Mont St-Hilaire Nature Centre

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The Mont Saint-Hilaire Summit Trail invites you to discover four separate summits and breathtaking views of the heart of the Mont Saint-Hilaire Biosphere Reserve and the municipalities that lie within it.

1 **BURNED HILL SUMMIT**

At 300 metres in altitude, Burned Hill is the lowest summit on Mont Saint-Hilaire. It owes its name to a 1948 fire that burned down the forest. Around 1950, a ski-jumping ramp stood on its slopes; today, nature has reclaimed the area. The summit provides a view of the surrounding plains and orchards.

2 **PAIN DE SUCRE SUMMIT**

This name likely comes from the sugarloaves that used to be made of maple sugar. The highest summit on Mont Saint-Hilaire, at 415 m, its peak offers a wonderful view of the surrounding area. In clear weather, you can see Montreal and even the Adirondack Mountains in the United States.

3 **DIEPPE SUMMIT**

On Dieppe's rocky summit, you may spy birds flying high in the sky or hunting near the cliffs. The turkey vulture, a large bird with a two-metre wingspan, often glides nonchalantly over the summit. Lucky visitors may even spot a peregrine falcon, a threatened species that nests on the Dieppe cliffs.

4 **ROCKY SUMMIT**

After your long walk, take the time to enjoy the views of the forest corridors, agricultural plain and other Montérégian Hills. The nearest hill is named Rouge-mont.

5 **LAC HERTEL**

Named after Seigneur Jean-Baptiste Hertel, the lake is home to diverse flora and fauna. Although legend has it that the lake has no bottom and it is actually a gateway for "intraterrestrials," McGill University researchers measured a maximum depth of 9 metres.