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	Shirley's Bay, Carling Ave. and Range Road	Marsh, swamp, forest	Access restricted (see NCC Greenbelt trail map)
	Timm Drive, Moodie Drive and Robertson	NCC ski trails	East, west and north of parking lot
	Kanata Lakes	Beaver Pond. Trails in maple, beech and oak forest	417 west exit at March Road. follow Teron Road to Beaverbrook Road to Weslock Way to Waldin Way
	Goulbourn Forced Road, north Kanata Trillium Woods	Unique plants and animals not found elsewhere in the city	March Road north to Terry Fox west to Goulbourn Forced Road.
	Terry Fox and Queensway	Hay bales (Mid August 2002) Best within a week of hay baling as stubble is a golden colour	Terry Fox north from Queensway, left on Campeau Drive and then left again on First Line Road
	Hazeldean Woods, Kanata	Wild landscapes	Eagleson south to Kakulu west or Castlefrank south to Kakulu east. Park is one block east of Castlefrank

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	Stony Swamp, NCC Conservation Area, Bells Corners	2000 acres, woods, wetland, fields, flora, many trails	Bells Corners: East side: Cedarview Road, West side: Eagleson Side Road, south from Hazeldean Road
	Moodie Drive, Kanata	bicycle path	North of Queensway, Moodie Dr to Kanata
	Moodie Drive, Kanata	Mocassin flowers (Pink ladyslippers)	<p>P8 (Beaver Trail) on Moodie Drive, just south of Hunt Club.</p> <p>Follow the blue blazes (Rideau trail) past the boardwalk/blind and about 3-5 minutes later look for the path to diverge around a tree due to mud.</p> <p>Look around you and you'll see them. Continue walking along the path until you come to a left turn at a large pine tree, there aren't any passed there.</p>
	National Capital Campground, Corkstown Road, west of Equestrian Park (Hwy. 417 west)	Wildflowers and small animals	Best in off season. Park in west lot or along road at crest of hill
	Stillwater Creek, Hwy. 417 west and Acres Road	Urban woods on clay soil, summer flora	Queensway-Acres Rd (trail at Aero Drive)
	Bell High School, Cassidy & Bruin Roads	Painted trilliums, ferns	The trilliums are located south of Bruin Lane. The path starts at the east end of the arena. Walk about 200 feet then go east.

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	<p>Britannia Conservation area,  Mud Lake</p>	<p>woods, pond, (Mud Lake) bridge, spring flora, birds, turtles</p> <p>nesting great horned owls</p> <p>The sign says there are 200 species of birds and 400 species of plants</p> <p>Ducks in Ottawa River</p>	<p>Poulin Ave off Carling or Britannia Ave off Richmond Road.</p> <p>Turn right off Britannia onto Cassels, watch for path opening on south side.</p> <p>Map at: <a href="http://www.canadacapital.gc.ca/corporate/parks_heritage/_pdf/mud_lake/final_concept_plan.pdf">http://www.canadacapital.gc.ca/corporate/parks_heritage/_pdf/mud_lake/final_concept_plan.pdf</a></p>
	<p>Andrew Haydon Park, Carling Ave..</p>	<p>Mud flats, marshy shore, waterfowl</p>	<p>Bayshore &amp; Carling</p>
	<p>Hilda Lane: Carling Ave. West, turn right onto Range Road (sign at road shows Rifle Range - goes towards Shirley's Bay). As you get close to sharp turn at bottom of road, look for Lois Lane on right - turn right onto Lois. Then next right onto Hilda - just up a small hill and you are there</p>	<p>Bird feeder in winter</p>	<p>Attracts chickadees, woodpeckers, blue jays, white-breasted nuthatches, tree sparrows, lots of mourning doves; also nice place to get snowshoe hares - they've become reasonably tame and was able to get some decent shots. Lots of red-wing blackbirds are now showing up at feeders.</p>
	<p>Bells Corners to Carleton Place</p>	<p>Bicycle Path</p>	<p>along the old RR right of way south of Robertson Road</p>
	<p>Bruce Pit, Hwy.. 416 N of Hunt Club</p>	<p>herons, osprey, huge flocks of Canada Geese in the fall.</p>	<p>Off Cedarview at Bruin, North of Hunt Club, on east side</p>

