into the surrounding landscape...

There are other areas too, some intimate, some majestic, to visit on this exceptional site: planted in 1861, by park founder, Eugène

Today, the sequoias are forty metres high. The splendid trees blend into a landscape of giant bamboo plants, reaching up to 18 metres high, lining the main alley. At the centre of Palm Tree Alley, there is one of Europe's largest Magnolia Grandiflora specimens. Flowering lasts from May to June, producing voluminous white blooms with a bewitching, lemony scent.

A park visit must also include our fine collection of succulent and carnivorous plants, both a curiosity and a source of fear!

The Bambouseraie protects rare species, such as the Wollemia Nobilis or the Phyllocladus. giving special attention to these unique plants, and thus safeguarding their development. Budding naturalists, qualified botanists or just passing visitors... there is something for everyone here at the Bambouseraie en Cévennes nature



EXHIBITIONS CONFERENCES

→ Exhibition in the Serres de Mazel - "Mediterranean Plants"

This season offers visitors the opportunity to discover Mediterranean Plants in the Serre de Mazel.

Discover the deepest secrets of plant life which lives in Mediterranean conditions (hot, dry summers - cold, wet winters). The plants come from very different horizons globally: the Garrigues or Maquis bushland for the Mediterranean basin, the Californian Chaparral, the Chilean Espinal, the South African Fynbos and the Australian Mallee & Kwongan. As well as being informative on climate-dependent living conditions, the plants are also all delightful to the eye.

Set off on a Mediterranean journey!



EXHIBITIONS CONFERENCES

→ Exhibition - "Euphorbia"

Discover Euphorbia throughout the year: a pretty bunched flower in original colours and shapes.

Robust and sturdy, this plant is permanently on show throughout the seasons, thanks to its often evergreen foliage.

With dangerous, toxic sap and original, very diverse shapes, from shrub to cactus, this plant is a landscaper's favourite, bringing a touch of colour and diversity to rockery beds or nature-inspired gardens.







The Bambouseraie invites visitors to discover the vibrantly colourful world of the Euphorbia, through some of its 2,000 existing species!



ECOTOURISM AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Ecotourism Lighting Recycling
LPO Label Integrated organic protection Water
Natural auxiliaries Sustainable tourism



Ecotourism a brief description

... ecotourism is "a journey into a natural area which contributes to preserving both the environment and the well-being of local populations" (the International Ecotourism Society).

Ecotourism, is not just about limiting impact on the environment, but also about acting upstream, to protect the environment.

Unlike sustainable tourism, ecotourism is practised only in natural, protected areas, such as the Bambouseraie en Cévennes.

→ Some figures to retain

- In 1950, there were 25 million tourists in the world.
- In 2005 the figure reached 800 million.
- In 2018, there were over 1.4 hillion.
- -> Today, around
- 9 persons out of 10 in France are interested in ecotourism.

Source: consoglobe.com and the international tourism organisation annual report (August 2019)

Daily actions

For a long time now, the Bambouseraie en Cévennes has been committed to reducing its impact on the environment:

- 100% of plant matter is recycled: leaves, wood, bamboo, etc. to create organic matter and mulch.
- Recycling and waste-sorting of all other materials: printer cartridges, aerosol cans, batteries, etc.
- Use of environmentally friendly products: organic chainsaw oil, organic grease, etc.
- Use of biodegradable bags, plates and cutlery (Bamboutique/Bambousnack).
- Supplies from local production/producer to consumer schemes (Bambousnack).
- · Lighting with LED bulbs.
- Irrigation system by micro-sprinklers.
- Infra-red automatic taps.

We energetically act to protect all that needs to be protected:

- The park is managed according to the principles of Integrated Organic Protection (PBI) / zero phyto: insect, bird and bat nests, zone of protected fallow around the park, bee-hives nearby, etc.
- Labelled LPO in 2016: we are a bird refuge site, an inventory of birds in the park was carried out with the COGard, a specialised organisation.
- Park teams assisted by specialists are currently carrying out inventories on amphibians, reptiles and mushrooms.



We are always available to provide further information on our policy and actions. Please feel free to ask!

ECOTOURISM AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



Biodiversity preservation is a daily concern for the Bambouseraie. By favouring natural shelters, we contribute to the development and autoregulation of biodiversity.

In this way, insects and other creatures can thrive in a hospitable ecosystem and help to maintain the natural, ecological balance, essential for the park's environment and plants.



