

2. Education and awareness village

Learn all about the rich bio-cultural diversity and conservation efforts of the Royal Botanical Park in a short presentation and documentary show at the park visitor information Centre.

Additionally, there are educational stalls to educate and create awareness on forest fire, waste management, renewable energy and other issues.

Time (daily): 9.00am to 5.00pm every day.

3. Food and beverages village

Sample delicious traditional dishes, snacks, tea and other beverages made by members of the local community at very reasonable rates. Additionally, a variety of non-Bhutanese food is available from the Park cafeteria.



Other attractions at the festival

a) FREE guided walks

Experience the melodious songs and colourful splendour of hundreds of birds that are drawn to the Park by the spring blooming of the wild rhododendrons along Serichu trail.

Take a stroll along the trail (1km) that winds through our 124-acre Rhododendron Garden to learn more about these woody plants, many of which will be flowering.

Meet 10 minutes before the guided walk at the Visitor Information Centre, Lampelri.

Time: 3.00pm- 4.30pm (April 18th, 19th and 20th April)
5.30am - 6.30am (April 19th and 20th April)

b) Camping facilities

Camping facilities are available at Lampelri if you wish to stay and enjoy the evening local entertainment, or star gaze late into the night. We have a limited number of tents available on a first-come-first-serve basis, and limited space for those pitching their own tent. Please call in advance to check the availability, rates, and to make your booking.



c) Stalls Gifts & Souvenirs

Take home a memento of the day and visit one of our many stalls selling plants and handicrafts, including some environmentally sustainable items like flowers, pillow, hand bags and other made from recycled materials.

Weather

While spring weather is usually pleasant in Bhutan, the Royal Botanical Park is at a higher altitude than nearby towns and usually receives early rainfall. We recommend wearing sturdy walking shoes and bringing rain-gear and warm clothes.



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*Experience local culture, nature, entertainment
and food*



9.00am to 5:00pm (free entry)

Royal Botanical Park
2nd Annual Rhododendron Festival
2014

(Parks and Communities; Bio-Cultural Diversity in Bloom)



April 18– 20, 2014
Lampelri

The festival is showcased under three villages.

1. Culture and entertainment village

- a) Enjoy traditional dances, such as Boedra (Tibetan sound), Zhungdra (which dates back to 17th Century), Tiger and Bear dance, Rhododendron, and other dances and skits performed by local community.



Program Timings (two times each day)

09.00 to 10.30 am
13.30 to 15.00 pm

First day flexible times but remaining days will be as programmed.

- b) The festival will be incomplete without entertainment. Boating, Horse-back riding, yak-riding, Taa-da-Nor traditional game, Rhodo-wish-game and Instant photo program available.

Fees will be charged.

Time (daily): 9.00am - 5.00pm every day.

