

Niagara Gorge by Duncan Ross



5. DEVIL'S HOLE STATE PARK

The Devil's Hole is a mystical place for viewing rapids and hiking the beautiful trails that lead down into the gorge. Some of the unusual features include a cave, which state parks guides may show you, rare species of indigenous plants, waterfowl and gulls. This is also the site of the Devil's Hole Massacre in 1763. For more information contact State Parks (716)284-4691

6. HYDE PARK

This 580 acre park offers adventures in hiking, biking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Many varieties of ducks, geese and the occasional swan can be seen at Hyde Park. For more information call (716) 286-4300

7. AQUARIUM OF NIAGARA

See ancient Sturgeon, regional freshwater exhibits and over 1500 other aquatic animals including Endangered Peruvian penguins. The Aquarium is open year round. For more information call (716)285-3575 AquariumNF@AOL.com

8. LASALLE WATERFRONT PARK

This park offers a great place for viewing waterfowl along the Niagara River.

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Birds of Niagara

The Niagara River has been identified as an Important Bird Area (IBA). During the fall and winter over 100,000 gulls and over 50,000 ducks visit the river daily.



The site of thousands of gulls in the gorge on a winter day is truly awe-inspiring. There

are hundreds of species of birds in the Niagara Falls area including Yellow-throated Warblers, Red-tailed Hawks, Red-bellied Woodpeckers, and on occasion the American Bald Eagle.

Get yourself a copy of The Peterson Field Guide for Eastern Birds and see how many birds you can spot during your stay in Niagara..

Below is an area to keep track of your sightings.

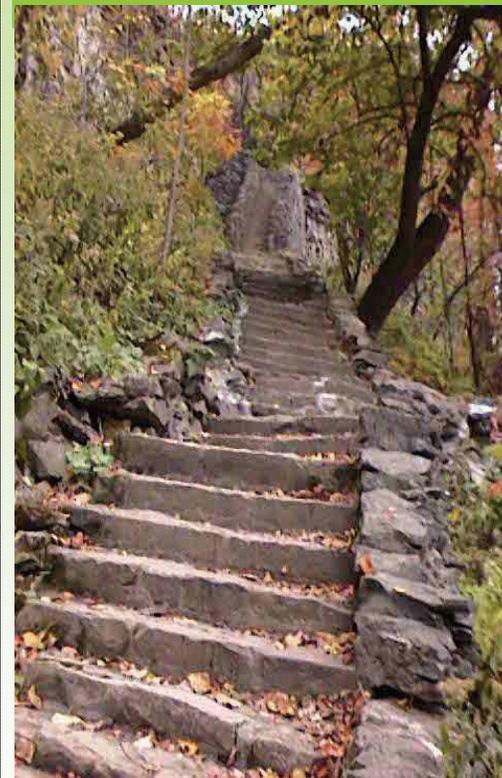
Especially for Kids

Check off the birds and wild life that you have sighted during your stay.

- ___ Robin ___ Wild Turkey
- ___ Bonaparte's Gull ___ Blue jay ___ Bald Eagle
- ___ Yellow Throated Warbler
- ___ Red-tailed Hawk ___ Black squirrel
- ___ Red-bellied Woodpeckers



Niagara Falls, USA Nature Tourism Guide



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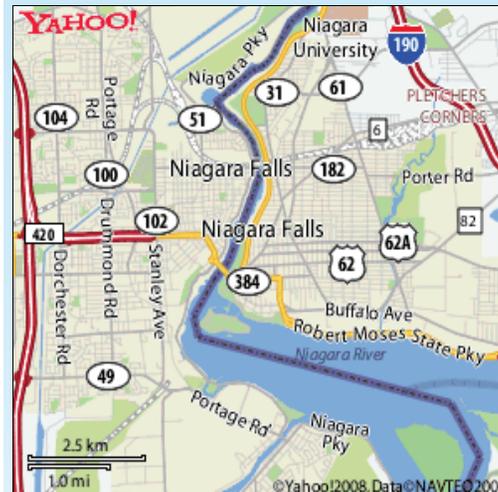
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1. NIAGARA FALLS STATE PARK

One of the most beautiful spots in America, the Niagara Reservation State Park surrounds the magnificent Niagara Falls. The park, which includes Goat Island, Three Sisters Islands and the Prospect Point area, offers a visitors center which has information on the history, geology, and technology of the mighty Niagara. The park is open year round. It is a joy for any naturalist and offers many opportunities to explore the islands and see a spectacular view of the Falls and the Niagara Rapids. In 1879 Frederick Law Olmstead wrote that he had traveled four thousand miles throughout the continent "without finding elsewhere the same quality of forest beauty which was abundant about the Falls." The islands contain original tree and shrub growth which has not been disturbed. Niagara State Park offers magnificent opportunities for bird watching and photography. Gulls in significant numbers and variety can be observed and photographed in this area. You can also catch site of peregrine falcons, sandpipers, chickadees, ducks, and, at times, American bald eagles. State Parks offers guided hiking tours. For more information call (716)278-1796



Niagara Falls State Park in winter by
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2. NIAGARA GORGE DISCOVERY CENTER

The Niagara Gorge Discovery Center is home to The Niagara Gorge Trailhead Center which offers information about some of the most picturesque hiking and biking trails in the United States, especially so near an urban center.

Hiking into the majesty of the Niagara Gorge will make you feel as if you have been transported to a time long ago when the earth was new. The trails will offer opportunities to see 500 year old cedars. Birds and indigenous plant life are in abundance and the fall foliage is magnificent. There are a variety of guided hikes available, including the Upper Great Gorge Hike, The Devil's Hole Rapids and Giant Rock Hike and the Whirlpool Rapids Adventure Hike. The Discovery Center also showcases the natural and local history of Niagara Falls. For more information call (716)278-1070

3. DEVEAUX WOODS STATE PARK

DeVeaux College Woods lies in the City of Niagara Falls. It is bordered to the south by Findlay Drive and to the north by Lewiston Road. The DeVeaux Old Growth Forest is located a short distance from the Niagara Gorge and Whirlpool State Park. The forest is approximately 10 acres and includes white, red and black oak trees. According to Botanist Patricia Eckel, "DeVeaux Woods is the oldest most unaltered woodland along the entire American Gorge." There are hundreds of indigenous species in the old growth forest including milkweed, Aster, sedge, dogwood, giant yellow hyssop, running strawberry bush, wild licorice, thimble-weed, foxglove and Indian turnip. The Old Growth Forest is a truly awe-inspiring place for walking, hiking, bird watching and photography.



4. WHIRLPOOL STATE PARK

Whirlpool State Park consists of two levels. The upper level overlooks the gorge and rapids. It is a perfect place for walking, biking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing along the gorge top. The lower level takes hikers on a 300 foot descent by way of magnificent steps and trails. The lower level offers an up close view of mighty whirlpool and the swirling, racing waters of the rapids. For information on guided tours call State Parks (716) 284-4691