

SÉPAQ

PARC NATIONAL DES-HAUTES-GORGES- DE-LA-RIVIÈRE-MALBAIE

Protected area. Enriching nature experiences.

A territory of rare beauty where mountains soar, and a winding valley lazily unfurls. A unique atmosphere reigns here, forged by the majesty of its backcountry, and the sheer force of the elements. At the heart of this magnificent environment, a friendly, dedicated team is waiting just for you!

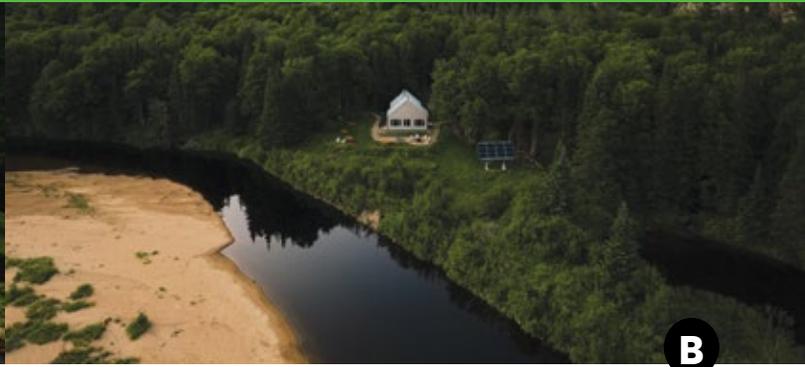
TEAM PICKS



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Set out on a River Cruise

La Malbaie River is open to discovery, at any time of day. Early morning, the landscape is reflected in the river's sombre waters. At day's end, the sun pours molten gold over the mountains, above the valley. To discover on a cruise, aboard Le Menaud riverboat! And our lodging guests enjoy 20% off the 9:30am cruise!



B

A Pavilion at the End of the Road!

The Équerre sector is the perfect place to hit the reset button, deep in nature. A 7km trip from the Draveur Visitors Centre and far from any disruptions, the Équerre pavilion awaits you on your full comfort stay, deep in the woods. Accessible in winter and summer, by canoe, kayak, bicycle, on skis or on foot, this exhilarating spot is a must!



C

Fishing, a Great Adventure!

A fabulous place for adventurous anglers, la Coulée à Girard is for true fans! From the Équerre sector, a 10km trail skirts the Malbaie River, and all along the way little paths lead to spots where fishing is known to be memorable!



D

What a Story!

Hop in a big rabaska canoe, en route for Adventure! With a park naturalist guide, relive the times and thrills of the early explorers in a majestic setting, one stroke at a time. Momentous moments!



E

Paddling Upriver

By canoe or kayak, head up the Malbaie River and discover the valley's endless splendours. A free guidebook entitled *Soyez au courant* (French only) is available at the equipment rental centre, and it should travel with you as you set out to discover this exceptional environment. Just ask for a copy!



F

A Flurry of Winter Fun!

In winter, ski on the frozen river or the tracked course on the road leading to L'Équerre. Breathe in that fresh crisp air, with the sound of your snowshoes as your only companion. Or feel the wind whip your face on a fatbike! At the Draveur Visitors Centre, you'll find all the necessary rental gear.

