



ONTARIO



Fact Sheet

Test your knowledge! See if you can fill in the blanks below.

1. The capital city of Ontario is _____.
2. Ontario is located east of _____ and west of _____.
3. Ontario's provincial bird is the _____.
4. Ontario's provincial flower is the _____.



Manitoba

Trillium

Toronto

Common

White

Loon

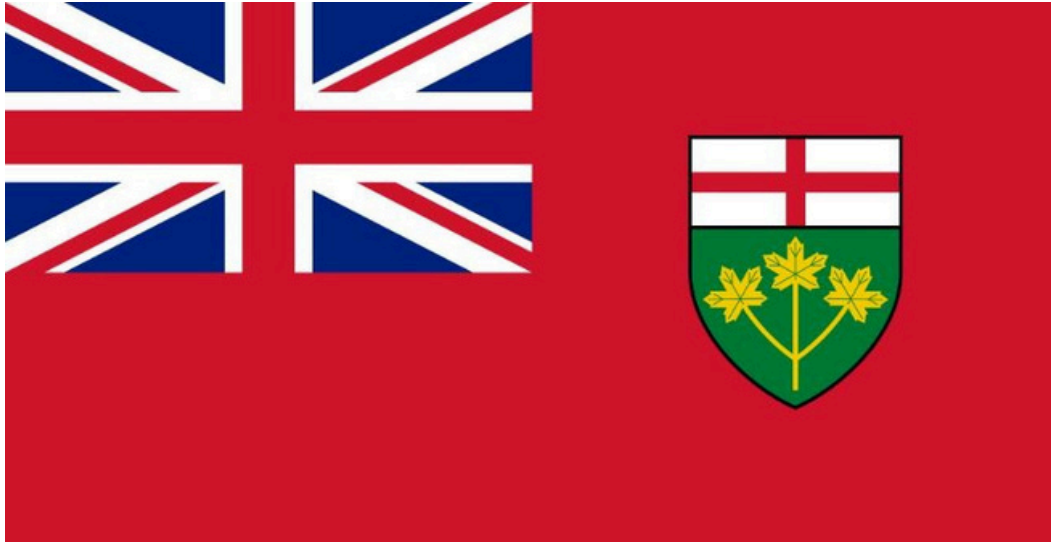
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Mapping Ontario

Label the capital city of the province. Next, research Ontario's topography and colour the map accordingly!



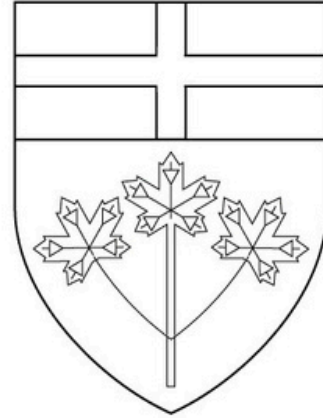
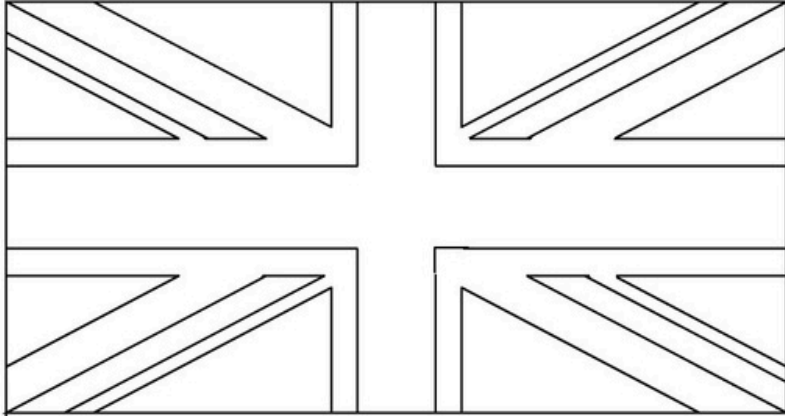
Fly the Flag



The provincial flag of Ontario was introduced on 21 May, 1965. The flag's key features include:

