



The 6 Gardens of Camifolia

The Garden of Scents

Spread over three terraces, the Garden of Scents awakens your senses! Discover the properties of peppermint and the Gallic rose, two plants which have played an important part in the history of medicinal plants at Chemillé. Stroll around the plants used for making drinks and learn a few Grandmothers' tips and recipes.

The Garden of Local Produces

At the heart of Camifolia you will find a field of Roman camomile, the plant that established the reputation of Chemillé-en-Anjou. Known as the capital of medicinal and aromatic plants, Chemillé-en-Anjou cultivates these plants on over 600 ha, half of which is Roman camomile alone. Harvesting camomile requires delicate skills; flowers need to be picked gently. Other well-known plants grown in this area include lemon balm and marigold.

The Garden of Toxic and Medicinal Plants

In the different gardens you have been able to touch, smell and even eat plants. But you would be ill-advised to do the same thing here! In this garden the plants are medicinal and toxic. Formerly used in sorcery, they contain dangerous substances which can be harmful when touched. However many of these plants have therapeutic properties, when used in infinitesimal doses for medicine. When picking wild and edible plants always make sure they are identified correctly !

The Medicine Men

At the heart of the garden 5 strange statues can be found : the medicine men. Each evokes a medical condition which can be treated by the plants located at their feet :

- Headache : feverfew
- Skin conditions : marigold (calendula)
- Respiratory infections : peppermint
- Heart pain : lady's mantle
- Digestive disorders : Roman camomile

The Garden of Flavours

Plants or parts of which are used for food can be divided into broad categories : vegetables, cereals, salads or aromatic herbs. In the Garden of Flavours you will find salad ingredients, seasonal or forgotten vegetables. By consuming them, you will not only bring flavour to your dish, but also make it healthier. Full of fibres and vitamins, each of these plants has its own properties : scientific research has identified their great relevance for our health, especially for broccoli, asparagus and artichoke to mention but a few.

The Garden of Fibres and Dyes

In this garden you will find plants whose fibres are used to make ropes or textiles. You will also find tinctorial plants which are used in the process of dyeing. The plants are laid out according to their colour, from red to purple. The production of tinctorial plants has increased over the past few years in the region of Chemillé especially the three following plants : weld (yellow), dyer's madder (red) and Polygonum tinctorium (blue).

The Botanical Garden

Historical site of Camifolia, the ethnobotanical garden presents more than 300 identified plant species. These species and plant varieties all possess medical and/or utilitarian properties. Plants are dispatched according to the new phylogenetic sorting (classification system for living beings which tends to assess the degree of kinship between species and allows us to understand their most evolved families. Amongst all the plants found in this garden feel free to discover our collection of camomiles.

The "droguier"

Created by a local association « Friends of the Garden Camifolia » in 2012, this collection boasts over 120 samples of species of local and global origin in labelled jars. The collection also includes simple medicinal drugs and is constantly growing thanks to donations from regional traders and producers.

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Health - Beauty - Well-being Plants



Visit plan



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 les 4 Jardins de l'Anjou
 On presentation of your Jardin Camifolia entrance ticket, benefit from discounted rates in 3 partner sites : Terra Botanica, Maulévrier Oriental Park, Chemins de la Rose.

Info labelling..

You will find the plants labelled with their French name in the 6 Gardens. However you can find out more about them in the Botanical Garden : Latin name, family, uses and properties... The decorative plants (flowerbeds) are not labelled as they are not part of the thematic gardens.