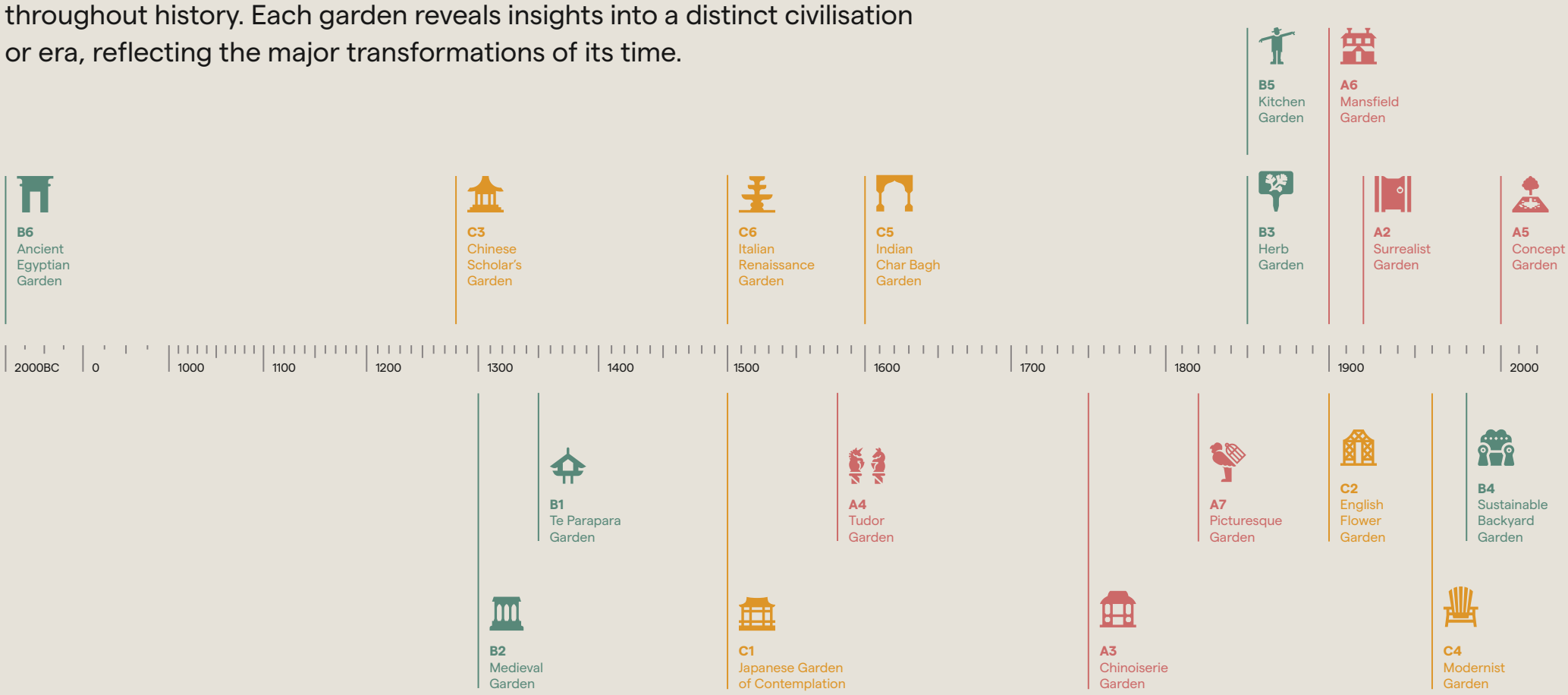
A world of *hidden wonders*

Our garden collection examines the evolution and meaning of gardens throughout history. Each garden reveals insights into a distinct civilisation or era, reflecting the major transformations of its time.



Fantasy Collection

Fantasy gardens focus on the relationship between gardens, fantasy and art, sparking the imagination.

Productive Collection

Productive gardens demonstrate how plants are grown for food, medicine, and other uses, highlighting the importance of our relationship with plants.