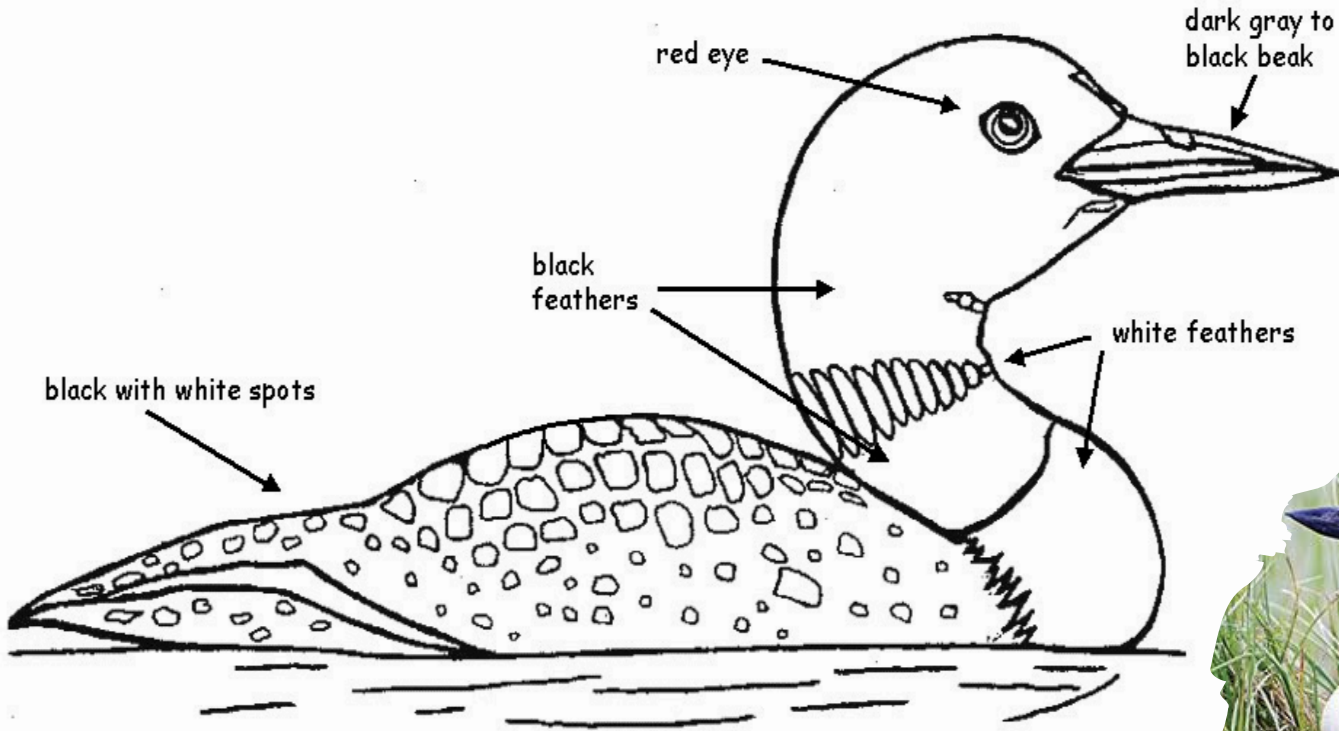
- Red Ensign with shield of the Coat of Arms of Ontario in the field.

Your turn! Recreate Ontario's provincial flag, using the flag above to guide you.



Provincial Fauna

The provincial bird of Ontario is the Common Loon.



Provincial Flora



Three white petals that turn pink when they are old.

Three dark green sepals underneath the petals.

Sepals are the outer part of the flower bud -- they are not leaves, though most of us call them leaves.

Six yellow stamens in the center.

