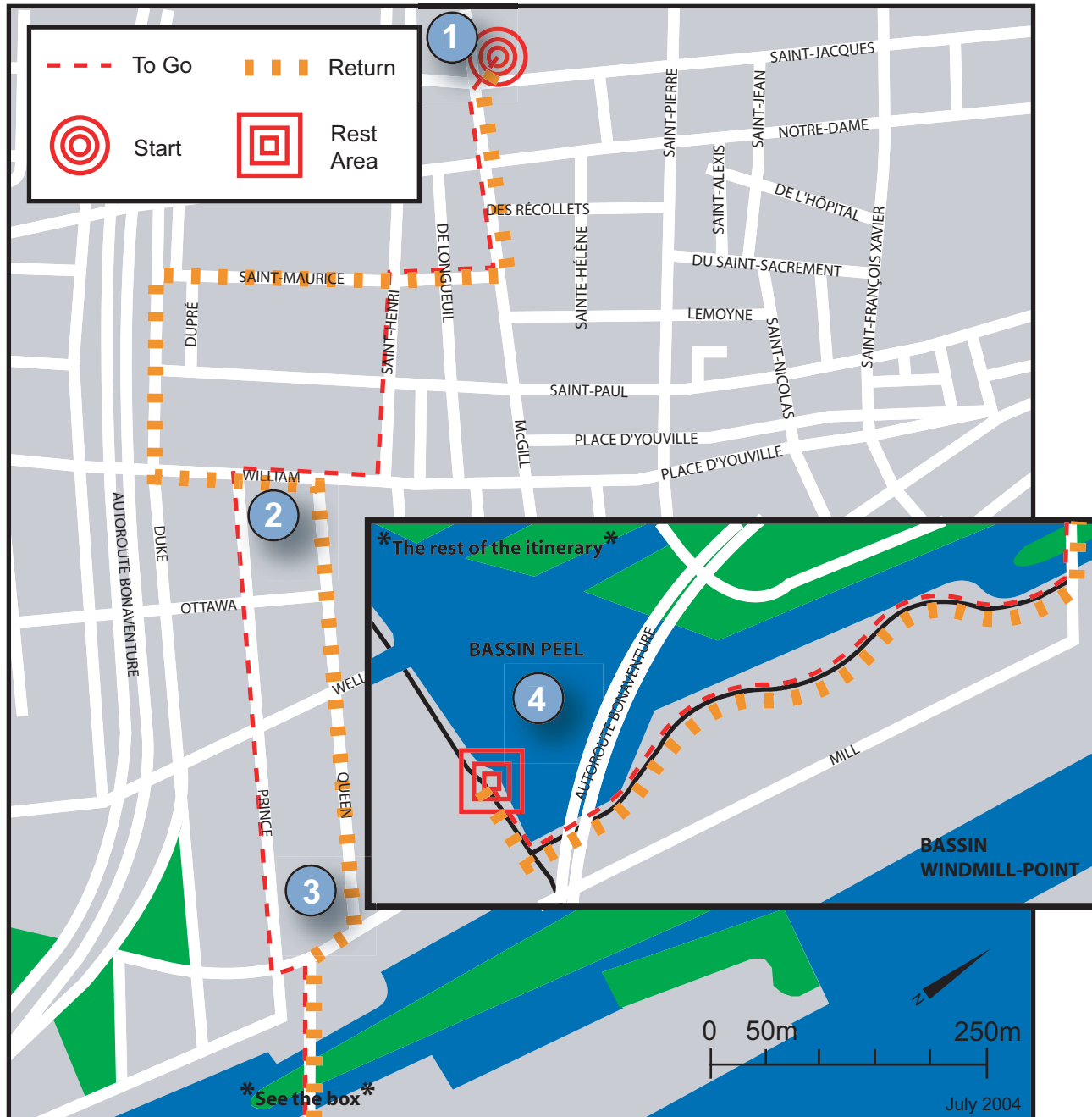


# Useful but pleasant



## Discover the neighbourhood

**1. Victoria Square** : A prestigious public space in the 19th century, the Square has been named after Queen Victoria. The Square Victoria metro entrance located in the middle of the square is identical to the ones found in Paris. This metal structure is actually a gift from the city of Paris for the Montreal Universal Exposition of 1967. The south sector of the Square has been received the name Business Square to celebrate the anniversary of the Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montreal.

Lien : [vieux.montreal.qc.ca/cgi-bin/hall/fiche\\_rue.cgi?id=67](http://vieux.montreal.qc.ca/cgi-bin/hall/fiche_rue.cgi?id=67)

**2. The Fonderie Darling** : The Foundry was inaugurated in 1914. It has been operated during 70 years, until the mid-1990s. Today, the recently renovated building houses a visual arts gallery as well as a restaurant.

Lien : [www.quartierephemere.org](http://www.quartierephemere.org)

**3. The Cité Multimédia** : The City was born as part of the revitalisation of the Faubourg des Récollets, an industrial neighbourhood of the XIXth century and early XXth century. The Faubourg des Récollets began to decline during the Great Depression of the 1930s thanks to the creation of the Saint Lawrence Seaway in 1959 that ultimately led to the closing of the Lachine Canal in 1970. Today, nearly 6,000 people work at the City where more than one hundred high-technology enterprises have their quarters.

Lien : [www.citemultimedia.com/francais/home/home.asp](http://www.citemultimedia.com/francais/home/home.asp)

**4. The Peel Basin** : One of the most interesting views you can have of downtown Montreal is from the Peel Basin! Moreover, the Lachine Canal bike path officially starts at the Peel Basin. The recent excavation of the basin was actually part of the revitalisation of the Lachine Canal. This project's main objective was to help restore public access to the St. Lawrence River.

## Smart tips

⚠ As a mean of transportation, think about using your bike to go to work. You live too far? Why don't you take your bike with you on the metro or the commuter train? And please note that there are over 1,600 bike racks at the city's train and metro stations where you can safely park your bike.

⚠ Why not using your bicycle to go shopping? Simply add some accessories (an aluminium carrier, saddlebags, or a basket) to help you carry your shopping, your suitcase or even a spare set of clothes.

⚠ You can also use your bike to meet a friend or your companion to avoid having two cars parked at the same place.

⚠ Think about attending to your children's activities using bikes! Not only will your kids get into the habit of using bikes as a mean of transportation, but it is also fun to bicycle with the rest of the family.

⚠ Vacations also represent a great opportunity to use bicycles. Bring them to the cottage or when you will go camping and use them to discover the region in a pleasant manne