

# MONT JACQUES-CARTIER: AN OUTING TO A PROTECTED AREA



## THE FOLLOWING RULES GOVERN ACCESS TO MONT JACQUES-CARTIER:

- Going off marked trails is prohibited.
- Hiking on the *Mont Jacques-Cartier* trail is authorised only from June 24 to September 30 inclusively.
- Hiking on the *Mont Jacques-Cartier* trail is authorised only between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- It is forbidden to begin your hike before the authorized time.
- Departures are not permitted after noon.
- The return trip must be completed during the above-mentioned times.

A park warden makes sure these rules are respected; ask him or her to find out when you should head back down the mountain.

## THE TRAIL

The trail is composed exclusively of rocks. We strongly recommend you wear hiking boots. One third of the route crosses bare land: there are no trees, nothing to protect you from the often adverse weather conditions. Ask park staff for advice when planning your excursion.

**Turn to page 15 for a description of the trail.**

## PUBLIC TRANSIT TO THE TRAILHEAD

Every day, a bus leaves the Discovery and Visitors Centre for the Mont Jacques-Cartier campground and then provides shuttle service between the campground and the trailhead. The service is offered on a round-trip basis.

**You cannot use your own vehicle to reach the trailhead.**

*Mont Jacques-Cartier* is the second highest summit in Québec after *Mont d'Iberville*, in the Torngats. It is an essential habitat in the main living area of the Gaspésie caribou and the best place to observe this mammal.

It has now been acknowledged that the presence of hikers in the caribou's habitat definitely has an impact. The extent of this impact is hard to assess, but everyone agrees that wildlife observation must not disturb the species involved.

JUNE 24 TO SEPTEMBER 30				
	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE TIMES	RETURN TIMES
Bus	Discovery and Visitors Centre	Trailhead	9 a.m.	4 p.m.
Shuttle	Mont Jacques-Cartier campground	Trailhead	10 a.m.	2:15 p.m.
			10:30 a.m.	3 p.m.
			11 a.m.	3:30 p.m.
			11:30 a.m.	4 p.m.
Public transit	Tourist bureau in Sainte-Anne-des-Monts	Discovery and Visitors Centre	8 a.m.	5 p.m.

➤ **Tickets and prices available at the Discovery and Visitor Centre and at the entrance booth in the Mont Jacques-Cartier campground.**

