

Promenade-Bellerive Park

The activities presented in this circuit, along with the Montréal Urban BioKit, allow you to explore biodiversity in Promenade-Bellerive Park. The locations of sites of interest are identified by a short description, a symbol on the map, and GPS coordinates. Complementary information is hidden in a Geocache, which is a small container concealed near the GPS coordinates indicated. See what wonderful treasures you can uncover!

A small island of biodiversity



GPS: N 45° 36.567' W 73° 30.524'

In the eastern part of the park

Broad grassy areas do not welcome biodiversity. To remedy this situation, one area of the park has been allowed to return nature so that the plant life can diversify. This strategy is working; several plant species have colonized this green space.



Photo: Environment Canada



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HISTORY OF THE PARK



GPS: N 45° 36.572' W 73° 30.423'

On the outlook at the eastern tip of the park

Promenade-Bellerive Park offers prime access to the river. It was formerly a simple public right-of-way just a few metres from Bellerive Street. The promenade took shape in the 1960s, receiving thousands of tonnes of earth and rock from the construction of the Louis-Hyppolite-La Fontaine Bridge-Tunnel. Visitors go there to fish, watch the boats go by on the Seaway or simply to enjoy the blue of the river set against by the green of the Îles de Boucherville in the distance.



Do you want to know what used to be cut into big blocks where you are standing now?

Find the Geocache!
N 45° 36.581' W 73° 30.450'



Photo: Ville de Montréal



Citizen Science:

How many plant species can you recognize in this island of biodiversity?

Send us your observations: observationscitoyennes@ville.montreal.qc.ca

THE COPPER REDHORSE



GPS: N 45° 36.025' W 73° 30.571'

**On the shore opposite the lodge
in the middle of the park**

The copper redhorse is a fish species found only in Quebec. It feeds almost exclusively on molluscs, which it grinds with human molar-like teeth located in its throat! Unfortunately, the copper redhorse is endangered. This is why fishermen are required to return all redhorses and suckers to the water if they are caught, because it is very difficult to distinguish between these species. Signs have been installed near the fishing areas. If you see any fishermen, ask them what's biting!



Photo: Daniel Hatin, MRNF



Photo: Ville de Montréal

Is everything all right, doctor?



At both ends of the park

GPS: N 45° 36.596' W 73° 30.441'

or GPS: N 45° 35.719' W 73° 30.486'

The water quality of Montréal rivers and streams is closely monitored. The Réseau de suivi du milieu aquatique (RSMA) analyzes water samples at about a hundred sites. There is a sampling station at each end of Promenade Bellerive. When you get home from your visit, go to the RSMA website and look up the water quality for that day. So what's the verdict?



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Photo: Ville de Montréal

Ressources:

- Société d'animation de la Promenade Bellerive
promenadebellerive.com
- Réseau de suivi du milieu aquatique (RSMA)
ville.montreal.qc.ca/rsma
- Ville de Montréal network of large parks
ville.montreal.qc.ca/grandparcs
- Biosphère
ec.gc.ca/biosphere
- BioKits
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