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	Cedarview , north of Fallowfield	Deer, and wild turkeys Mar/2003	between 5:00 and 5:30 pm large herd of deer (probably 30 or 40 of them), on Cedarview Rd., north of Fallowfield, on the Dept. of Agriculture property. They were in a field just south of a grey barn. There were a few of them around the corner on Fallowfield as well, plus, as a bonus, the wild turkey that has been seen quite a few times at Cedarview and Fallowfield. I have been told the deer were there around 7:30 a.m. too.
*	Fallowfield and Moodie Dr. Park across road from Valleyview Farms	Monaghan Forest. Flowers throughout spring, summer and fall	Mixed forest, walking trails, but many side trails not on map. Can be damp/wet at times
	Fallowfield and Steeplehill	Sunflowers (2004)	Access from Steeplehill
	Pinhey Forest, Merivale Road (Nepean Sportsplex)	Sand base woodlands, spring flora, birds	Merivale and Slack Roads
	Champlain Bridge Islands	rapids. Kaykers on weekends and evenings after spring break-up to early summer	Island Park Drive
	Hampton Park, Kirkwood Ave..	small wooded urban park	Clare Ave.., off Kirkwood
*	Carlington Woods (Frazer Quarry)	small limestone bluffs, birds	Clyde Avenue and Castle Hill Cres
	Lemieux Island, Western Parkway	gardens, shoreline, seagulls nesting	off Western Parkway at foot of Bayview

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Victoria Island, Chaudiere Bridge	scenic views, old mill ruins, Mid-May sunrise is directly behind the Peace Tower		off Chaudiere Bridge at foot of Booth Street
Nepean Point	Excellent shots of Parliament Buildings et al. Sun sets as well depending on time of year.		Behind the National Art Gallery
Confederation Park, Laurier Ave.	ice sculptures during Winterlude		Laurier and Elgin
Vincent Massey Park/Hog's Back	waterfalls, rapids, shoreline, trees,		Walk along river from Hog's Back to Carleton Univ.
Pleasant Park Woods, Pleasant Park Ave..	spring flowers Pileated woodpeckers.		Access via Pleasant Pk School at Lynda Lane, or Grasshopper Hill Park on Kilborn at Prospect Ave..
McCarthy Woods, Walkley Road	sugar maples, old apple trees, sumacs, milkweed  birds		East side of McCarthy Rd at Plante, North of Hunt Club, south of tracks. Park on side streets
Armstrong Road, West of Bowesville RD	Raptors		Osprey, Cooper's Hawk, Northern harrier, rough-legged hawk. Short-eared owls Not always in camera range
Armstrong Pit, Limebank Rd	Canada Geese in October. 5-600 geese fly-in just before sunset.		on Limebank, just south of airport. Drive 2 km +/- to Armstrong Rd, turn right, past Bowesville Rd. Quarry (pond) just past abandoned rail line.

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Chapman's Mills Conservation Area. Woodroffe and Prince of Wales	Boardwalk through a bull rush marsh. Waterfowl, some flowers, meadow at south end on rise.	Parking at north end of trail. Turn east at south end of Winding Way. First lights north of Woodroffe and Prince of Wales. Trail can be accessed from Lodge Road, just north of Carleton Lodge on east side.	
Heart's Desire Weir Woodroffe and Prince of Wales	Jock River flowing over weir and rapids (in spring anyway) and a walk through a mixed forest of hardwoods and coniferous. Trilliums, Dog Toothed violets in spring. Bottled gentian in mid August. Mushrooms in September/October	Turn west off Prince of Wales onto Woodroffe and immediately turn left onto the old Woodroffe. Gate on south just before first house. Take gravel trail/road to Jock River.  (Or work your through the subdivision and park on Goodwood Dr)	
Long Island Locks	Relatively open water to the south, mallards, a dam and falls, the usual shore side greenery including cattails, probably some boats tied up, and the lock master's cottage. And lots of mist, if conditions are right!	Take River Road south (Extension of Riverside Drive South of Hunt Club). Turn off just after Honey Gables subdivision on to Nicolls Island Road. (Someone changed Long Island to Nicolls Island!!)	

