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# PARC NATIONAL DE LA GASPÉSIE

**Protected area. Enriching nature experiences.**

**The Parc national de la Gaspésie was created in 1937 to preserve the mountain caribou, the Sainte-Anne River and the Gaspesian mountain. It forms the perfect marriage between the immensity of its territory, its rich history, its wild nature, and the poetry of its landscapes. Whether discovering it for the first time or rediscovering it repeatedly, visitors are sure to be delighted by this park.**

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# TEAM FAVOURITES



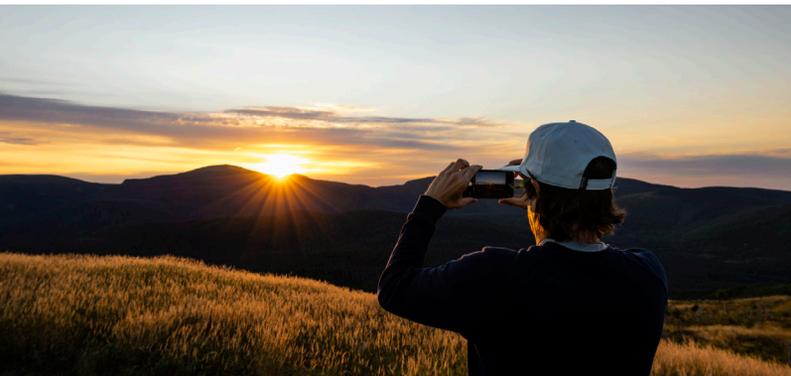
## Hiking at Pic du Brûlé

This beautiful trail offers a round-trip or loop option, according to the preference of hikers. This trail combines wetland and forest zones, culminating at the majestic Pic du Brûlé. The view of the Chic-Chocs wall and the St. Lawrence valley is breathtaking.



## Enjoying life at Lac Cascapédia

Lac Cascapédia is an oasis in the heart of the park, perfect for families. Whether you're camping, renting a boat or hiking in the area, you'll enjoy an unforgettable experience. And don't miss the "Au pays des Chic-Chocs" storytelling hour offered on the lakeshore two evenings a week in the summer.



## Contemplating sunrise or sunset at Ernest-Laforce

Contemplating sunrise or sunset from the top of Mount Ernest-Laforce is undoubtedly one of the highlights of a visit to Parc national de la Gaspésie. Grab a headlamp and enjoy the show. Who knows? You may be lucky enough to spot a moose along the way.



## Crossing the McGerrigle in a Day

Park your car at the Lac aux Américains lot and use our shuttle service to get to the Mont Jacques-Cartier trailhead. From there, you can cross the McGerrigle Massif in a single day. A one-way trip through the Jacques-Cartier and Xalibu alpine zones. Ask at the reception desk.



## Back to Winter Joys

Discover the magnificent scenery of the park in winter by exploring our marked trails and off-trail areas. The mountain school offers quality equipment rentals for every activity in the park.



## Relaxing at Gîte du Mont-Albert

Gîte du Mont-Albert, a 4-star hotel, offers guests all the comfort they need. Located in the heart of Parc national de la Gaspésie, this magnificent inn is known for its hospitality, fine local cuisine and unique décor.