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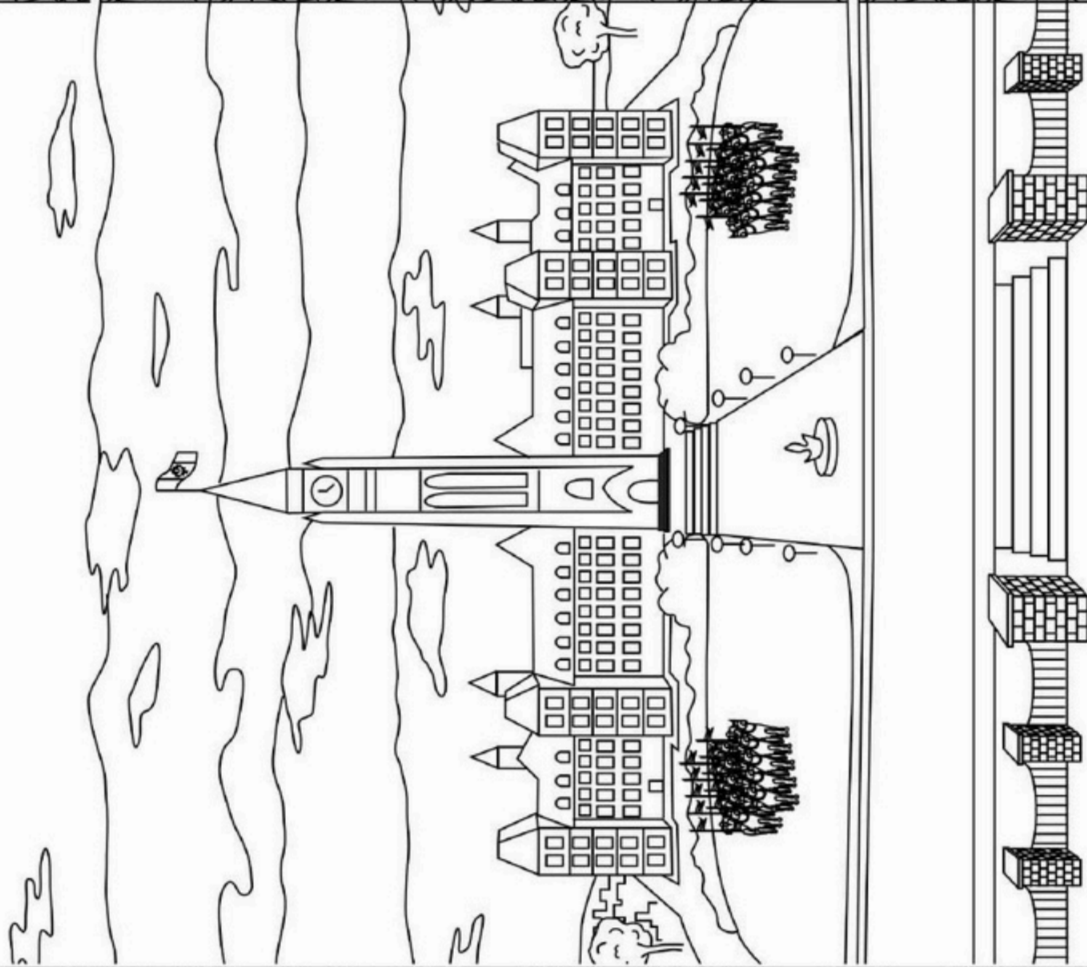
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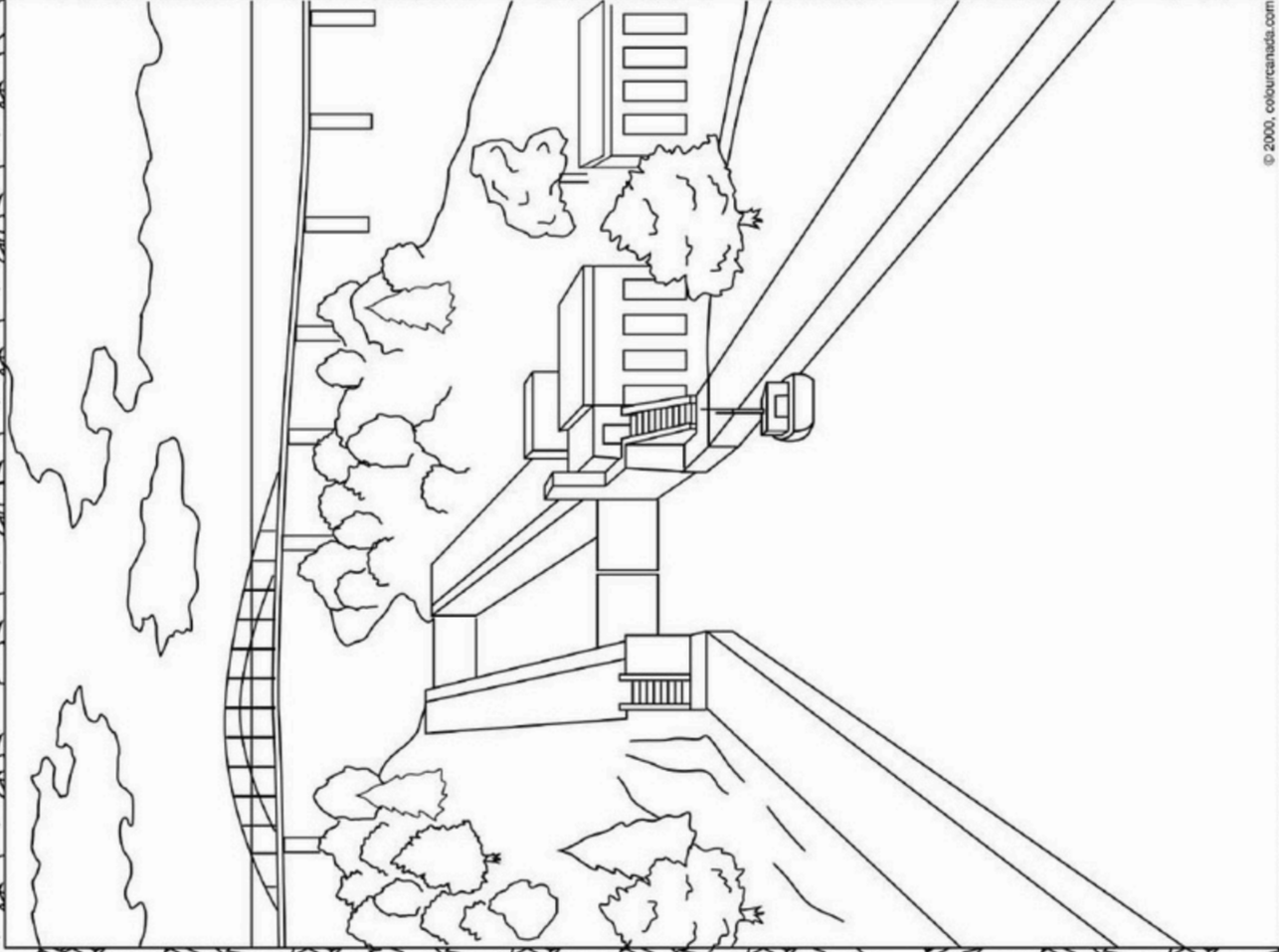


Parliament Hill - Ottawa, Ontario: The Centre Block is only one of the magnificent Gothic Revival buildings gracing Parliament Hill. Home to the Senate, the House of Commons and the Library of Parliament. The current Centre Block was built to replace the original building destroyed in a spectacular fire in 1916.



