

VANDUSEN GARDEN OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

Use this map to help you spot the best areas to see at the Garden in the month of October! From the stunning array of warm tones along Autumn Stroll, to the dreamy ornamental grasses, these areas of interest are perfect for a fall photo opt.

Don't forget to stop by the veggie garden and maze area for Harvest Days! With live music, crafts, fall-decor and tasty treats, there's something for the whole family to enjoy.

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1 Ginkgo (*Ginkgo biloba*): Prized for its medicinal properties and ability to tolerate pollution, this Chinese tree dates back to the Jurassic. Its fan-shaped leaves turn golden yellow in fall.



2 Bald cypress (*Taxodium distichum*): From wetlands of the southeastern USA, these deciduous conifers grow along the shore with rows of odd woody "knees" (root projections) and rusty orange needles in fall.



3 Autumn Stroll: Wind your way through a grove of ash, oak, maple and other deciduous trees chosen for their brilliant fall colour.



4 Japanese maples: A stunning display of fall foliage in shades of red, pink, gold and purple reflect off the water of Heron Lake.



5 Strawberry tree (*Arbutus unedo*): These Mediterranean trees fruit and flower at the same time in fall, with clusters of tiny white flowers and red strawberry-like fruits.



6 Ornamental Grasses: A sea of green, blue, gold and burgundy grasses with soft feathery blooms that gently wave in the wind.



7 Lathhouse: A traditional open wooden shade structure, draped in purple wisteria in spring and flame-red Virginia creeper in fall.



8 Beautyberry (*Callicarpa bodinieri* var. *giraldii* 'Profusion'): These tall graceful shrubs brighten up the woodland with their vibrant purple berries.



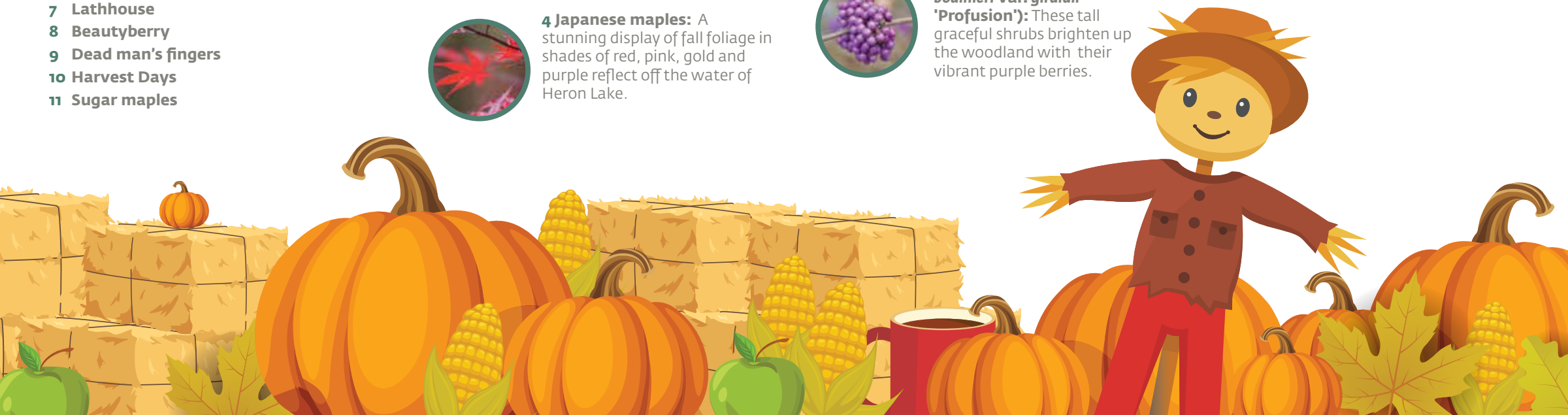
9 Dead man's fingers (*Decaisnea insignis*): This tree is named for its strange fleshy blue seed pods, which are enjoyed by birds.