As they explore the park, visitors will spot bird or bat's nests in the trees, along with some strange bamboo rods, dangling here and there. These are insect nests, and play a key role in the Bambouseraie ecosystem. There are two types of insect nests. The first is a lacewing nest: lacewing larvae feed on many insects which attack our plants. The second, is a nest for the hymenoptera insect family, better known as wasps or bees. These particularly vulnerable species are absolutely essential for many plant species.



After protecting the bamboo throughout the summer season, many insects, such as ladybirds, spend winter in the bark of trees, cracks in walls or stones, or in gravel on the ground, under dry leaves.

Gardeners deliberately leave branches, trunks and bolts of wood in the park. These are progressively covered by moss and lichen, providing shelter for the spiders and mites, so useful for fighting plant pests and breaking down plant matter. Larger insects, like carabid beetles nest inside tree trunks and branches and feed off slugs or butterfly caterpillars. There are also some amphibians, reptiles and small mammals, like shrews.



Late summer blooms provide many pollinating insects with winter reserves: hymenoptera (bees, wasps, ants...), butterflies,and particularly, flies and mosquitoes. In this way, they feed predatory bugs, allowing them to reproduce and thus protecting the tree against pest attack. The foliage protects insects, spiders and mites from the sun and heat, providing shelter in the summer and warmth in the winter. During the winter, birds feed on fruit from the park trees.



Thanks to these projects, park gardeners no longer use pesticides, and inventories evidence an increase in biodiversity.

Come and discover the park's ecosystem and the natural balance between plant life, trees, animals and insects, and admire the remarkable fauna and flora here.

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KEY FIGURES



Dedicated to plant life



Different species and varieties



Visitors per vegr



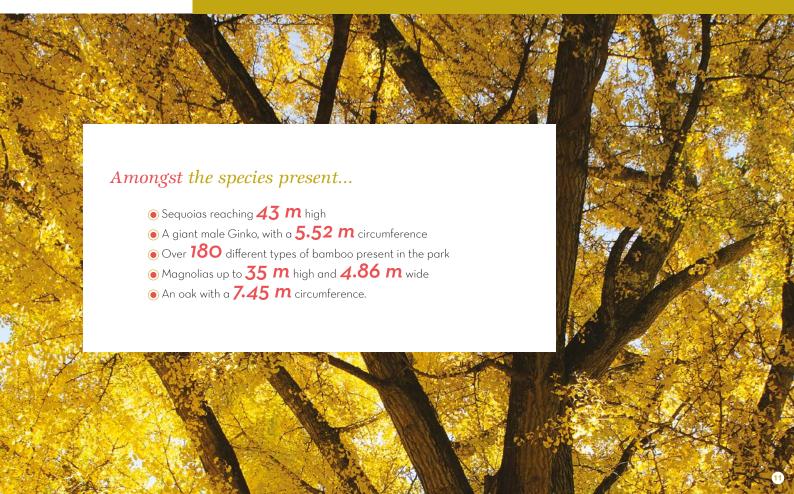
Thousands of schoolchildren every year



... as well as seasonal staff: gardeners, guides, open to the general public...



Over 160 years



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PRACTICAL INFO

Tariffs

GUIDED PARK TOUR INCLUDED

INDIVIDUAL TARIFFS









€12.50

-Under 5s
Free of charge

Senior itizens €11

Disabled child €8

FAMILY RATES



2 adults + 2 children from 5 to 13 years old

€ 38.50

2 adults + 3 children from 5 to 13 years old

€ 42.80

GROUP RATES

Reservation by email: billetterie@bambouseraie.fr or by fax: +33 (O)4 66 61 O9 75







Disabled child **€5.80**

€6

€9

€ 8.80

YEARLY PASS





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Opening Times

OPEN FROM 26th FEBRUARY TO 15th NOVEMBER 2020

7 days a week, week-ends and public holidays included

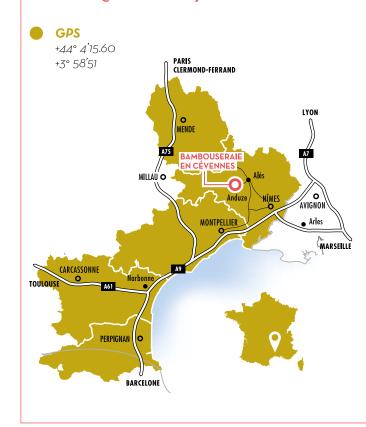
26/02 to 31/03, from 10am to 6pm O1/04 to 13/07, from 9.30am to 7pm 14/07 to 20/08, from 9.30am to 8pm

Last ticket sold 45 mins before park closure.

21/08 to 30/09, from 9.30am to 7pm O1/10 to 31/10, from 10am to 6pm O1/11 to 15/11, from 10am to 5pm

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