

## GARDENS AND BLOOMS IN NIAGARA FALLS

### *Famous Niagara Falls Magnolia Allée set to Bloom in Full End of April*

(Niagara Falls Canada) Just in time for Earth Day, April 22, the city of Niagara Falls Canada will see its spectacular Magnolia Allée join the growing list of blooms to be found throughout the City. Niagara Falls, Ontario, is surrounded by beautifully maintained parkland, spectacular gardens and rare floral displays considered among the most beautiful public gardens in Canada and the world. Designed, planted and maintained by the talented Niagara Parks Horticulture Team, the award-winning landscapes and vibrant seasonable blooms are part of the [Niagara Garden Trail](#). Acres of landscaped gardens are open year around and the flowers vary each season offering a landscape of changing blooms.

Take your time exploring and soaking up the healing and rejuvenating power of green spaces, vibrant colours and luscious scents and gain some inspiration for your own home garden. Plan to rejuvenate in Niagara Falls.

Spring in the city of Niagara Falls also brings the reopening of beloved seasonal attractions and experiences including Niagara City Cruises, Whirlpool Jetboat Tours, White Water Walk, Niagara Speedway, Dinosaur Adventure Golf and the start of [Golf Season](#) at one of three championship courses in city.

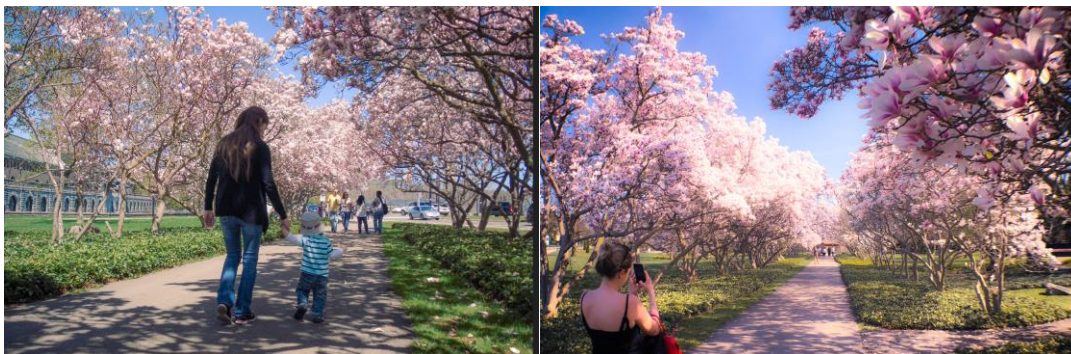
Whatever trip you need - Niagara Falls can be the perfect spring getaway.

#### **Magnolia Allée**

Around mid to late-April hundreds of magnificent magnolia trees and shrubs bloom in Niagara Falls. Dubbed Magnolia Allée, enjoy a walk through this stunning pathway of approximately 50 trees lined with magnificent bright pink, white and yellow Magnolia trees at their peak of bloom.

*Best viewing sites:* [Floral Showhouse](#)

Find these and more spring bloom images [here](#)



## Top Five Gardens to Visit in Niagara Falls

The public gardens in Niagara Falls and spectacular horticultural installations make it one of the best places in the country to enjoy nature, green spaces and garden blooms. Considered among the most beautiful throughout Canada and the world, the gardens in Niagara Falls are open year around and the flowers vary each season offering a landscape of changing blooms. There's always something to explore!



1. The **Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens** is among Canada's largest with 40 hectares (99 acres) of beautifully maintained gardens to explore including the largest rose garden in Canada.
2. The Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens is home to the **Butterfly Conservatory**, one of the largest in North America with over 180 metres of pathways through a tropical oasis to explore.
3. The spectacular **Oakes Garden Theatre** is the entranceway to Queen Victoria Park, the key central area of Niagara Parks that showcases the perfect panoramic view of the Falls. The shaded lily ponds and formalized gardens offer visitors a tranquil escape in the heart of Niagara Falls. Concerts and special events are held here throughout the summer. Don't miss the Secret Garden and beautiful Japanese Garden in this area!
4. **Queen Victoria Park**, the heart of Niagara Parks with spectacular views of the Falls as your stroll through these gardens, plus a visual spectacle of unique native and international plants and beautifully maintained gardens that celebrate each season.
5. Walk the green spaces and smell the flowers at the **Floral Showhouse**. With seven spectacular shows a year something new is always in bloom. Don't miss the Hydrangea Show in May, Chrysanthemum in the Fall and the Holiday Poinsettia show.