DISCOVER OUR TRAILS

		LENGTH AND DURATION*		LEVEL/HEIGHT	DEPARTURE POINT
  	L'Érablière – The trail can be accessed from a forestry road that runs along the Malbaie River. Admire the Cran des Érables, on its most beautiful colors in the Fall.	2.5 km** loop	1 h	E 20 m	Des Érables bridge (km 2)
  	Le Lac-Sans-Oreille – Discover this trail that leads to a nice glacial lake and passes through beautiful mixed forests. The shallow Lac Sans-Oreille is a great place to observe moose; you might be lucky enough to come across one!	7.2 km loop 6.2 km loop	between 3 hrs and 4 hrs	I 186 m	Félix-Antoine-Savard Visitors Centre Des Érables bridge (km 2)
	Le Belvédère – Without too much effort, go to the lookout that provides an astonishing view on the valley.	0.4 km round trip	15 min.	E 55 m	Draveur Visitors Centre (km 8)
  	Le Pied-des-Sommets – Stretch your legs on this trail that leads to a lookout overlooking the dam, and where you can admire Mont Felix-Antoine-Savard.	0.7 km loop	15 min.	E 35 m	Draveur Visitors Centre (km 8)
 	Des Orchidées – A new trail named in honor of two very discreet species of orchids, visible at certain times of the year.	2.1 km*** loop	1 h	E 51 m	L'Équerre campground***
 	La Chute-du-Ruisseau-Blanc – A pleasant hike that leads up to the foot of a spectacular 45 metres high waterfall. A destination in itself for those who will go to L'Équerre by bike, on foot or in a canoe.	1 km*** round trip	30 min.	E 78 m	L'Équerre campground***
	William-Hume-Blake – From Des Orchidées Trail, continue your climb to join William-Hume-Blake trail, which opens up a magnificent window on the Malbaie River.	4.8 km*** round trip	between 2 hrs and 3 hrs	D 254 m	L'Équerre campground*** from the junction with the Orchid trail.
  	Le Riverain – This trail, located on the west bank of the Malbaie River, offers magnificent views of the valley and the Cran des Érables. It is covered with fine gravel for the majority of the course. When you leave the trail at Draveur Visitors Centre, you will have the choice to retrace your steps, return by Les Rapides trail or take the shuttle bus if it is in operation.	10.8 km**** one-way 10.2 km**** one-way 8.8 km**** one-way	between 2 hrs 30 and 3 hrs 30	I between 160 and 170 m	Félix-Antoine-Savard Visitors Centre Le Cran campground (km 0.5) Des Érables bridge (km 2)
  	Les Rapides – In several places, you will hear the sound of rapids, hence the name of the trail. The route offers several exit points on the park road. For your return, plan to retrace your steps, return by Le Riverain trail or take the shuttle bus if it is in operation.	7.6 km**** one-way	2 hrs	I 20 m	Le Cran campground (km 0.5)
  	Multifunctional trail – A gravel trail, perfect for walking or cycling, that leads you to L'Équerre sector.	7.1 km**** one-way	2 hrs	I 17 m	Draveur Visitors Centre
 	La Coulée-du-Lac-à-Girard – Discover magnificent viewpoints on Rivière Malbaie in this rather quiet sector. Perfect for campers staying at L'Équerre.	21.6 km*** round trip	5 hrs to 6 hrs	I 44 m	L'Équerre campground***
	L'Acropole-des-Draveurs – This trail takes you through a forest universe to the first summit, from which you will be immersed in a fragile arctic-alpine environment. A spectacular view awaits you there. This is a challenging trail that requires good physical fitness and adequate equipment (hiking boots, at least 2 liters of drinking water per person, trekking poles and warm clothes, since it is generally 5° to 10°C colder at the top). Departures authorized only between sunrise and 2 p.m. (between sunrise and noon from September 1 st). Mandatory descent from the summit no later than approximately 3 hours before sunset, a park warden will bring up the rear. Visit our website for schedule and more information.	11.2 km round trip	4 hrs to 6 hrs	D 800 m	Le Pin-Blanc campground (km 6)

E : easy I : intermediate D : difficult



Family experience



Dog allowed
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* Mentioned times and difficulty levels are indicative and refer to the Summer season. ** Does not include the approach path: a forest road along the Rivière Malbaie (2.4 km round trip, 30 min.). *** Does not include the approach path: the starting point is 7 km from Draveur Visitors Centre. You will have to take the Malbaie River or the bike path that runs along the Malbaie River (14 km round trip, 4 hours) to reach the starting point of this trail. **** Return possible by shuttle when in operation.



