

# TWENTY FOSSIL SITES NEAR MONTREAL

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1. **Parc Rainbeault.** 12341 Place St-Germain, Cartierville (near Sacré-Coeur hospital). Closest metro: Côte-Vertu. Cross the little bridge and follow Rivière-des-Prairies. Elevation: 77 feet. N 45°32.170', W 073°42.896'
2. **Parc de la Merci.** 12162 Poincaré/Gouin, Ahuntsic. Near Bordeaux prison, along Rivière-des-Prairies. Closest metro station: Henri-Bourassa. Glacial marks on glacial erratic boulders. Fossils can be found along the river and around nearby Île Perry as well. Elevation: 50 feet. N 45°32.840', W 073°41,655'.
3. **Parc Nature de l'Île de la Visitation,** 10755 Bruchési, Montréal-North. Pay parking available. There are fossils and different types of rocks near the welcome centre and fossils along the river as well. Elevation: 71 feet. N 45°34.744', W 073°39,431'.
4. **Parc maison historique Brignon Lapierre.** 4260 Gouin East. The park is next to the historical house it's named after. Picnic tables are here. It is possible to collect fossils along the riverbank, though there are some inconvenient spots. Elevation: 51 feet. N 45° 36,031', W 073°38,628'.
5. **Unnamed park on Boulevard Albert Brosseau.** 4850 Boulevard Albert Brosseau, at the intersection with Drapeau. Parking is available as well as a picnic table. Fossils can be found along the river's edge. Elevation: 23 feet. N 45°36,264', W 073°38,526'.
6. **Parc Aimé Léonard.** 12167 Ste-Gertrude, at the intersection with Gouin. Not much parking to be found. Erratic boulders with very nice glacial scratches can be found here, but fossils are rare. N45°36,510', W073°38,410'.
7. **Parc de Sainte-Marthe.** 12780 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Gouin. This site has an information panel by Éco Quartier about the Champlain Sea and Rivière des Prairies. Watch out for the mosquitoes! Fossil tracks (ichnofossils) can be found here, and fossils can also be found along the river. N 45°38,543', W 073°35,998'.
8. **Parc André Corbeil dit Tranchemontagne,** 8112 Gouin at 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Easy parking. This is a good educational geological park, with rocks of all three types (sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous) and a display stone with hundreds of brachiopods visible. Elevation: 55 feet. N 45°38,702', W 073°35,794'.
9. **Parc Pierre Dagenais dit Lépine.** 9105 Gouin. An extraordinary site, with corals, bryozoans, brachiopods and fish fossils. Easily accessible from Gouin. There are approximately fifty sedimentary blocks full of fossils. Elevation: 34 feet. N 45°39,293', W 073°37,832'.
10. **Unnamed park.** 12510 87th Avenue and Gouin. Many fossils. Glacial markings and brachiopods. There are about fifty blocks of fossils here. Elevation: 36 feet. N 45°40,375', W 073°32,578'.
11. **Parc René Labrosse.** 4 Place de l'église/Notre-Dame, (near St-Octave church). This location is easy to get to, parking is available and there is a picnic table. Fifty blocks of sedimentary rock, a dozen of which contain crinoid stems (*Cheirocrinus* being one). Elevation: 27 feet. N 45°37,797', W 073°29,690'.
12. **Parc by the river near Notre-Dame.** 300 Taillon at the intersection with Bellerive. Thirty blocks of sedimentary rock with trilobite cephalons ("heads"), crinoid stems and bryozoans. Fossils aren't the most common, but there is one very interesting block. Elevation: 39 feet. N 45°36,280', W 073°30,566'.
13. **Parc Pierre Tétreault, a wonderful site.** 308 Baldwin. At the edge of the river. Three hundred and fifty blocks of sedimentary rocks full of fossils. Very nice bryozoans, cephalopods, crinoid stems and *Isotelus* (trilobite) specimens. Elevation: 60 feet. N 45°35,926', W 073°30,556'.
14. **Park behind the Parole de Vie church.** 600 Fullum. Hundreds of blocks of sedimentary rocks with many fossils. Already heavily collected.
15. **Intersection of Doctor Penfield and Cedar avenues.** Sedimentary rocks with some igneous intrusions. Fossils are rare, but there is a layer of crinoid stems. Elevation: 163 feet. N 45°30,003', W 073°35,146'.
16. **On the hill by the Angrignon metro station.** Two huge sheets of fossils can be found here, with brachiopods, crinoids, *Cryptolithus* (a trilobite) and cephalopods, but most blocks in the area have already been rifled. Elevation: 108 feet. N 45°26,799', W 073°36,328'.
17. **Decorative sedimentary rock boulders.** 10 Brises du fleuve and Galt (near the arena, and also behind the nearby McDonald's restaurant). Bryozoans, brachiopods, gastropods and fish fossils. Elevation: 64 feet. N45°27,69', W073°33,712'.
18. **The riverbank in Lasalle**  
Near 8127 Boulevard Lasalle. Exposed sedimentary rock in the middle of the park, fairly heavily collected. There are still some pelmatozoans to be found. Note that the river's current makes the river's edge dangerous. Elevation: 122 feet. N 45°25,240', W 073°36,178'.
19. **Parc René Lévesque in Lachine.** The south side of the park contains no fossils and a few brachiopods of poor quality can be found on the north side (facing the marina). N 45°25,696', W 073°40,490'.
20. **Marina in Lachine.** Fifty blocks of sedimentary rocks full of fossils including gastropods (such as *Liospira*), brachiopods and crinoids. Elevation: 115 feet. N 45°25,953', W 073°41,512'.