## Where to Find the Best Blooms in Niagara Falls

We've put together the perfect list of upcoming annual bloom highlights and major horticultural collections in Niagara Falls:

### MARCH

#### Snow Drops and Crocus

These early spring blooms are the first signs that warmer weather is coming and appear while there is still snow on the ground. **Snow Drops** sprout out of the ground in early March and blanket the grounds with their small white bell-shaped flowers. Soon after, in late March, the colourful **crocus** with their vibrant yellow, mauve and purple flowers make a cheerful appearance.

#### Best viewing sites:

- [Queen Victoria Park](#) - on the west side of the walking path that runs from Clifton Hill to Murray Hill
- [Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens](#) - in the Woodland Gardens

### APRIL

#### "Daffodil Capital of North America"

In early April, a spectacular sea of well over one million blooming daffodils is the reason why Niagara Falls has become known as the Daffodil Capital of North America. Every daffodil is represented in colour from white, yellow, white and yellow and white with orange. 30,000 daffodils are added each year.

#### Best viewing sites:

- [Queen Victoria Park](#) - on the west side of the walking path that runs from Clifton Hill to Murray Hill
- [Table Rock Centre](#) – Along the stone railing that overlooks the Falls

#### Tulips

Around mid-April thousands of colourful red Species Tulips with their narrow, pointed flowers begin blooming followed by Hybrid Tulips starting around the third week of April. 40,000 new bulbs are added to the collection each year and the bulbs are rotated each fall to provide a colourful new display of blooms each spring.

#### Best viewing sites:



- [Queen Victoria Park](#)
- [Oakes Garden Theatre](#)
- [Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens](#)
- The Niagara Parkway

## **Forsythia**

You will find these bright yellow shrubs in plant beds and hedgeways and at the Botanical Gardens where you can see different varieties and different tones of yellow.

### Best viewing sites:

- [Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens](#)
- The Niagara Parkway

## **Cherry Blossoms and Crabapple Vista**

The indigenous species of white cherry blossoms are followed by pink cherry blossoms and deeper pink Crabapples along the Niagara Parkway. Don't miss Crabapple Vista at the Botanical Gardens.

### Best viewing sites:

- [Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens](#)
- The Niagara Parkway

## **MAY**

### **Hydrangea Show**

The Annual Hydrangea Show just in time for Mothers Day Weekend features gigantic spheres of colourful blue, pink and white Hydrangeas are featured. As many as 20,000 plants are grown annually complementing the stunning array of tropical plants plus incredible orchids with blooms in a range of colours and sizes.

### Best viewing sites:

- [Floral Showhouse](#)

### **Centennial Lilac Garden**

With 1,200 lilac bushes with over 200 varieties on 10 acres, the [Centennial Lilac Garden](#) is in spectacular fragrant bloom with purple, white, pink, blue, pink and white, fuchsia, double and single blooms for only a few weeks each spring. New plantings are introduced each year to ensure a growing field. Created in 1967 to commemorate Canada's Centennial Year, the American Rotary Clubs of District 709 contributed funds towards the development of this unique garden.

### Best viewing sites:

- North of Niagara Parks Floral Clock

### **The Iconic Floral Clock**

Each year, the intricate design on the face of the iconic [Floral Clock](#) is planted with approximately 20,000 plants. The clock design is changed twice each year seasonally and features a different theme each year. Spring planting begins the third week of May and takes up to two weeks to complete.

### Best viewing sites:

- North of the Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens



## **JUNE – JULY**

### **Canada's Largest Rose Garden**

In addition to perennials, rhododendrons, azaleas, a formal parterre garden, herb and vegetable plantings, the world-famous rose garden at the Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens features more than 2,500 rose bushes and 120 different species.

Best viewing sites:

- [Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens](#)

## **JULY - AUGUST**

### **Niagara Parks Power Station**

Visit the gardens at the new Niagara Parks Power Station. Featuring native plants that can be found in Canadian forests, meadows, wetlands and prairies and include pollinator plants.

