

Press release

Lausanne Jardins 2024

Lausanne Jardins 24 : Let's dive !

This summer, from the 15th of June to the 5th of October, Lausanne Jardins will be setting up on the shores of Lake Geneva. Over a six-kilometre area between the Chamberonne and the Vuachère rivers, forty gardens on land and water explore the theme of water and offer ideas on current urban issues. Lausanne Jardins 24 is also a series of events throughout the summer to discover the theme of the 2024 edition, 'Between Water and Us'.

Liquid, evaporated, used, sublimated, water in all its forms is the guest of honour at this year's event. Water is set to play a key role in meeting the challenges of climate change, contributing to our well-being and protecting urban biodiversity. Lausanne Jardins 2024 aims to highlight the many services that this precious resource provides: drinking water, but also water as a means of transport, a place for relaxing and cooling down, a biotope rich in biodiversity, a source of energy, and so on.

Lausanne Jardins is also an opportunity to take a renewed look at the city. The lakeshore, 60 years after Expo64, is being transformed into an urban testing ground offering an opportunity to consider intelligent approaches to water in the city. What has become of the rivers that once flowed through Lausanne? What role does water play in moderating the urban climate? What is the sponge city? What does the future hold for Lausanne's shores of Lake Geneva? The gardens - sometimes poetic, sometimes instructive or playful - engage in a dialogue with the city based on these themes.

We come across a giraffe watching the eddies of the Chamberonne delta and stretching its neck in search of companions to live with. In the Parc du Bourget, a fountain gushes out of the ground. Is it a burst sewage pipe? Straw islands welcome those who wish to take to the water. The more athletic can crawl in an 'Olympic pool' on the lake.

These installations, the result of an international competition, the work of the universities and the city's departments, provide a life-size testing of proposals for improving the use and aesthetics of the chosen sites. Some will remain in place well after the event.

Organised every five years since 1997 by the Association Jardin urbain (AJU) in close collaboration with the City of Lausanne's Parks and Estates Department, Lausanne Jardins contributes to the urban and landscape transformation of the city by bringing greenery back to the centre of the built environment and, at the same time, promoting change in practices.

The Lausanne Jardins 24 trail is accessible free of charge 24 hours a day, from the 15th of June to the 5th of October. Four tours steeped in history are available every Saturday and Sunday, with no prior registration required.

A wide variety of activities are on offer throughout the summer, including workshops to help visitors discover the site's biodiversity, such as that of the Chamberonne river, walks to retrace the history of hidden rivers or to explore the issues surrounding water treatment, and snorkelling trips to discover underwater flora.

Away from the shore, a diversion to the EPFL's Archizoom cultural platform will captivate visitors with its 'Water designs: l'eau dessine la ville' exhibition. It is a programme about the forms of water for everyone!

Lausanne Jardins in short

Created by the City of Lausanne and organised with the support of the Association Jardin Urbain, Lausanne Jardins has been a key cultural event in the capital of Vaud since it was first held in 1997. Once every legislative period, a collection of gardens - some ephemeral, others destined to last - is installed in the public space for four months.

More information at www.lausannejardins.ch

Links:

- [Photos](#) to be uploaded for media use
- Full agenda of events at www.lausannejardins/agenda.ch

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