



## 1 PADDINGTON GATES & PAPERBARK GROVE

You're now standing where the city meets the Parklands. These magnificent gates have welcomed countless visitors since the Park first opened in 1888 and have seen many grand celebrations. Imagine them completely covered with flowers, as they were for the 1901 Federation of Australia.

As you walk down Parkes Drive, look to the right to the beautiful avenue of trees called Paperbark Grove. This shady spot is a popular place for picnics and when in flower, the trees provide our bees and birds with a delicious feast.



## 2 SIR HENRY PARKES STATUE

Henry Parkes arrived from England as a penniless young farmer but rose to become a five-time Premier of New South Wales. Regarded as the Father of Australian Federation, he dedicated this Park to us all naming it "The People's Park". It is thanks to his vision that this public space is enjoyed by millions of visitors each year.



## 3 CENTENNIAL PARKLANDS DINING

Stop off to say "g'day" to the friendly staff at the Kiosk and Café. Take a break now or at the end of the walk for coffee or a delicious meal as you enjoy the Park views beyond. Also located in this building is the Visitor Information Counter where you can find out more about the Park or purchase a Centennial Parklands souvenir.



### BEST THINGS TO DO IN CENTENNIAL PARKLANDS

- 1 Explore the park by foot and enjoy nature
- 2 Go horse riding
- 3 Take a bike ride
- 4 Have a picnic, or have lunch at Centennial Parklands Dining
- 5 Enjoy Sydney's best public golf course, Moore Park Golf



### CENTENNIAL PARK HONEY

Enjoy our unique Centennial Park Honey – made from hives right here in the Park. Raw, unheated and delicious! Purchase it now from our Visitor Information Counter or Centennial Parklands Dining.



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## WELCOME TO CENTENNIAL PARK

For thousands of years this land was an important meeting place for Indigenous Australians of the area – the Gadigal clan of the Eora Nation. Today, it remains a meeting place for the community to enjoy.

Centennial Parklands is Sydney's backyard – a place to explore, to exercise and relax or even go horse riding!







#### 4 ROSE & COLUMN GARDENS

Take a short detour to visit the two oldest and most beautiful statues in the Park. Sitting atop nine metre high Corinthian sandstone columns, they symbolise sunrise and sunset.

When the Rose Garden was first created it was so significant that 20,000 people came to see it in one day!



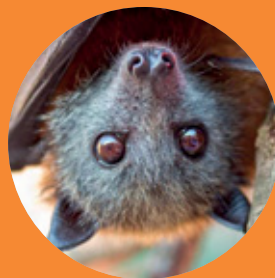
#### 5 AMAZING EELS

Don't worry, they're not snakes, they're eels and they live in the ponds that you're passing! Every year they travel from these ponds to the ocean and swim to New Caledonia to reproduce. Sometimes they use the stormwater drains that link the ponds, but at times they actually leave the water to travel overland to the next water body.