Download the Avenza Maps at visitors centre or before arriving at the park. Available on App Store and Google Play

WINTER TRAIL MAP AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Draveur Visitors Centre Sector

Le Belvédère, Le Riverain, Le Pied-des-Sommets, Entrée Les Rapides

Equipment rental Centre, Draveur Visitors Centre

Rivière Malbaie, Rivierboat departure, Barrage des Érables

0 50 100 150 200 m

Félix-Antoine-Savard Discovery and Visitors Centre Sector

Les Rapides, Le Riverain, Le Lac-Sans-Oreille, Espace VR L'Épervier, Chalet Écho

Boucle 1, Boucle 2, Boucle 3, Boucle 4, Boucle 5, Boucle 6, Boucle 7, Boucle 8

To Lac Noir, To Draveur Visitors Centre

0 50 100 200 300 m

Cette carte intègre de l'information géographique de source gouvernementale. Pour des besoins de représentation, certaines données ont subi des transformations et des adaptations qui ont pu modifier la donnée originale. Données originales utilisées : Années 2024, Banque de données Sépaq, Cartes topographiques à l'échelle de 1/20 000, 1986-2001. L'information fournie sur cette carte peut changer sans préavis. En cas de disparité, l'information sur le terrain doit prévaloir en tout temps.

Registration centre / Information	Cruise	Ice	Canoe launch	First aid	Walking path
Self registration post	Convenience store	Rustic accommodation	Shuttle (NO DOGS ALLOWED)	Food services	Road network
Firewood	Waste and recycling	Bike rental	Boat fishing	Cell phone signal favourable site	Nautical route
Charging station	Automated external defibrillator	Canoe rental	Wade fishing	Parking lot	Wade fishing and portage trail
Shop	Shower	Locker rental	Bear pole	Toilet	Traversée de Charlevoix (Dogs allowed)
Semi-serviced camping	Not drinking water	Kayak rental	Picnic	Pit toilet	Dogs allowed location
Group camping	Drinking water	Stand Up Paddle rental	Boat launch ramp	Recreational vehicle dumping station	Length of trail sections
Rustic camping	RV area	Engine rental	Lookout	Wifi	Summit
Cabin				Bike path (gravel)	National park boundary
				Trail	Ecological reserve

ZEC du Lac-Brébeuf, ZEC du Lac-au-Sable, ZEC des Martres

Lac Scott, Rivière Malbaie, La Coulée à Cirard, Lac Argentenay, Lac au Porc-Épic, Lac S, Lac Malfait, Rivière des Martres, Lac Noir, Lac Sans Oreille, Lac Écho

La Pomme d'Or, La Vallée Suspendue, Pointe aux Inukshuks, Le Belvédère, Barrage des Érables, Le Pied-des-Sommets, L'Acropole-des-Draveurs, Les Rapides, L'Érablière, Le Riverain, Le Lac-Sans-Oreille, Point de vue de l'Écrivain, Point de vue des Géants, Chute du Ruisseau Blanc, La Chute-du-Ruisseau-Blanc, Camping de L'Équerre, Pavillon de l'Équerre, Camping du Pin-Blanc, Camping du Cran, Félix-Antoine-Savard Discovery and Visitors Centre, Écho, Camping VR L'Épervier

See enlargement Équerre Sector, See enlargement Draveur Visitors Centre Sector, See enlargement Félix-Antoine-Savard Discovery and Visitors Centre

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Équerre Sector

Point de vue de l'Écrivain, Point de vue des Géants, William-Hume-Blake, La Coulée à Girard, Des Orchidées, La Chute-du-Ruisseau-Blanc, Camping de L'Équerre, Pavillon de l'Équerre

0 100 200 400 600 800 m

Félix-Antoine-Savard Discovery and Visitors Centre

RENDEZVOUS WITH DISCOVERY



Come Chat with Us!

The park's naturalist guides enjoy chatting informally, early evening. Consult the Evening Talks schedule and meet up with them in the comfort of Le Draveur Visitors Centre, or near your campsite. They happily share their endless knowledge on a wide range of topics – from the fauna to the stars, and from the infinitely small to the immeasurably big.

Discover the park by canoe, kayak or bike

Beginner or expert? A stroll on the water by canoe, kayak or even stand-up paddleboard is a great way to discover the beauty of Rivière Malbaie. Are you a thrill-seeker? In the company of an experienced Descente Malbaie guide, explore the river by rubber dinghy over 7.5 km where rapids alternate with quieter sections. Ask our attendants!

