

Discover 10 Exceptional Places

Richelieu Park

Theme: Natural Capital

“maintaining land, water, soil, materials”



Description: From February to April, the park’s maple trees are tapped in the traditional way using hanging pails. The sap is collected to be boiled into maple syrup in the only urban sugar shack in North America. The Vanier Museopark is a francophone museum on the second floor of the Richelieu-Vanier Community Centre in the 7-hectare Richelieu Park.

Location: 300 des Pères-Blancs Ave., Vanier.

Major’s Hill Park

Theme: Sense of Place

“belonging, sense of community, and stewardship”



Description: Major’s Hill Park is Ottawa’s oldest park, formally established in 1875, and covering just over five hectares in the heart of the capital. A large lawn forms the centre of the park. Many of the walkways surrounding the lawn offer views out over the Rideau Canal and the Ottawa River.

Location: Between MacKenzie Ave, and the Ottawa River, across the Rideau Canal from Parliament Hill.

Corktown Footbridge

Theme: Transportation

“movement of goods and people”



Description: The Corktown Footbridge takes pedestrians and cyclists across the historic Rideau Canal, the world’s longest skating rink in winter. On the east side lies the University of Ottawa in Sandy Hill with its Campus transitway station. The west side features the commercial and entertainment area of Elgin Street, Lisgar High School and City Hall. The bridge also connects the Rideau Canal’s Eastern and Western Pathways, which are important cycling and walking paths.

Location: 400 m south of the Laurier Ave. Bridge.

FSS Building at UOttawa

Theme: Energy

“for buildings, transportation, manufacturing and food”



Description: Completed in 2012 to house the Faculty of Social Sciences, the university’s newest tower is environmentally friendly with a heat-recovery system (the building does not need to be heated unless the temp goes below -17°C) which led to a LEED “Gold” application. During much of the winter, it shares its extra heat with other campus buildings and helps heat water on campus during summer.

Location: 120 University Ave., on the central-western portion of campus, just north of the Campus Transitway station.

Children's Garden

Theme: Food

"local food, heritage crops and animals, urban gardens"



Description: Children design and operate this garden that features organic food, perennial plants, shrubs and trees. They create elaborate signs for their individual plants, while adults help with some of the heavier work and organize group activities. A colourful picket fence surrounding the garden makes it very easy to find.

Location: Northeast corner of Main St., at Clegg St., just off the St. Paul University campus.

Playground for Children of All Abilities

Theme: Health

"clean air/water, safety, healthy access to environment"



Description: This large playground in Brewer Park provides outdoor fun for children with physical, developmental, cognitive, learning, hearing or visual disabilities and impairments. Other children like it too. There are also shaded areas to take a break out of the sun.

Location: On Seneca, three blocks south of Sunnyside Ave.

Mooney's Bay Park

Theme: Recreation

"urban and rural, greening sports events"



Description: This is a large park on the Rideau River with grass, mature trees and a sand beach. It is popular for wedding photos because of its natural beauty. Picnic tables, tennis courts, a playground and volleyball nets provide opportunities for outdoor recreation for people of all ages. Across the toboggan hill, you can see an outdoor track and sports field that hosted the international 2001 Francophone Games.

Location: The park entrance is a west turn off Riverside Dr. between Walkley Rd. and Brookfield Rd.

Fletcher Wildlife Garden

Theme: Habitat

"urban green space, rural environment, connectivity"



Description: The Fletcher Wildlife Garden is a naturalised area in Ottawa. Managed by the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club (OFNC), it has a backyard garden, butterfly meadow, pond, old field, mixed woodlot, ash woodlot, hedgerow, and ravine with a stream. Volunteers restore and enhance these habitats.

Location: The entry road is signed and runs east off Prince of Wales Drive, just south of the Arboretum and across from the Canada Agriculture Museum.

Algonquin Centre for Construction Excellence

Theme: Design

“built environment”



Description: Not only are many courses on green building practices offered here, but ACCE is a reflection of what is taught in the building. It has LEED “Platinum” Certification and features many innovative aspects that you can see.

Location: 1385 Woodroffe Avenue (west side), between Baseline Rd. and Meadowlands Dr. W.

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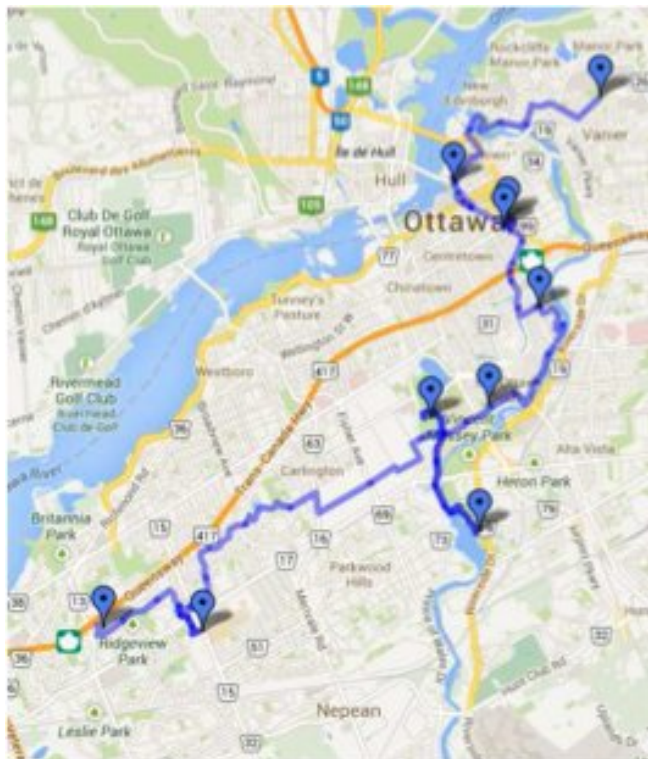
Theme: Waste Reduction

“processing waste, recycling, design, conversion”



Description: terra20 is North America’s largest eco-retailer. The store itself is built with recycled materials where possible, and with a healthier environment in mind. The result is a physical store that looks appealing while incorporating elements of sustainability.

Location: Pinecrest Shopping Centre, Highway 417, take Pinecrest/Greenbank exit 129.



Cycling Tour Map

This map is available here

<http://tinyurl.com/ottsusmap>

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