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Table 7.2 (page 28) Big Hill Springs in the top four mineral springs in Canada (4th place out of a total of 62 mineral springs evaluated). Of the top four mineral springs below , only Big Hill Springs is not protected in a National Park.

Table 7-2. Rankin	g of the Top Mineral Spring	s Found in Canada.
Spring	# of categories	Standardized Total
1. Many Springs	10	360
2. Mt. Meager	8	280
3. Ink Pots	7	250
4. Big Hill	8	225

 Scoring was based on degree of cascading, number of pools, volume of water, water quality, floristic diversity, vegetation communities' diversity, important wildlife habitat and degree of naturalness.