You prefer land? Get your bike out or rent one to roam the banks of the cycle path in complete freedom! Pleasure guaranteed!

Dusk Paddle, by Rabaska Canoe

Early evening, nature changes rhythm. Witness that privileged moment when dusk slows everything down, except the creatures that get busy at night. In a rabaska canoe, a park naturalist accompanies you on your discovery of this unique time of day.

Family Experience Yippee, it's absolutely free!

For kids 17 years of age and under, access, accommodations, and certain equipment loans are free of charge.

The offer varies from one establishment to another.



EQUIPMENT RENTAL

Do you want to explore the park in a different way?

Consult the list and prices of equipment available for rental.





The Magic of Winter

Some say that in les Hautes-Gorges time stops, in winter. The frozen river's white ribbon runs on and on, silently. The greyness of the mountains stretches up to infinity, to the clear blue sky. A timelessness endures, and what prevails is sheer happiness from living in the present. The park in winter is a must!



Tease the trout

Wading or by rowboat, discover the immense potential of the Malbaie River, the ideal place to learn about fishing with family or friends! Fish on an exceptional protected environment, the Lac Noir. Tease the trout on lakes Porc-Épic, Argentenay and Châteauguay in the plateaux sector, accessible by road 381 (km 55). A boat is available on these lakes.

Close-Knit Forests

Set out to discover the national park's unique forests, exploring a territory only accessible with a ranger. You will come upon a wide range of interactions that fuel these ecosystems, and the specific species that dwell there. A privileged moment in one of the region's most beautiful forests!



IN THE WILD, YOUR SAFETY IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Outdoor activities can involve certain risks.

Always be sure to have the skills and abilities required for the activity you choose. It is very important to find out about the risks involved in the activity, to know and respect your own limits and to use appropriate equipment. Preparing yourself adequately is the first step in the safe and enjoyable practice of your favourite activities.

For more information, visit our website at sepaq.com/security

DISCOVERY ACTIVITIES

Consult the program to enrich your visit. (in French only)

You will find entertaining activities to explore the park from every angle.



CONSERVATION FOR TOMORROW



Protecting Ecosystems Together

Our national park aligns itself with a major awareness campaign conducted by the GUEPE team, in the Charlevoix region.



Our goal is to boost user awareness about the fragility of our summit vegetation, so very rare here in Québec.



For more information (or knowledge) on the project.

Wilderness Restoration Area: For Your Eyes Only!

Maybe you noticed: we have laid down jute cloth near certain trails or rest areas. The goal is to promote regrowth where the vegetation has been decimated by the boots of off-trail hikers. Absolutely avoid walking on it!

Young Hikers

Learning how to have fun on a hike and being responsible, that is the mission of our new Young Hikers activity. Specifically tailored to meet school program requirements, it lets pupils discover hiking on an exciting trail, tutored by a naturalist guide.



5 good practices to adopt in nature

Our national parks

Given the millions of visits to our national parks annually, harmful behaviors can cause permanent damage to the environment and negatively impact the experience of other visitors. Let's do our part to care for these extraordinary nature sites so we can all enjoy them for years to come.



Stay on trails and in designated visitor areas

Taking shortcuts can destroy vegetation.



Do not gather dead wood*

To preserve the natural environment, it is prohibited to remove natural elements, including animals, plants, dead wood, and rocks.



Do not feed wildlife*

Feeding wildlife negatively impacts their natural feeding habits. Keep all food out of reach of animals.



Keep your distance when observing wildlife

When animals are repeatedly disturbed, their natural behaviors can change, and they can develop problems to feed, find a mate, and communicate among themselves.



Respect the peace and tranquility, and comply with curfews

People come to national parks to relax and enjoy nature. Please respect curfews and avoid playing music at all times.

*Failure to comply with rules governing parks and authorized activities is considered a violation of the *Parks Act* and *Parks Regulation*.