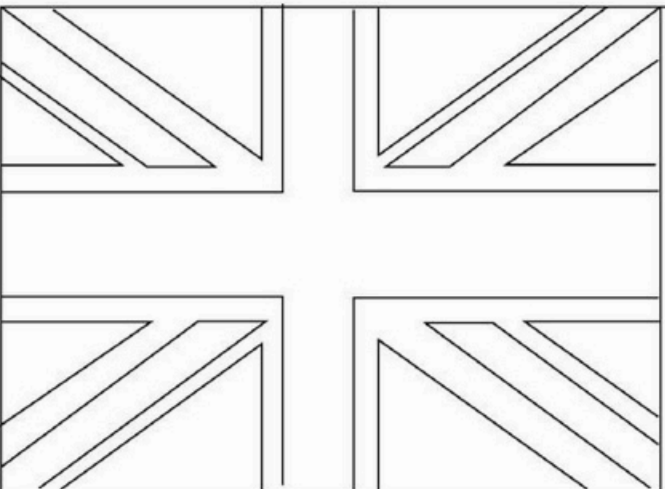
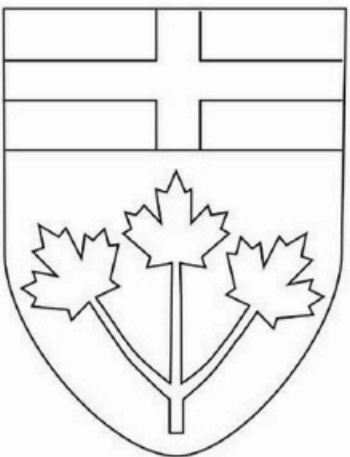


Sault Ste. Marie Canal: Built in 1895 to bypass the rapids between lakes Huron and Superior, Sault Ste. Marie Canal completed an all-Canadian route from the Lakehead to the Atlantic Ocean. The Powerhouse and the Emergency Swing Bridge Dam are unique features of the site.



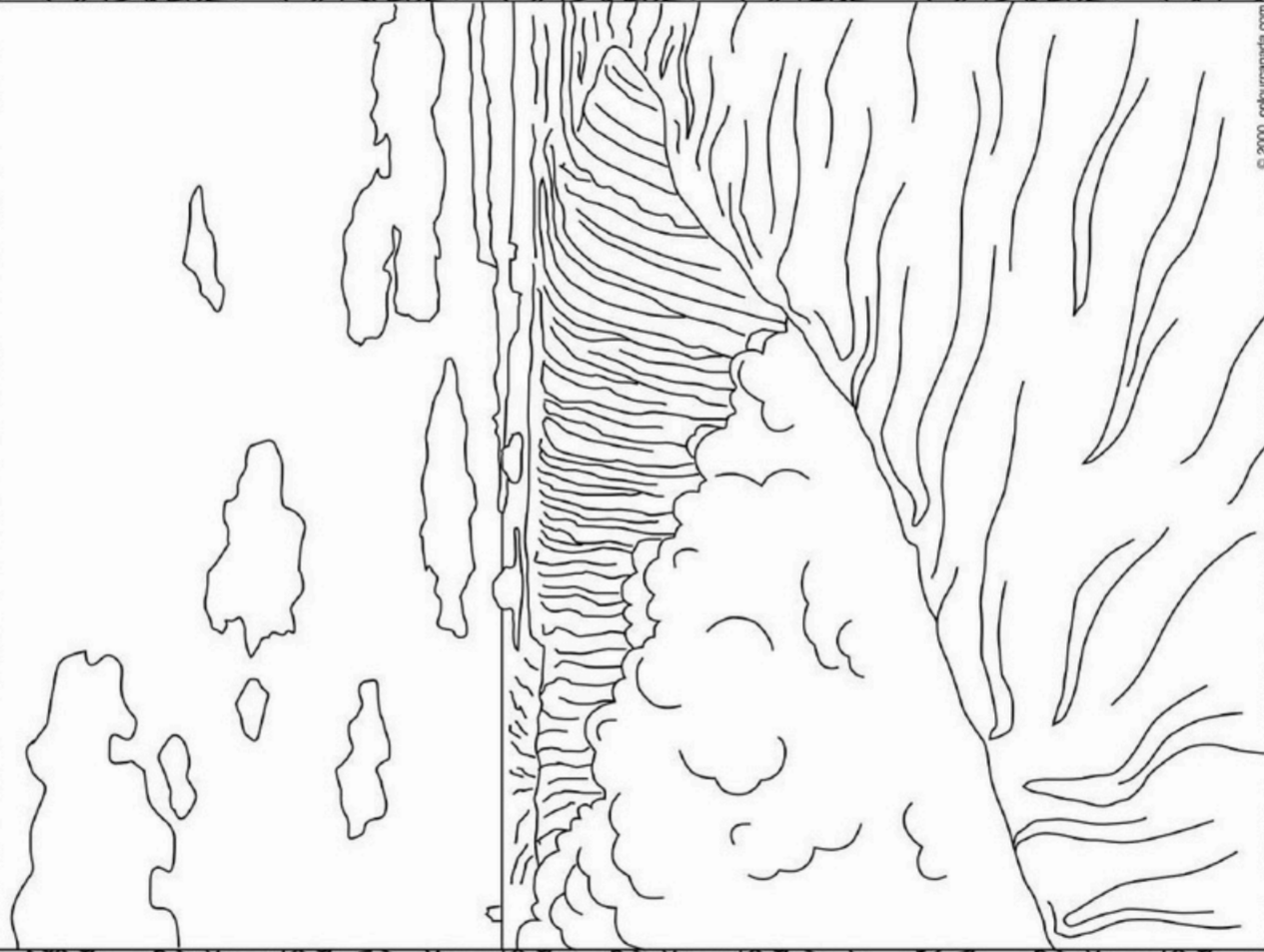


Ontario's Flag: The Union Jack occupies the upper quarter near the hoist. The red background resembles the Canadian Red Ensign. The shield of the province occupies the center of the fly end. The shield bears the cross of St. George and three maple leaves, the symbol of Canada.





