

SPRING HAS SPRUNG

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Sometime between mid-December and the end of February the signs of spring start surfacing in Victoria. It starts with crocuses and snow-drops.

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These are followed closely with daffodils and tulips. While these are popping out of the ground, the plum and cherry trees start turning pink first.

During my walks through the University's Finnerty Gardens, just blocks from my house, I have noticed all of this happening at the beginning of February this year. There are some purple azaeles already in full display.



Each walk I pass through spring fragrance that almost takes my breath away. There are rhododenrons that are starting to blossom. Although they are just in the beginning stages, it will not be long before the gardens start to fill with color.



Camelia in full blossom

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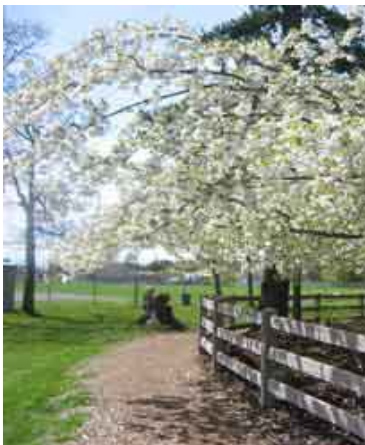
Spring in Victoria lasts for months. The most brilliant part of spring is when the rhodos are in full bloom...



A sure sign of spring is when the bees start to pollinate the flowers. I was surprised to see this bee in a Rhodo in early february.



and when particularly spectacular when there are streets with a cover of pink or white from cherry and apple trees.



Come and enjoy the spectacular color display that you will find throughout Victoria during the spring. From the pink and white lined streets to the spectacular flower beds the municipalities display, you will not be disappointed.



Victoria is the "City of Gardens" and spring is the best season to see Victoria in full splendor. There are a number of very spectacular gardens (Butchart.

Following are some special deals that you might want to consider. Take advantage of spring in Victoria and these great



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