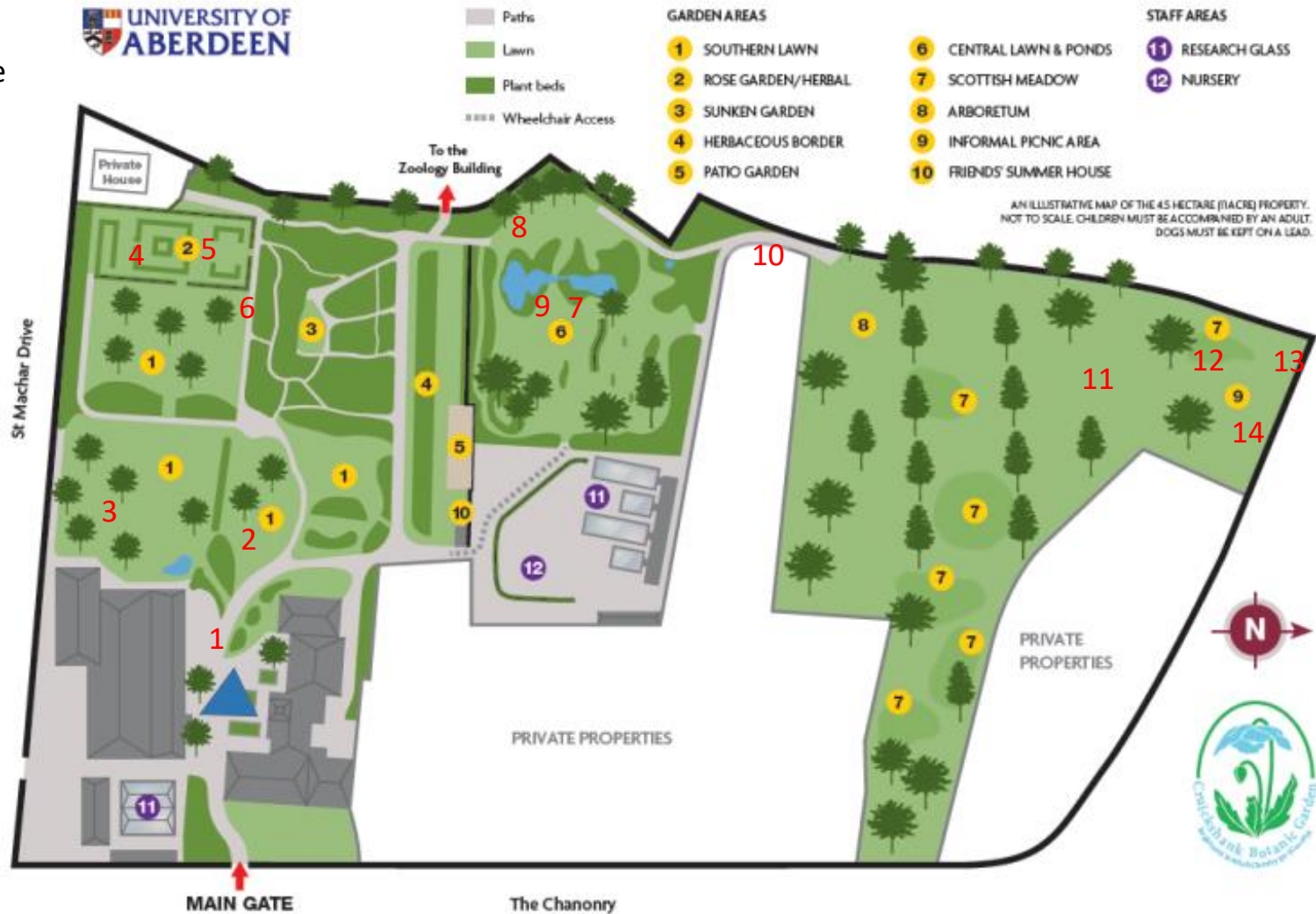


WHAT'S THE POINT OF PLANTS? TRAIL

Cruickshank Botanic Garden

The red numbers on the map give the rough location of the plants on this trail.

1. Holly
2. Birch
3. Rowan
4. Roses
5. Herbs
6. Oak
7. Juniper
8. Ivy
9. Willow
10. Hawthorn
11. Yew
12. Elder
13. Scots Pine
14. Bramble



The blue triangle indicates your location at the pamphlet holder in the south-east corner of the garden.

When people think of the biodiversity of a landscape or their local green space, plants are often overlooked in favour of animals, especially mammals and birds. But plants are absolutely fundamental to all life on earth. By capturing the sun's energy through the process of photosynthesis and converting it to sugars, they are the basis of nearly all food chains on Earth.

Photosynthesis also releases oxygen, so plants are literally responsible for creating the very air we breathe. If this isn't enough for us to be grateful for, plants have also had a myriad of other uses to man throughout history.

Often when we think of how plants have been used by people throughout history we will most commonly think of their use as food or for building materials. But they have benefitted society in so many other incredible and sometimes surprising ways.

Following this tour will help you discover some of the cultural, medicinal, decorative, cosmetic and superstitious ways people have used some of our common native plants throughout history.



What's the point of plants?

A trail in celebration of plants and their uses.