Best viewing sites:

- [Niagara Parks Power Station](#)

### **Pollinator Gardens, Prairie Gardens and Sustainable Projects**

Fourteen pollinator gardens can be found along the Niagara Parkway from Fort Erie to Niagara-on-the-Lake designed to sustain the ecosystems and provide support for a wide range of pollinating species, many considered at risk. Five pollinator gardens can be found at Legends on the Niagara Golf Complex as well as a 100-acre habitat restoration pollinator meadow. A Legacy Prairie Garden with over 15,000 locally sourced, native wildflowers and shrubs, from manicured gardens to natural habitats is located at the Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens. The Chippawa Grasslands Bird Habitat Management project will restore approximately 50 hectares (120 acres) of fallow former agricultural fields into native grassland habitat to protect and enhance bird habitats.

Best viewing sites:

- The Niagara Parkway
- [Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens](#)

## **Top Sustainable Gardening Projects in Niagara Falls**

### **Pollinator Garden Route, Prairie Gardens Meadow Spaces and Tall Grass Areas**

Fourteen [pollinator gardens](#) can be found along the Niagara Parkway from Fort Erie to Niagara-on-the-Lake designed to sustain the ecosystems and provide support for a wide range of pollinating species from bumblebees to hummingbirds, many considered at risk. The gardens are connected through both the scenic Niagara Parkway and the Niagara River Recreation Trail, creating the Pollinator Garden Route which can be enjoyed by bicycle, foot, or automobile.

Fourteen interpretive signs include references to Indigenous myths, which offer wisdom about our connection to animals and our environment. The content of the signage was inspired by the Haudenosaunee Confederacy (Iroquois), the Wabanaki Confederacy (Algonquin) and Anishnaabe (Algonquin), all of whom inhabited this area throughout history, and their spiritual connection with the animal kingdom. To honour this legacy and to celebrate Ontario150, the province's sesquicentennial year, Niagara Parks has worked with local Indigenous

artists and writers to develop a collection of animal legends and artwork that feature some of Ontario's native species.

Best viewing sites:

- The Niagara Parkway
- [Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens](#)

**Legends on the Niagara Golf Complex**

Five pollinator gardens can be found at Legends on the Niagara Golf Complex as well as a 100-acre habitat restoration pollinator meadow.

Best viewing sites:

- [Legends on the Niagara Golf Complex](#)

**Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens**

A Legacy Prairie Garden with over 15,000 locally sourced, native wildflowers and shrubs, from manicured gardens to natural habitats showcases Ontario's prairie-like ecosystems and provides pollen to vast numbers of native butterflies from May to October.

Best viewing sites:

- [Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens](#)

**Chippawa Grasslands Bird Habitat Management Project**

With the drastic decline of grassland habitat and grassland bird populations throughout southern Ontario, there is an essential need to protect and enhance existing grasslands. The primary purpose of the Chippawa Grassland Bird Habitat Management Plan is to enhance existing grasslands on Niagara Parks property to support grassland dependent bird species. The Chippawa Grasslands Project will restore approximately 50 hectares (120 acres) of fallow former agricultural fields into native grassland habitat to protect and enhance bird habitats. Using a diverse mix of native grasses and wildflowers it will also support pollinators.

**Niagara River Coastal Wetland Restoration Project**

The Wetland Restoration Project will provide essential habitat to increase fish populations in the Niagara River.

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**About Niagara Falls Canada**

Overlooking the legendary Canadian Horseshoe, American and Bridal Veil waterfalls, Niagara Falls is a four-season destination renowned for its awe-inspiring natural wonders combined with world-class accommodation, thrilling entertainment and a burgeoning culinary scene. Visitors from Ontario, across North America and around the world who come to experience nature and adventure, discover family fun, feel the romance and explore unique and memorable experiences have made it Canada's premier entertainment destination and a world-renowned bucket list destination.



## **About Niagara Falls Tourism**

Niagara Falls Tourism (NFT) is the official Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) for the City of Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada, representing almost 400 member establishments in Niagara Falls, including members throughout the Niagara Region. Welcoming almost 14 million visitors into the destination each year, NFT promotes the tourism and hospitality sector to visitors around the world. Dynamic marketing campaigns and signature events inspire visitors to explore Niagara Falls and support the success of local business. NFT fosters the international reputation of Niagara Falls as a four-season bucket-list destination and Canada's entertainment capital.

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