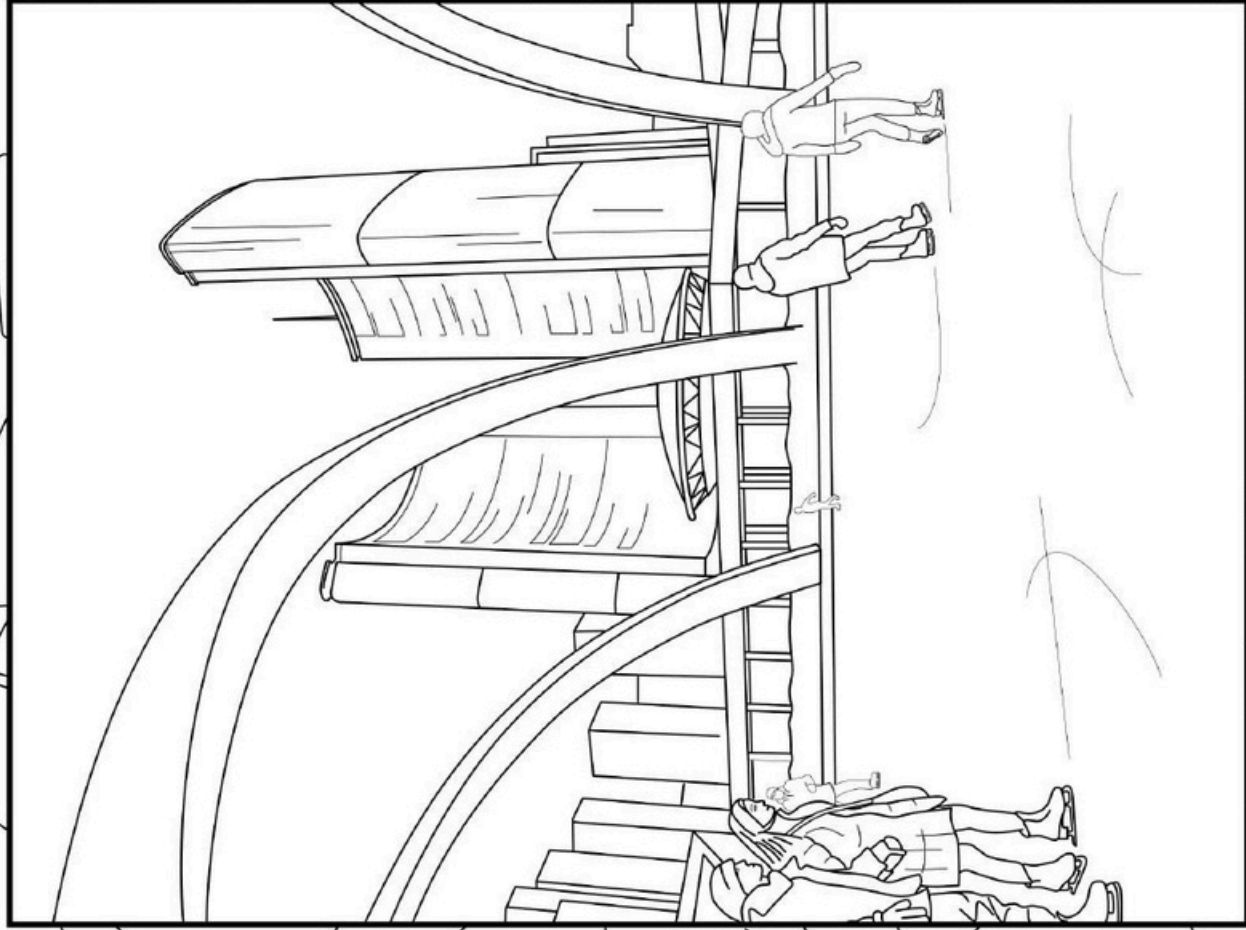
Niagara Falls: The Canadian falls pictured here are part of three falls collectively referred to as "The Niagara Falls". Together they are the second largest falls on the globe. The Horse shoe falls are 167 feet high and 2600 feet wide. The falls separate Canada and the United States.



