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At the Biosphère, discover water and the great ecosystems with your heart, head and senses...

- thematic exhibition halls
- multimedia presentations
- interactive technologies
- network of ecowatchers
- leading-edge information centre

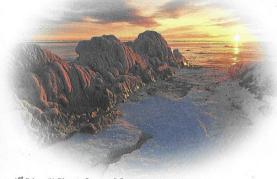
Canada possesses inestimable aquatic resources, 20% of the world's freshwater reserves.

The St. Lawrence River, the Great Lakes and Canada's other great ecosystems play a vital role in our everyday life... They provide drinking water for more than 40 million people!

## Essential to life,

water represents the most important issue of the new millennium. As a forum where scientific and popular knowledge come together, Environment Canada's Biosphère makes the public aware of the importance of water and the necessity of protecting it for current and future generations.

The Biosphère inspires visitors to take action to preserve one of our most invaluable



1<sup>st</sup> Prize - "A River to Conserve" Category Sunrise over Forillon Park by François Gravel, Montréal

# Temporary Exhibitions

# The St. Lawrence River, from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic

until September 3, 2001

An exhibition of **original photographs** portraying our majestic stream and its various facets, presented in an aquatic atmosphere. This exhibition is the result of a contest, organized by the magazine L'Escale Nautique in collaboration with the Biosphère, and brings together the 16 prize-winning photographs, in large format, and 40 honorable mention pictures in 5 categories: A Urban River, The Secrets of Water, Ships of St. Lawrence, Pleasure Boating and Water Delights and A River to Conserve.

# Climate warning!



until April 1, 2002

An exhibition on the theme of global climate change to better understand our climate and its extremes, and to make sense of their impact on our daily lives, particularly on the quality and availability of water:

- a TV studio where to become a weather broadcaster through the seasons
- photos and video reports on extreme weather phenomena
- giant caricatures
- a wheel of fortune where doing something makes you a winner
- a multimedia presentation

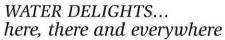
Climate Warning! was made possible with the financial support of the Climate Change Action Fund, from Government of Canada, and the collaboration of The Weather Network



# Permanent Exhibitions

# DÉCOUVERTES... the discovery of water

- Source of life and at the heart of civilizations
- Flowing across the planet
- A force, a system, a habitat for life



- Water and sound experiments
- The quest for water: hardly a delight for some
- Virtual recreation for all seasons
- The soothing song of sea life... and mermaids
- A Greco-Roman pond to dabble in while meditating

Water Delights was made possible with the collaboration of the Canadian International Development Agency and the Canadian Centre for International Studies and Cooperation.



The Biosphère is an oasis of tranquility, just few minutes from downtown Montreal.



The Biosphère

is a two minute-

walk from the

Jean-Drapeau

metro station.

VISIONS... of the St. Lawrence and the Great Lakes

At the very top of the Biosphère

- A journey over the river, like a bird
- Portraits and the state of the ecosystem
- The major environmental issues
- Some aquatic species as environmental indicators

Visions was made possible with the collaboration of Canada Economic Development.

## CONNEXIONS... on giant screens

- Great Ecowatchers: join Ecowatchers through time and space to see and learn how to protect our majestic stream
- Climate Warning!: get the latest information about climate change issue and possible impacts

# ObserAction, the Biosphère Ecowatch Network

The Biosphère is managing a network of ecowatchers, made of groups of individuals, organizations and schools, who do ecowatching, monitoring, education or action projects in the field. Get acquainted with their works and discover how commitment can change the world:

- results and experiences to share
- environmental actions made easy
- ideas, challenges and solutions for all

# Services

### **Educational Activities**

Educational workshops and recreation activities for elementary and secondary students

#### Room Rentals

The Biosphère makes an exceptional venue for any special event

#### Cafeteria Restaurant

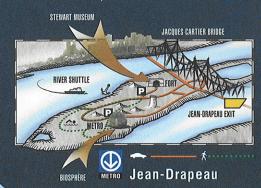
Daily menus, light meals, snacks, beer and wine. Outdoor terrace in season

#### Souvenirs

Gifts and souvenirs, photo film



# General Information



#### Access:

- By metro: Jean-Drapeau station
- By car: Jacques-Cartier Bridge, Parc Jean-Drapeau exit
- Limited parking near the Biosphère (pay parking in summer)
- By river shuttle from the Old Port to St. Helen's Island (seasonal)

#### Opening Hours:

Summer season until September 3, 2001: daily, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

#### Admission:

Adult: \$8.50

Student and senior (with I.D.): \$6.50

Youth 7 to 17: \$5.00

Children 6 and under (with an adult): free

Family rate\*: \$19.00

#### Combined visit Biosphère -Stewart Museum:

Adult: \$12.00

Youth and student (with an I.D.): \$7.50

Family rate\*: \$26.00

\*2 adults and 2 children or 1 adult and 3 children

Taxes are not included. Prices subject to change without notice. Reduced rates for Access Montréal card holders Group rates and guided tours available: (514) 496-8282



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