



Easy Read



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Floriade Accessibility Guide

2026



About Easy Read



Easy Read uses images and simple words to explain things.



We will **bold** and explain words that may be new or hard.



Easy Read has the main information.



You can find the full details on our website
<https://floriadeaustralia.com/>



You can get someone to help you read this book.

About this book



This book is from the ACT Government.

When the book says **we** it means the ACT Government.

This book is about Floriade and NightFest.



Floriade is on at daytime.



NightFest is on at night time.

About Floriade



Floriade is a big flower event in Canberra.

2026	SEPTEMBER						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
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Floriade is on from 12 September to 11 October 2026.



At Floriade you can see flower gardens with different colours.



Floriade entry gates are at:

- Regatta Point
- Parkes Way footbridge
- Ferry Gate
- Nerang Pool.

At Floriade



you can hear live music



you can watch live shows



you can buy food and drinks



you can do activities



you can go on rides.

About NightFest



NightFest is an event that is part of Floriade.

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NightFest is on from the 1st to the 4th of October.



At NightFest you can see coloured lights on the flower gardens at night.



NightFest entry gates are at:

- Regatta Point
- Parkes Way footbridge
- Ferry Gate.



At NightFest you can use the accessible entry lane if you need.

You can talk to the staff at the gate about your entry needs.

At NightFest



you can hear live music



you can watch live shows



you can see light displays



you can buy food and drinks



you can go on rides.

Getting to Floriade and NightFest



Floriade and NightFest are at Commonwealth Park in Canberra.

In this part of the guide the information is the same for both events.

Parking



You can drive your car and park nearby.



There is parking for people with disability permits.



You can see where to park on the Floriade website:

<https://floriadeaustralia.com/floriade-maps/>

Drop off and pick up points



There is a drop off and pickup point at Regatta Point.

It is off Commonwealth Avenue.



There is a drop off and pick up point at the Parkes Way footbridge.

It is off Allara Street. You need to walk over the footbridge.

At these points:



- You can get dropped off by your driver
- You can get picked up by your driver

Floriade Shuttle Bus



You can catch the shuttle bus to Floriade.

The shuttle bus is free.

The shuttle bus



- has an accessibility ramp
- has a low, flat floor

The shuttle bus can pick you up from and drop you off in:



- City centre, Civic
- National Triangle, Parkes
- Floriade, Regatta Point gate



You can see the shuttle bus times and map on the website:

<https://floriadeaustralia.com/getting-to-floriade/>

Floriade Weekend Express Bus



You can catch the weekend express bus to Floriade.

The weekend express bus is free.

The weekend express bus



- has an accessibility ramp
- has a low, flat floor

The weekend express bus goes to and from:



- Woden
- Belconnen
- Tuggeranong
- Floriade at Regatta Point Gate



You can see the weekend express bus times and map on the website:

<https://floriadeaustralia.com/getting-to-floriade/>

Getting Around Floriade



You can walk around Floriade to see the flowers.

Some of the paths are paved.

Some of the paths are gravel.



The food and music areas are on grass.

Floriade Maps



You can use a map to find things at Floriade.



You can get a map from the volunteer tent at each gate.

All volunteers at Floriade wear pink vests.



You can see the Floriade map on the website:

<https://floriadeaustralia.com/floriade-maps/>

Interactive Maps

You can use a map called BindiMaps.

You will find BindiMaps on the website:

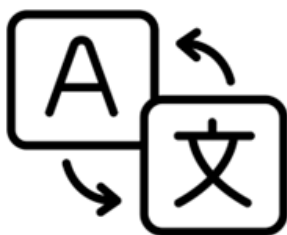
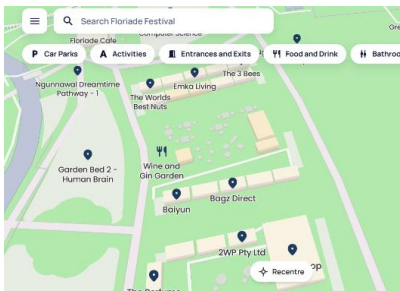
<https://floriadeaustralia.com/getting-to-floriade/>



You can use BindiMaps to plan your visit from home.

You can use BindiMaps to find

- flower gardens
- food areas
- parking
- toilets
- paths that are easy to move on.



You can choose different languages on BindiMaps.

How we support you at Floriade

Mobility Hire



- You can borrow a wheelchair
- You can borrow a mobility scooter



You can book by

- email scooters@netspeed.com.au
- text message to 0403 242 584

Accessible Toilets



There are accessible toilets with

- handrails
- swinging doors



You can find the toilets on the map on the website:

<https://floriadeaustralia.com/floriade-maps/>

Changing Places Facility



There is a **Changing Places facility** at Floriade.

A Changing Places facility

- is for people who need help to use the toilet
- has more space to move around
- has items to help people use the toilet.



You can find the Changing Places facility on the map on the website:

<https://floriadeaustralia.com/floriade-maps/>



Sensory Space

There is a sensory space at Floriade.

It is a calm space to sit and rest.



You can find the Sensory Space on the map on the website:

<https://floriadeaustralia.com/floriade-maps/>

Sensory Hour



Sensory hour is from 9:30am to 10:30am on weekdays at Floriade.

It does not run on public holidays.



During sensory hour there is less sound.



This helps people with sensory needs.

Hidden Disabilities



Floriade is part of the **Hidden Disabilities Sunflower** scheme.

You can wear the Sunflower at Floriade.



There are staff and volunteers who can help you with

- support you need
- adjustments you need.

Assistance Animals



You can bring your **assistance animal** to Floriade.

An assistance animal is trained to help you with a disability.



Assistance animals must have a lead on all the time.

Tickets



Most of Floriade is free.

Some activities need tickets.

You need to buy a ticket for NightFest.

You can buy tickets on the website:

<https://floriadeaustralia.com/nightfest/>



Companion Card

To use your companion card, you must buy your own ticket first.

You must email us to ask for a companion ticket at events@act.gov.au

In the email you must send us

- The name of the person that bought your ticket
- The email address used to buy your ticket
- A photo of your companion card

We will then email the companion ticket to you.

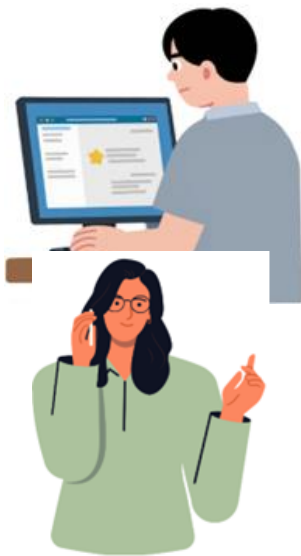


If you need help or more information



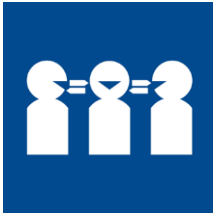
Staff and volunteers can help you at Floriade and NightFest.

All volunteers at Floriade wear pink vests.



Before you come to Floriade or NightFest you can

- email us at events@act.gov.au
- call the Canberra Region Visitor Centre on 1300 554 114 between 9:00am and 5:00pm.



If you need help with English

Call the free Translating and Interpreting Service. You can call in your language.

- Call 131 450
- Tell them the phone number you want to call



If you need help to speak or listen

Use the National Relay Service. You must sign up to the service first.

- Website
accesshub.gov.au/nrs-helpdesk
- Call 1800 555 660

Acknowledgement of Country



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are the First Peoples of Australia.

They have always looked after **Country**.
Country means the land, water, sky and everything in them.



We respect the important connection they have with Country.

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