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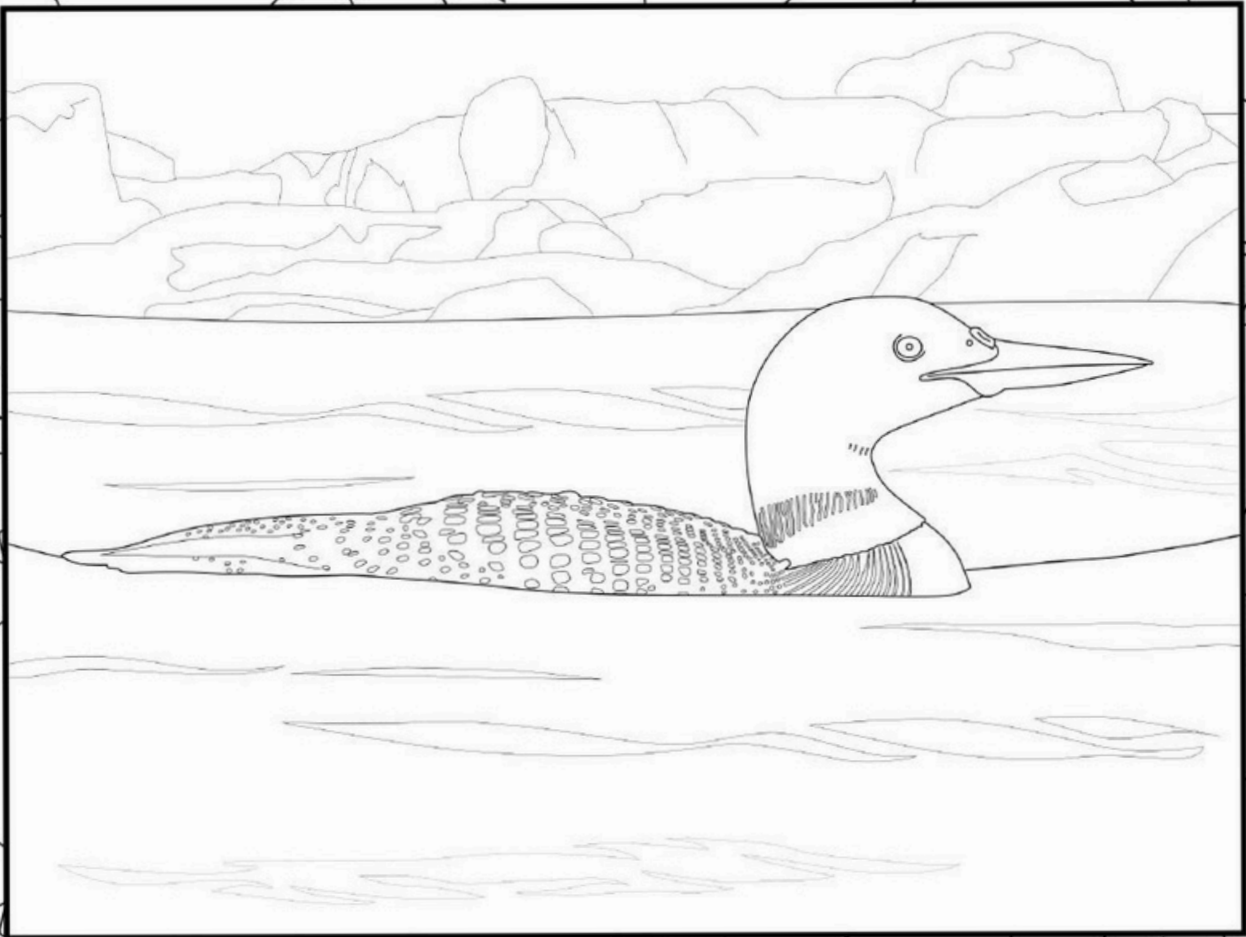


Nathan Phillips square in Toronto is named after a former mayor and is situated in front of city hall. The square plays host to concerts, markets and of course skating. The annual rink is in lights and is a popular tourist destination, attracting 1.5 million visitors annually.



