

*Rhododendron Garden at  
Happy Rolph Bird Sanctuary and Conservation Park  
also known as  
Niagara Peninsula Conservation Park -  
Children's Animal Farm and Bird Sanctuary*

As a 15.06-acre municipal park on the shores of Lake Ontario, the Sanctuary boasts one of Canada's most exotic collections of flowering rhododendrons. The petting farm, which operates from Victoria Day to Thanksgiving weekend, houses a variety of farm animals including chickens, pigs, horses, rabbits, sheep and goats. Hundreds of ducks, geese and native birds live in the adjacent pond. The pond inlet, sheltered by evergreens and bordered by grassy banks and willow trees, offers food and shelter for the resident waterfowl and migratory birds. Since the acquisition of this property in 1974, the city has extended pathways to the lake, added a parking lot and bird feeders, and renovated the barn and pond area. Picnic and playground facilities were expanded to include a pavilion and washrooms. The park offers a unique opportunity to experience nature first hand. It can be found on Read Road off Lakeshore Road.

### *Directions*

Take QEW Niagara, exit at Ontario Street in St. Catharines (not Beamsville).  
Go North on Ontario Street and continue as it turns into Lakeshore Rd.  
Cross over the Welland Canal and turn left onto Read Road.  
Go to the end of Read Road and Happy Rolph's is on your left.

This map shows Lakeshore Road crossing the Welland Canal and the left turn at Read Road.



*Note that there are Ontario Streets posted on the QEW at two points between Burlington and St. Catharines. The Ontario Street exit in St. Catharines is the one referred to here.*

The map below shows the QEW/Ontario Street intersection in the bottom left hand corner. Follow Ontario St to Lakeshore and then across the Welland Canal at Port Weller. Look for Read Road a few hundred metres beyond the bridge. Turn left to Read Road.

Travel 3-4 minutes on Ontario Street, about 2 kms.

Travel 7-8 minutes on Lakeshore Road, about 5 kms.

Depending upon traffic, it may be more realistic to expect a 15 - 20 minute drive from the junction of QEW/Ontario Street to Read Road.