Paradise Collection

Paradise gardens represent idealised styles of garden, an attempt to create paradise on earth.

A Fantasy Garden Collection

Tropical Garden
A1 Enter a garden dripping with plants, stroll among lush foliage, and feel transported to the heat of a tropical jungle.

Surrealist Garden
A2 A dreamlike garden that distorts your sense of perspective. Walk among giant tools, bizarre shapes, and a lawn that seems to have floated down from the sky.

Chinoiserie Garden
A3 A garden from an age of western fascination with all things oriental. Chinoiserie was inspired by the arrival of new Chinese goods into Europe and America from the 17th century.

Tudor Garden
A4 Walk in the footsteps of Henry VIII and Elizabeth I. A garden fit for a monarch full of intricate designs, hidden meanings, and fantasy beasts.

Concept Garden
A5 An abstract garden exploring our relationship with the land, inspired by two whakataukī (proverbs) and maps from 1960s school atlases.

Mansfield Garden
A6 An Edwardian Wellington garden set on the morning of Katherine Mansfield's famous story *The Garden Party*. The food is ready, the band is about to play, and the guests are arriving.

Picturesque Garden
A7 An 18th-century European garden celebrating wild, romantic nature. Follow a path inhabited by characters and scenes from Mozart's opera *The Magic Flute*.

B Productive Garden Collection

Te Parapara Garden
B1 Showcasing the traditional gardening skills of Tainui-Waikato Maaori, this garden reveals how Aotearoa's first gardeners adapted their tropical crops to a colder climate.

Medieval Garden
B2 Inspired by monastic courtyards of medieval Europe, this garden features a Cloister Garth Garden and an Apothecary Garden, one for prayer and meditation, the other for growing medicinal herbs and healing plants.

Herb Garden
B3 A sensory garden displaying plants used by early European New Zealanders for food, cosmetics, perfumes, and medicine.

Sustainable Backyard Garden
B4 This small garden is packed with big ideas, demonstrating how a regular backyard can become a productive edible garden without chemical sprays.

Kitchen Garden
B5 A traditional garden of a large European estate, featuring fruit trees against sun-warmed bricks and raised beds with seasonal vegetables to feed the household.

Ancient Egyptian Garden
B6 Travel back to the time of pyramids and pharaohs. Shelter from the sun and admire hieroglyphs in a sacred garden dedicated to the soul's journey through the underworld.

C Paradise Garden Collection

Japanese Garden Of Contemplation
C1 A serene garden designed for meditation and self-reflection, where rocks are mountains and raked gravel flows like wind and water.

English Flower Garden
C2 A seasonal garden with drifting colours and textures, inspired by England's 19th Century Arts and Crafts movement.

Chinese Scholars' Garden
C3 A Sung Dynasty garden full of hidden stories and meanings. Walk the winding path, listen to the bamboo, and watch ripples on the water.

Modernist Garden
C4 A laid-back 20th-century garden for outdoor living. Relax by the pool in an informal setting with a touch of pop art style.

Indian Char Bagh Garden
C5 A 17th-century Mughal garden oasis, based on the four gardens of paradise, featuring burbling water, flower carpets, and sacred symmetry.

Italian Renaissance Garden
C6 A garden celebrating ancient myths and divine spirits, with classical statues guiding your stroll through Renaissance Italy.

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Discover *the Gardens*



- Whakamaarama Information
- Wharepaku Toilets with baby changing facilities
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- Ruuma Karakia Prayer Room
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- Tuunga Waka Carpark
- Tuunga Paihikara Bike Parking
- Tuunga Pahi Bus Stop
- Toa Taonga Hamilton Gardens Shop
- Toa Kai Café
- Kei Te Whakawhanakehia Under Development

Limited accessibility
Caution: these areas contain paths that are inaccessible for wheelchairs, mobility scooters, prams and strollers. Please take care if you are unsteady on your feet.

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