

What is the National Rock Garden?

Their website, <https://www.nationalrockgarden.com.au/>, states that:

the National Rock Garden will celebrate Australia's rich geological heritage in a beautiful parkland setting in the national capital. A permanent display will showcase the diversity of the rocks and minerals that contribute so significantly to the nation's landscapes, heritage and prosperity.

Currently the National Rock Garden (NRG) holds about 18 large (up to 6 tonnes and maybe more) rock specimens from around Australia. A list of specimens can be found in the article below which was published recently in the National Rock Garden Newsletter 23, May 2022. The article, by Andy Spate, is reproduced with the permission of the NRG. There are two limestone specimens already in the collection – the spectacular highly fossiliferous Chinaman Creek Limestone (age 392-407 Ma) from Queensland and the Canberra Limestone (age 430 Ma). The latter shows its karstic nature with well-developed rillenkarren (solution flutes).

At this time the collection is 'housed' in the open adjacent to Lake Burley Griffin, but it will be moved into a new setting within the nearby National Arboretum later this year.



Year 3 school children visiting the NRG Federation Rocks display in 2016

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Some examples of rocks already in the National Rock Garden:



Canberra Limestone (damaged)

Chinaman Creek Limestone

