

Outdoors and Scenic drives by bicycle or car

The Central Experimental Farm is a working farm in the heart of Canada's capital, established in 1886 as the central research station for the federal Department of Agriculture.

The Farm continues that scientific focus as the location for laboratories and research plots for the Eastern Cereal and Oilseed Research Centre. More than an active research centre and home to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada headquarters, the Central Experimental Farm is a 400-hectare National Historic Site and a taste of rural Canada. The Farm and some of its attractions are open to the public throughout the year. It is also home to [the Agriculture Museum](#), [the Dominion Arboretum](#), and [the Fletcher Wild Life Garden](#), a long-term project of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club. With habitat loss a major factor in the decline of many plant and animal species, it is meant to encourage as many people as possible to create or restore natural landscapes on their urban or rural property. The Interpretive Centre disseminates information on conservation issues and regional natural history.

The Gatineau Hills beckon you with a combination of cycling, walking and mountain bike trails as well as a scenic parkway.

Managed by the NCC, Gatineau Park is a superb nature reserve just 15 minutes from Parliament Hill. It serves as a reminder that environmental protection is a cherished Canadian value, and its objective is to ensure the permanent preservation of a vast natural territory for the enjoyment of all Canadians. The Park is endowed with hundreds of kilometres of trails, forests containing more than fifty species of trees, abundant wildlife and numerous crystal-clear lakes typical of the hills of the Canadian Shield. Summer and winter, visitors can participate in outdoor activities or simply enjoy the tranquility of a protected natural environment.

Bicycle Rentals to explore the downtown and beyond.

Conveniently located near the Chateau Laurier in the arch of the Plaza Bridge location. Operating from 9h00 - 17h00 in season, they stock a range of bicycles for all ages, sizes rides: comfort, MTB, race, tandem, trailer, trailbike and are priced from \$9/h, \$25/4 h, with a 4 hour overnight rate, from 16h00 to 10h00 and \$50/24h on certain road models. This is an ideal way to explore the [National Capital Commission Recreational Pathways](#), hugging the Rideau Canal and the shore of the Ottawa River.

Sunday Bikedays on Scenic Parkways

Pleasure riding takes on a special feature on Sunday mornings, as portions of the scenic parkways are closed to all vehicular traffic and opened to bicycles and roller blades.