

**Floriade 2023**  
**A Floral Wonderland**



**Canberra**

**Sat 16 Sep 2023 - Sun 15 Oct 2023**



Floriade is a flower and entertainment festival held annually in Canberra's Commonwealth Park on the shores of Lake Burley Griffin. It features extensive displays of flowering bulbs with integrated sculptures and other artistic features. *Floriade* comes from the Latin word *floriat*, which means to design with flowers.





**The festival attracts tourists from around Australia and overseas in spring from mid-September to mid-October each year and is considered the most important regular event for tourism in the Australian Capital Territory. It is also called "Australia's Celebration of Spring".**

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This year Australia's biggest celebration of spring returned to Commonwealth Park from 16 September – 15 October featuring more than one million blooms designed around this year's theme of **Floral Wonderland**.

94 community groups spanning the length and breadth of Canberra have been busy planning and planting their own unique displays in schools, churches, shopping centres, scout halls and more. These suburban surprises are home to over 300 000 plants across the city throughout spring meaning no matter where you live or visit, there is likely to be a little bit of Floriade within easy reach.

There are some places we found on our way when walking along.





Once again, the festival's program is jam-packed with entertainment, cultural celebrations, food, workshops, and more.





For four nights from Thursday 28 September to Sunday 1 October, Floriade's dark side comes to life with stunning illuminations, fantastic food and captivating entertainment, including headliners Vika & Linda, also known as Vika and Linda Bull, an Australian vocal duo consisting of two sisters which scored their first number 1 album in 2020.

A full list of music, events and programs for this year's Floriade is available at: [floriadeaustralia.co](https://www.floriadeaustralia.co)

Other Floriade highlights include Dog's Day Out where visitors can bring their furry friends along to enjoy the last day of Floriade (October 15) and the Great Big Bulb dig where everybody can buy a bag then get down and dirty digging up some bulbs to take their own piece of Floriade home. With a program of events, activities, entertainment and evolving floral displays, every day you visit will be different, but one thing is guaranteed: you'd be mad as a hatter to miss it!

Floriade opens its gates to humans and their furry friends alike on the final day of the festival. On Sunday 15 October dogs will take over Floriade with a range of dog friendly programs and stalls.

There will be prizes up for grabs at the annual Dogs' Day Out Paw-ride from 2.30pm. There will also be a professional photography booth on site to capture your fur family amongst the flowers. More information about Dogs' Day Out is available on the [Floriade website](https://www.floriadeaustralia.co).

### **The more details**

**Opening times:** Floriade 2023 is a free, non-ticketed event. It runs from 9:30am - 5:30pm daily from 16 September to 15 October 2023.

Tickets are required for Night Fest and are available for purchase on the [Floriade website](https://www.floriadeaustralia.co).

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**Food and drink:** There is a range of food and drink options on-site. You can also bring your own food to the venue.

**Getting there:** \*\* Parking is very limited due to capital works underway in the city. The majority of parking in the immediate vicinity is unavailable but Commonwealth Park is a short walk from the Light Rail, Bus Station and City Centre.

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