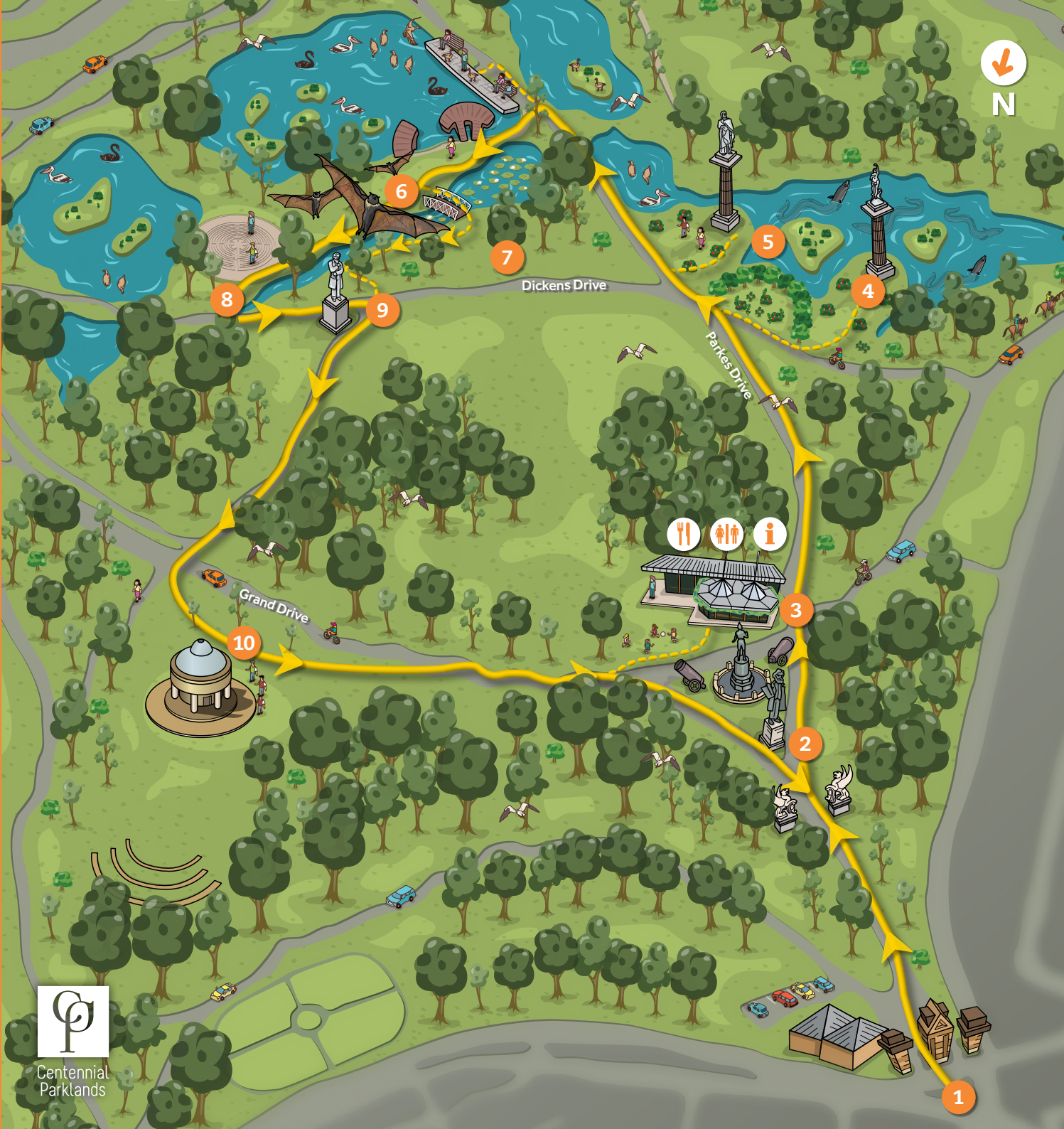
#### 6 LACHLAN SWAMP & SYDNEY'S LARGEST FLYING FOX COLONY

As you approach Lachlan Swamp look up to the tree tops and you'll see Sydney's largest grey-headed flying fox colony. They roost here in the day and then fly out across the Parklands at dusk to feed on nectar, blossoms and fruit. These bats are a keystone species however they are under threat due to loss of habitat.



You can walk through Lachlan Swamp or around it. Take care as the path is uneven in places.

**Note:** Please do not touch or approach the bats. If you see a dead or injured bat please call the Parklands Ranger on 0412 718 611.

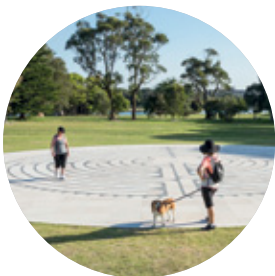


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#### 7 NATIVE BIRDLIFE

Over 140 native bird species have been spotted in Centennial Park. Near Duck or Lily Pond you may spot elegant black swans. The white bird with the extra-long curved beak is an Australian white ibis and you'll hear the screech of a cockatoo before you see it. If you hear someone laughing at you, don't worry it's just the cackle of a kookaburra!



#### 8 THE LABYRINTH

The Centennial Park Labyrinth is an 11 circuit sandstone labyrinth, based on the design of the medieval labyrinth in Chartres Cathedral in France, which dates from the early 13th century. Constructed from over 1,500 precision-cut pieces of stone, it is a magnificently crafted pathway where you can enjoy quiet reflection and meditation.



#### 9 CHARLES DICKENS STATUE

This statue is one of only three life-size statues of Charles Dickens in the world. Dickens last Will and Testament famously implored his friends not to make any statues or graven images of him after his death but in the 1890s, after much debate in Parliament, Sir Henry Parkes sought and received approval for this one.



#### 10 FEDERATION PAVILION

This magnificent pavilion marks the birthplace of modern Australia. Here on 1 January 1901 the six colonies agreed to join together and become one nation. Federation was attended by thousands of people and was a cause for great celebration across Australia. This whole area teemed with school children, dignitaries, horses, cheering and fanfare.