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Manotick Watson's Mill	An old mill, ducks year round waterfalls. Also Dickinson Square heritage buildings	Bridge and Mill Street in Manotick	
Beryl Gaffney Park	Trails through mixed hardwoods, wetlands, and the Rideau River just above the junction with the Jock	on Rideau Valley Drive south, just south of Prince of Wales	
Manotick Station, Between hwy 31 and 16 on Cnty Rd 8	Trail along old Prescott-Ottawa RR right of way	Access at Manotick Station	
Hwy 31 approx #4806	Hindu temple	Interesting architectural shots possibly	
Pine Grove Nature Trail (Blossom Park)	Wet sand woodland, common woodland animals	Davidson Road east of Conroy Road Parking on south side of road (See NCC Greenbelt Trails map)	
Hawthorne Woods (a.k.a South Gloucester Natural Area)	Many native wildflowers and ferns	Hawthorne Road south of Rideau Road, or Hawthorne Road north of Mitch Owens Rd. Many trails through the woods and flowers aren't always next to the path. Bring a GPS or trail marking tape if you plan to explore off the trails	

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	Central Experimental Farm	trees, floral gardens, farm animals	Queen Elizabeth Driveway south-west past Dow's Lake, and Island Park Drive extension south of Carling
		Fletcher Wildlife Garden. 7 hectare site	Prince of Wales Dr S of traffic circle at Arboretum. Backyard garden, old field, hedgerows, butterfly meadow
		Arboretum, Hosta gardens	East of traffic circle, by toboggan hill
		Greenhouse, open 9-4 daily	On Maple Lane, (runs perpendicular to Agriculture Museum) signed as "Eastern Cereal and Oil Seed Research"
	Dow's Lake and Driveways on both sides of the Canal	Tulips, boats, gardens Skating in Winter	Preston and Queen Elizabeth Driveway
*	Parliament Hill area Wellington & Metcalf St	Archecture, ceremonies, gardens, land and urbanscapes	Parliament Buildings themselves incl West and East Blocks
*	Top of Elgin Street	War memorial	
*	Behind Parliament buildings	View of Museum of Civilization in Gatineau	Try it at night too
*	Bank & Wellington St	Reflections in windows of Bank of Canada Building	
*	Behind Supreme Court	View of offices in Gatineau	Often better at night
*	Byward Market Sussex & York Street area	Famers Market, pubs & restaurants	Saturday morning is best time for farmers market, but active most days
	Sandy Hill, east and west of King Edward Ave..	old homes and churches, interesting doors, windows, porches	

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*	Former Ottawa City Hall and area (now Gov't conference centre) Sussex Drive	waterfalls, sculptures, daffodils, Minto bridges Rideau Falls ice nicely in the winter	Sculptures: North and south of bldg, plus across Sussex in park. Minto bridges (white decorative) on south side
	Vanier	14 acre lot with 4 acres of maple sugar forest and 1 km trails in Richelieu Park.	Maps with identification of flora and fauna available at Vanier Library, 300 des Pères-Blancs Avenue, (613) 291-5362
	Beechwood Cemetery, Beechwood and Juliana	formal gardens, old headstones, fall colours	
	Aviation Pkwy, Ogilvie Road to Rockcliffe Parkway	daffodils	Raised bed of daffodils at south end at Ogilvie Road, more daffodils along Rockcliffe Parkway
	Rockcliffe air base woods	spring wildflowers, terraced woods high diversity of plants and animals	East of Aviation Museum-turn north off Rockcliffe Driveway. Trilliums also at south end of Aviation Parkway on both sides
		fall colours	along Aviation Parkway from Ogilvie Road to Rockcliffe and then east and west along Rockcliffe Parkway
	Rockcliffe Parkway	RCMP horses in pasture	Just east of Birch Avenue on Parkway
		daffodils, emperor tulips	Rockeries at Rockcliffe, park on Hillsdale Road
		Balloon Festival, Labour Day wknd#	be there for 5:45AM or 5 PM Buena Vista Rd to Hillsdale
	NRC grounds, Montreal Road	Bike races Tuesday nights	NRC is at the corner of Blair and Montreal Roads. Races are on the NRC grounds north of Montreal Road by the wind tunnel building.