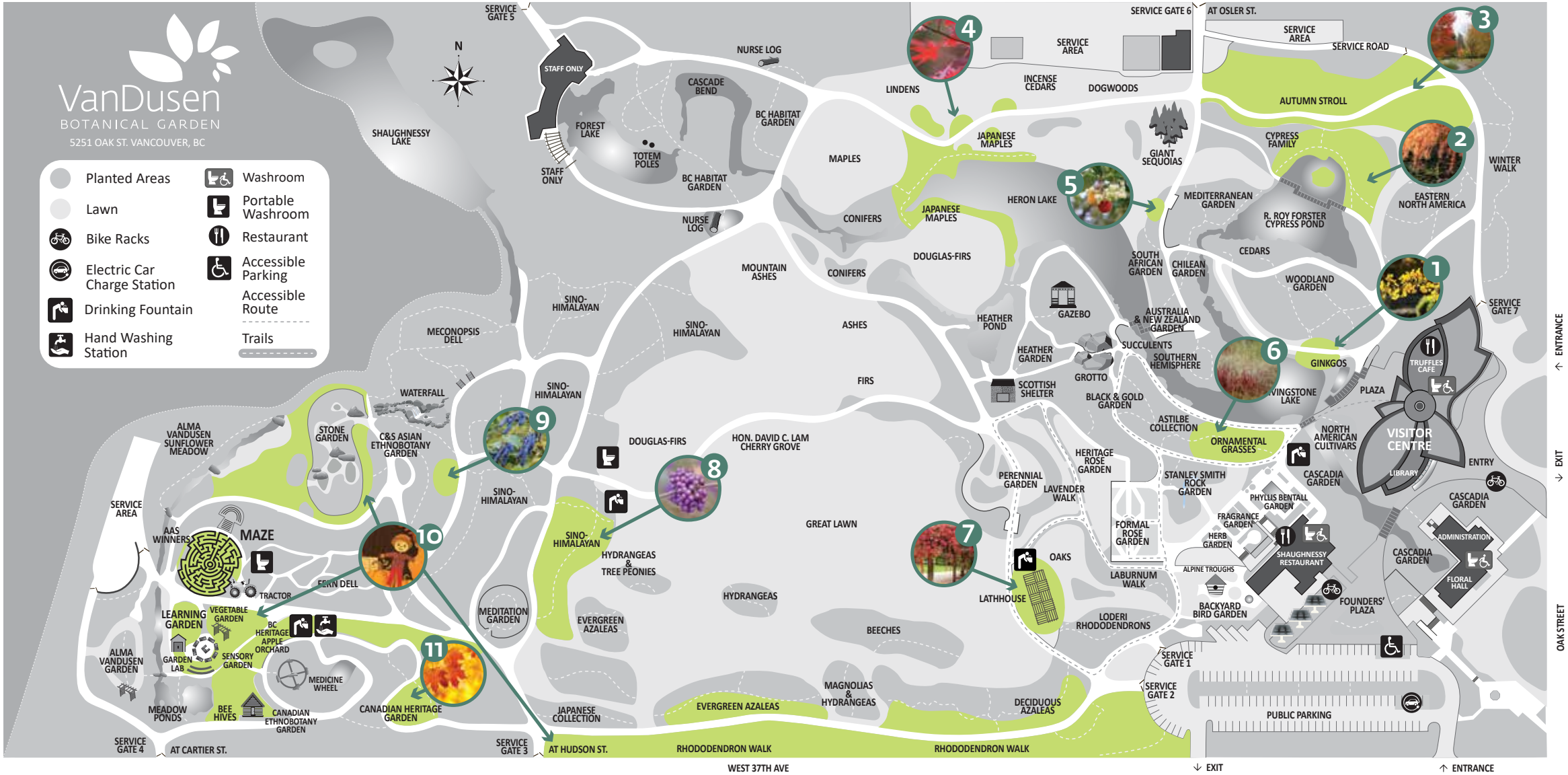


10 Harvest Days: A celebration of autumn with live entertainment, activities, photo areas and tasty treats! Join us on Saturdays & Sundays. From September 27 to October 19, plus Thanksgiving Day (Oct 13).



11 Sugar maples (*Acer saccharum*): A sun-dappled grove of trees famous for their softly-hued fall foliage and sweet sap, which is boiled down to make maple syrup.





This guide is a reflection of blooms and garden highlights that typically occur during the month of October. Depending on seasonal weather patterns, some featured plants may not be in bloom during your visit today.