



## Deschênes Park - points of interest

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- B. Wetlands complex
- C. Rocky barrens
- D. Riparian zone - diverse micro-habitats
- E. Hickory Point - population of shagbark hickories
- F. Wood duck marsh - a seasonal marsh
- G. Archeological site at the portage head
- H. Conroy Island - nesting colonies of aquatic birds
- I. Historical zone - industrial vestiges, Deschênes rapids

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The « Voyageurs » recreational pathway traverses the park from west to east

On existing maps, naming is not standardised: Deschênes Forest, Gillot Park, Riverain Park, Deschênes Rapids Park, Lamoureux Marsh and others

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### A. Red oak forest - « Deschênes Forest »

- mature red oak forest, present for at least a century - an uncommon forest type in Gatineau
- protected from development by the City Council in 2020

### B. Wetlands complex

- large permanent marshes in centre, bordered by seasonal marshes
- abundant turtles, aquatic birds, mammals

### C. Rocky barrens

- a rare ecosystem in Québec - open, dry habitats host rare plants and are essential for some species of birds, frogs and snakes

### D. Riparian (riverside) zone

- many micro-habitats and rare plants

### E. Hickory Point

- population of shagbark hickory trees, rare in Québec, typical of areas further south

### F. Wood duck marsh

- seasonal marsh, a complex habitat with high species diversity
- easily observed from the wooden pedestrian bridge

### G. Archeological site at the head of the old portage

- public archeological dig in 2013
- numerous artefacts of historical and pre-historical eras found
- witness to the importance of the Deschênes portage site through history

### H. Conroy Island

- nesting site for five species of aquatic birds

### I. Deschênes Rapids

- one of the few undeveloped rapids on the Ottawa River
- site of significant industrial installations early 1800s to 1930
- small population of white oaks, rare in Québec

### « Voyageurs » recreational pathway

- the pathway traverses the park from west to east, near the oak forest and wetlands in the western part of the park, along the river in the eastern part
- active transport link to Gatineau's city centre, Champlain bridge and old Aylmer
- very popular with residents and visitors throughout the year



### Enjoy your visit

Our park is a sensitive area - help protect it!

- Always keep dogs on leash
- Stay on the trails
- Don't disturb plants and animals
- No motorised vehicles
- Carry out your garbage - or pick up what is left by others