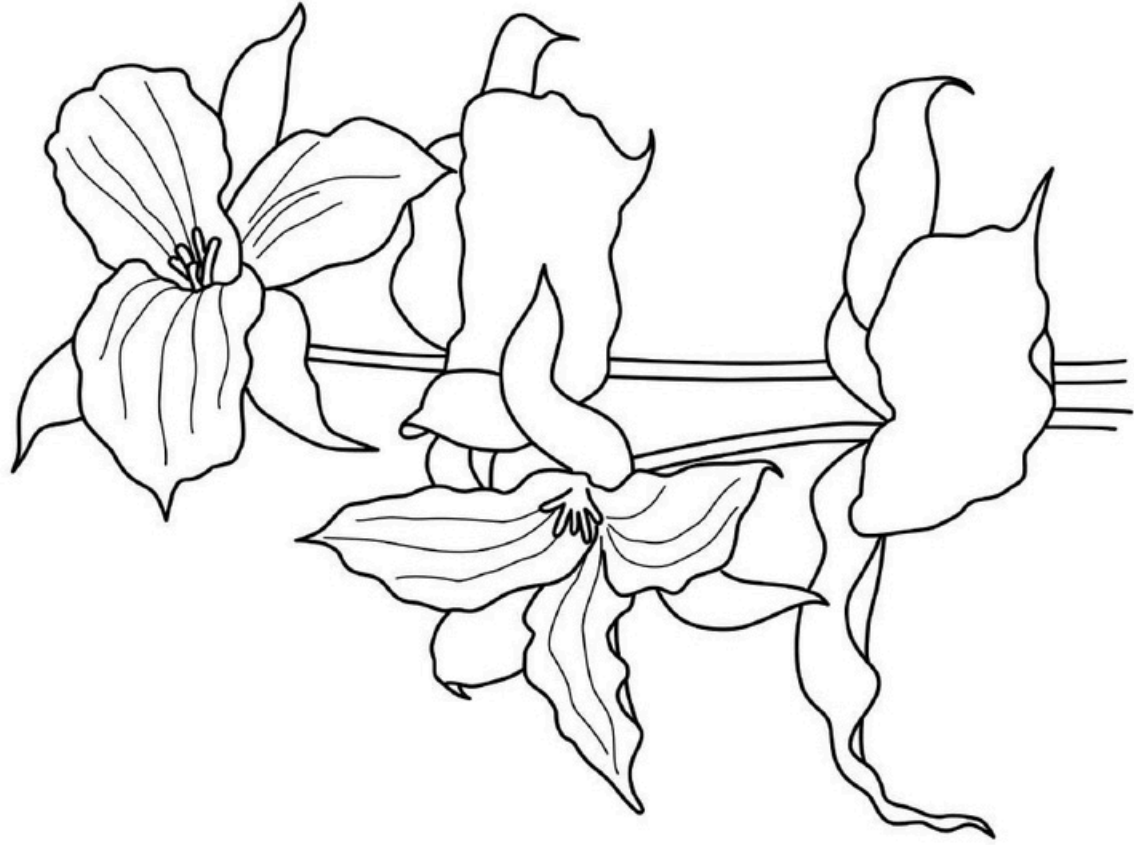


The Loon is the Provincial bird of Ontario. It is one of the five loon species. An adult Loon can be upwards of 100cm long and weigh as much as 8kg. Their haunting call is one of the iconic sounds of Canada's wilderness. A Loon can dive as deep as 60m to catch a fish.



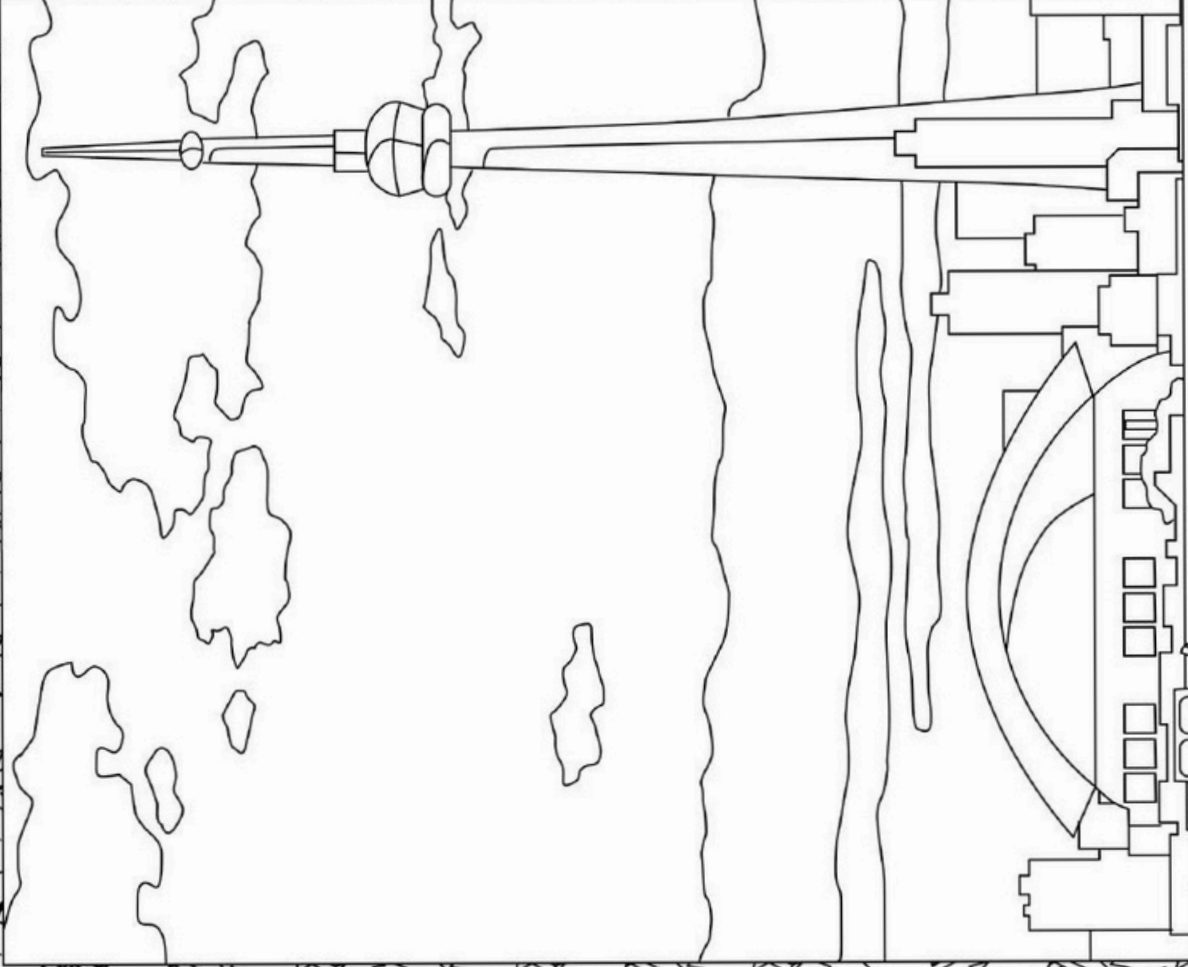


Trillium: In 1937 Ontario chose the white trillium as its Provincial floral emblem. The white trillium blooms in the spring, usually in late April and May. This flower starts off with a white bloom, but turns pinkish as it ages. The trillium also grows berries as it matures.



