

# Garden Adventures

## Selection Criteria Overview

**1000  
ISLANDS  
RIDEAU  
CANAL  
WATERWAYS**

*Leeds Grenville residents, their guests and visitors, have been seeking more outdoor experiences. The 1000 Islands and Rideau Canal Garden Trail launched in 2015 and is now expanding to Garden Adventures that will include broader, memorable outdoor garden experiences.*

*With human intervention, gardens can take various forms. These include florals in a structured format or naturalized landscape that may incorporate trails along with visual arts and sculptures or a combination of all. Gardens can be located at a home, business, non-profit organization or public. They can vary from a specific period of time or be 4-season in length.*

*Garden Adventures is a self-drive tour that will have visitors saying their experience was amazing – they were beautiful, unique, well curated, educational, and left them wanting more. The quality of the garden experience is of the utmost importance to ensure the feedback is positive, with guests recommending Garden Adventures to others and planning their own return visit.*

### Criteria:

- Garden must have incurred human intervention to deliver a garden experience. This could include: themed gardens, native plants or interesting and unusual plants, statuary, ponds, etc.
- Must have a volume of garden materials and elements that create a visitor experience
- Owner must be willing to share their garden with others (can be a guided tour or offering a self-guided tour, or a mix of the two)
- Any trails must have directional signage to ensure guest safety
- Must be well-maintained with safe access and pathways for guest
- Must have safe, reasonable parking options
- Must offer regular hours or a schedule of appointments
- Owner must be willing to manage liability issues with their own insurance carrier

### Desirable, but not mandatory

- Handicap access for wheelchairs or walkers
- Ability to host bus tours or groups if possible

In return for the free promotion of your Garden, members would agree to:

- Actively promote the Garden Adventures and other participating Gardens
- Promote the Garden Adventures map that will be accessed at [discover.leedsgrenville.com](https://discover.leedsgrenville.com)
- Promote the Garden Adventures onsite with designated marker flag
- Train all customer service staff about the Garden Adventures, with accurate knowledge of surrounding sites

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