

## POINTS OF INTEREST

## 🛆 Tulip Stand

Tulip trees are a characteristic feature of Carolinian forests. They are named for their colourful tulip-shaped flowers that bloom in the spring. They are the largest tree that grows in this forest.

## **B** Fossilized Reef

This long-buried bed of fossils was once a shallow reef rich with prehistoric life. The fossilized reef has been exposed due to erosion of the limestone.

## C Trilobites

Trilobites lived in marine waters for nearly 300 million years before becoming extinct 250 million years ago. Though they grew up to two feet long, the trilobites found here grew to be approximately two inches long.

### D Wintergreen Bank

This was the bank of the river abandoned 10,500 years ago.

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## TRAIL RATING & CLASSIFICATION

The trails throughout the Niagara Glen are classified as "**moderate**" with the exception of the Whirlpool Trail, which is considered "**difficult**." Sturdy, supportive footwear is strongly recommended.

Moderate trails are suitable for most hikers with basic trail experience and have infrequent obstacles and gently rolling areas with some short, steep sections.

The Whirlpool trail is suitable for experienced hikers with its uneven surfaces, various obstacles and steep sections.

## E Mammoth Pothole

Potholes are holes in the limestone formed by harder stones spinning and drilling into the rock by water current.