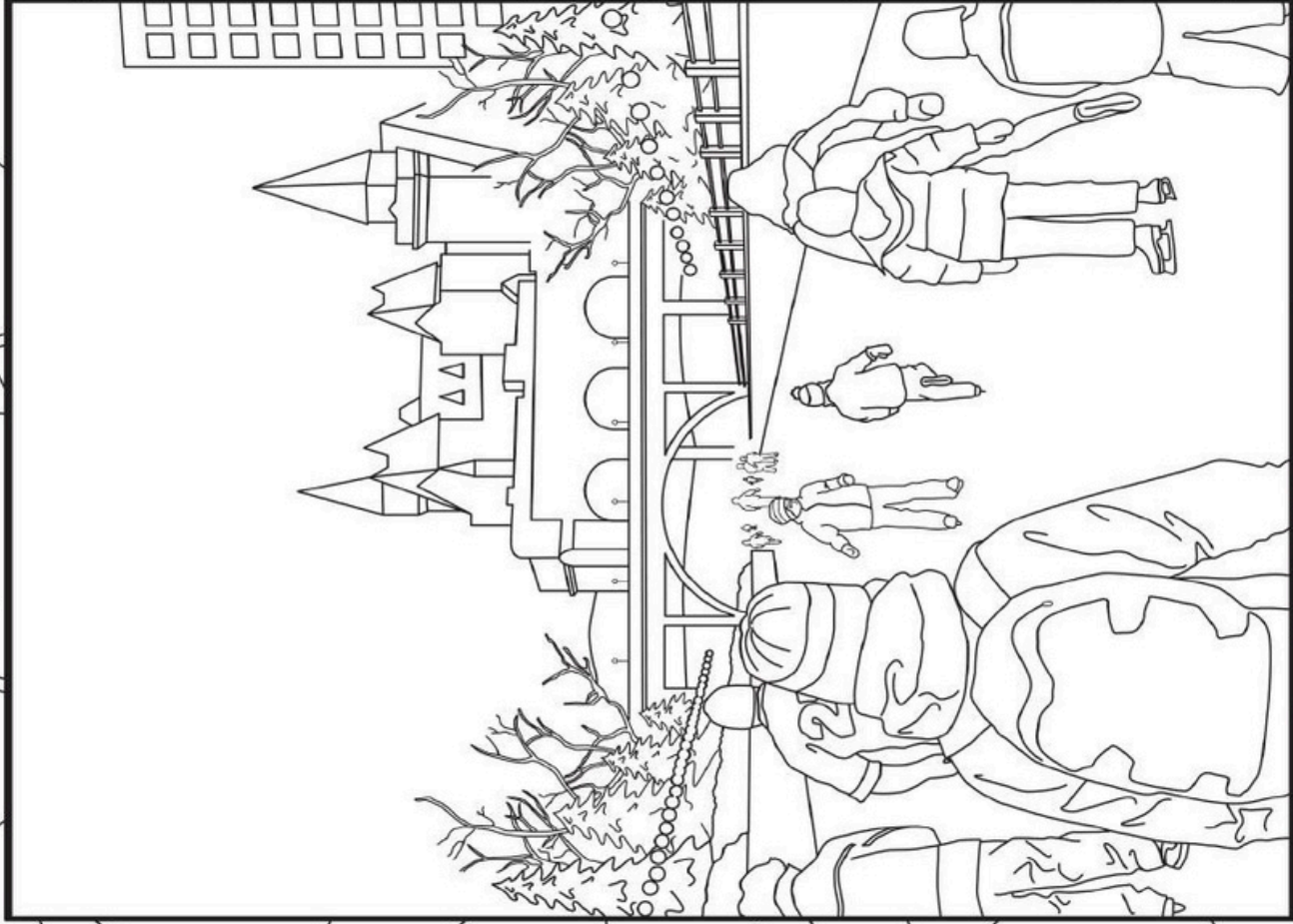


Toronto Sky line, Ontario: Toronto's distinctive skyline features the CN Tower and the Sky Dome. The CN Tower is 553.33m tall, and is the World's Tallest Free Standing Structure. The Sky Dome is home of the Toronto Blue Jays, and has a roof that opens and closes for use in all weather.





Skating on the Rideau Canal: The Rideau Canal opened in 1832. It is the oldest continuously operated canal system in North America. It was built after the war of 1812 to create a secure waterway between Montreal and Kingston. In the winter, a portion of the Canal in Ottawa makes the world's longest skating rink at 7.8 kilometres.





Algonquin Park: The oldest and most famous provincial park in Ontario and one of the largest in Canada. Algonquin stretches across 7,725 square kilometres of wild and beautiful lakes and forests, bogs and rivers, cliffs and beaches - a canoeist's and camper's paradise as far as the eye can see.