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Lower and Upper Duck Islands (Beacon Hill North)	untended bush, Huckleberry tree flowers, amphibians and reptiles	boat access (Petrie Island, with road access, is similar. See below)	
Greens Creek Conservation Area	Blackburn Hamlet Wood lot (Part of Greens Creek NCC Conservation area)	Corner of Montreal Road (St Joseph) and Bearbrook, at end of Rockcliffe pkwy. See NCC Greenbelt Trails map. (trails are confusing)	
	Soccer field area raspberries and asters in fall	1 mile (+/-) south from Montreal Road om Bearbrook	
	shrubby bush, great for frost and spider webs	Access in Beacon Hill North off NE corner of Canotek Road, or south from parking lot on Rockcliffe Parkway just east of sewage plant.	
	Clay banked creek, hills, spring flora, mixed woods	Queensway section is better via bike paths	
Forestglen Park, Orleans	Rugged ravine, hemlock forest	Access at 6091 Forestglen Cres. Queensway to Jeanne D'Arc, south to St Joseph, turn right (west) and then left (south) on Forest Valley Drive to Forestglen Cres	
Orleans, Taffy Lane	Xmas Lights		
Orleans, North Service Road, end of Queensway east	Elecampane (mid to late July)	on North Service road, across from 5th hydrant, 0.45km west of Trim Road. On north side of road, about 10-15 yards in from road in front of brush	

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	<p>Petrie Island, Orleans  <a href="http://www.petrieisland.org/">Http://www.petrieisland.org/</a>                   Map of area on website</p>	<p>Ferns, turtles, spider webs, beavers, muskrats, weasels, herons (blue and sometimes green)</p> <p>Turtles are more frequently basking in May and June.</p> <p>Turtles will dive in when you approach them, but wait for 10-15 minutes and they will come back</p> <p>Turtles (especially the snapping turtles) are very active in early/mid June laying eggs. They usually come out at night, but tracks can be found in the morning on the beaches.</p> <p>Eggs hatch in mid-September (those that survive)</p> <p>Turtlehead flowers in late August</p>	<p>Turn left at Trim Road (stop lights at end of Queensway in Orleans) follow road over culvert and to left by the sand pit operations. Parking lot at end of road on left.</p> <p>Turtles along shoreline on south side. Follow “turtle trail”</p> <p>Muskrats and otters are in generally Turtle Pond (see map at web site)</p> <p>Muskrat winter “condos” are in first “pond” west of the parking lot on south side. Follow trail/road past the house and watch for 5 muskrat huts in the pond. Other muskrat lodges in other ponds further east and on right as you drive away from Petrie just after the culvert.</p> <p>Beavers are in second “pond” (West along the trail/road past the house) Trail branches to south past end of first “pond”, take south branch. Beaver lodge on the shoreline of second pond.</p>
		Ice fishing huts	

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	Cardinal Creek Orleans	Creek valley connecting to Ottawa River	<p>Creek parallels Trim Road, but a good distance on the east</p> <p>Access points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Follow Watters Road east from Trim Road. It will dip at a bridge over a dry stream bed. You can enter the stream bed to your right, just over the bridge. Then go under the bridge and follow the streambed downstream. The water reappears to your right. It is difficult to follow the stream at this point, but there is a trail on the right hand slope that leads to a nice waterfall.</li> <li>2. access the creek where it crosses Old Montreal Road.</li> <li>3. Cardinal Creek south of Watters. There is a developer's trail along the top to the west, but this is not very scenic. You could try to follow it from the dry creek bed, but it is not easy to follow</li> <li>4. Start at the hydro corridor. Just follow the hydro lines from Trim Road. There are two creek valleys here, and you can follow one of them northwards for a fair distance. In the winter you can go from the hydro lines to Watters Road fairly easily.</li> </ol>
	Hwy.. 17 east of Orleans	Large icicles on rock	2.5km east of Trim Road (end

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		cut	of Queensway) on right side
Mer Bleu Conservation area (See NCC Greenbelt Trails map)		Peat bog, boardwalk, sundews, pitcher plants, spring and summer flora, fall colours with maple trees and ground cover shrubbery. Moccasin flowers along boardwalk in early mid June.	off Anderson Road on Ridge Road. Boardwalk is 1.6km,
		birch and poplar groves and beaver dams. Bring sunflower seeds for hand feeding chickadees (and odd bold nuthatch). Fields at west end of trails. Moccasin flower in woods to SE of trail bridge in June Small Woodland Orchis in early July	from Anderson Road parking lot opposite Geological Survey of Canada sign. Watch the beavers destroy their habitat just before freeze-up in the fall
<b>Ten “top” natural areas in the city</b>			
Trillium Woods, Kanata		See page 1	
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Britannia (Mud Lake)		See page 3	
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Rockcliffe Airbase Woods		See page 9	
Forestglen Park, Orleans		See page 10	
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