# DISCOVER OUR TRAILS

DEPARTURE POINT	TRAIL	DISTANCE	DURATION <sup>1</sup>	ELEVATION	DIFFICULTY	DESCRIPTION	
<b>CENTRAL SECTOR</b>							
Discovery and Visitors Centre	<b>La Chute Sainte-Anne</b>	1.7 km	30 min.	Relatively flat	<b>E</b>	This trail offers a scenic lookout with a great view of Mont Albert's northern slope and views of the Rivière Sainte-Anne falls.	
	<b>La Lucarne</b>	2.5 km	1 hour	80 m	<b>E</b>	A loop that offers a beautiful view of the Rivière Sainte-Anne valley.	
	<b>La Saillie</b>	4.2 km	1 hour 45	190 m	<b>I</b>	Spectacular views of the McGerrigle mountains, Gîte du Mont-Albert, and the Rivière Sainte-Anne valley.	
	<b>La chute du Diable</b>	7.0 km	3 hours	120 m	<b>I</b>	The trail follows Rivière Sainte-Anne before a short climb that takes you to a lookout where you can admire the waterfall.	
	<b>Le Mont Albert northern slope</b>	11.6 km	5 hours	860 m	<b>Ex</b>	This steady climb leads to the summit of Mont Albert. <i>Open from the second Saturday of June to Thanksgiving.</i>	
	<b>Le tour du Mont Albert</b>	17.3 km	7 - 8 hours	860 m	<b>Ex</b>	A classic! Crossing the summit plateau and descent into the Cuve du Diable. <i>Open from July 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025.</i>	
	<b>Mont Olivine</b>	11.4 km	4 hours	460 m	<b>D</b>	Steady ascent leading to a bare ridge offering magnificent view of Mont Albert and the Rivière Sainte-Anne Valley.	
	<b>La Serpentine</b>	12.4 km	4 hours	360 m	<b>D</b>	Forest trail alternating steeper ascents leading to the Serpentine Shelter, located at the foot of the Mont Albert's vast basins.	
Ruisseau-Isabelle Parking	<b>La Serpentine</b>	10.0 km	3 hours 30 min.	270 m	<b>I</b>	Former prospecting trail where the forest quickly becomes more open until reaching the shelter located at the foot of Mont Albert's vast basins.	
	<b>Mont Olivine</b>	8.8 km	3 hours 30 min.	375 m	<b>I</b>	Ascent leading to a bare ridge offering magnificent views Mont Albert and the Rivière Sainte-Anne valley.	
Ernest-Laforce Parking	<b>Mont Ernest-Laforce</b>	4.6 km	2 hours	155 m	<b>I</b>	The summit offers a particularly striking, 360-degree view of Mont Albert and the surrounding mountains.	
Mont Richardson Parking	<b>Mont Richardson</b>	11.6 km	6 hours	710 m	<b>Ex</b>	A wonderful challenge and a well-kept secret! Enjoy the breathtaking, 360-degree view at the summit.	
	<b>Mont Joseph-Fortin</b>	11.0 km	4 hours 30 min.	500 m	<b>D</b>	A steep climb leads to a taiga-like plateau. A loop trail circles the plateau, offering many great vantage points.	
Lac aux Américains Parking	<b>Lac aux Américains</b>	2.6 km	1 hour 30 min.	90 m	<b>E</b>	This short hike brings you to the "cirque", or glacial basin, at Lac aux Américains.	
	<b>Mont Xalibu</b>	10.6 km	5 hours	540 m	<b>D</b>	From Lac aux Américains, the trail heads through a forest setting before changing into a rugged path that leads to the tundra. <i>Open from the second Saturday of June to Thanksgiving.</i>	
<b>EASTERN SECTOR</b>							
Mont Jacques-Cartier Camping Station	<b>Mont Jacques-Cartier</b>	8.2 km	4 hours	465 m	<b>D</b>	This trail is reminiscent of the Far North with its vast expanses of alpine tundra. <i>Open from July 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.</i>	
	<b>Mont des Pics</b>	7.2 km	3 hours	365 m	<b>D</b>	Trail located partly within the territory of the Chic-Chocs Wildlife Reserve.	
<b>WESTERN SECTOR</b>							
Lac Cascapédia Camping Station	<b>Pic du Brûlé</b>	14.2 km	5 hours	430 m	<b>D</b>	This trail offers views of the Chic-Choc mountain range and the St. Lawrence Valley.	
Pic de l'Aube Parking	<b>Pic de l'Aube</b>	11.8 km	4 hours	375 m	<b>D</b>	Old forest trail culminating on a peak that protrudes at the top of the Chic-Choc mountain range.	
Rivière Cascapédia Parking	<b>La Rivière-Caspédia</b>	1.4 km	30 min.	Relatively flat	<b>E</b>	Short trail leading to the source of one of the most important salmon rivers in Gaspésie.	

**E:** Easy **I:** Intermediate **D:** Difficult **Ex:** Expert

Self-guided Family experience Dog allowed [sepaq.com/animals](http://sepaq.com/animals) Round-trip Loop

<sup>1</sup> The durations are provided as indicative only and may vary greatly depending on the hiker's experience level and weather conditions.

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	Shelter		Fishing	
	Bus / Shuttle		Wifi	
	Self registration post		National park boundary	
	Semi-serviced camping		Land shuttle	
	Rustic camping		National road	
	Canoeing		Main road	
	Cabin		Trail	
	Rustic accommodation		International Appalachian Trail	
	Hotels		Dogs allowed location	
	No entry for vehicles		Summit	
	Canoe rental		Wildlife reserve boundary	
	Picnic		Ecological reserve	
	Food services			
	Observation deck			
	Parking lot			
	Telephone			
	Observation tower			

Lac Caspédia (26 km)

La Vallée

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Camping La Rivière

Passerelle aux saumons

La Saillie Mont-Albert

Rivière Sainte-Anne

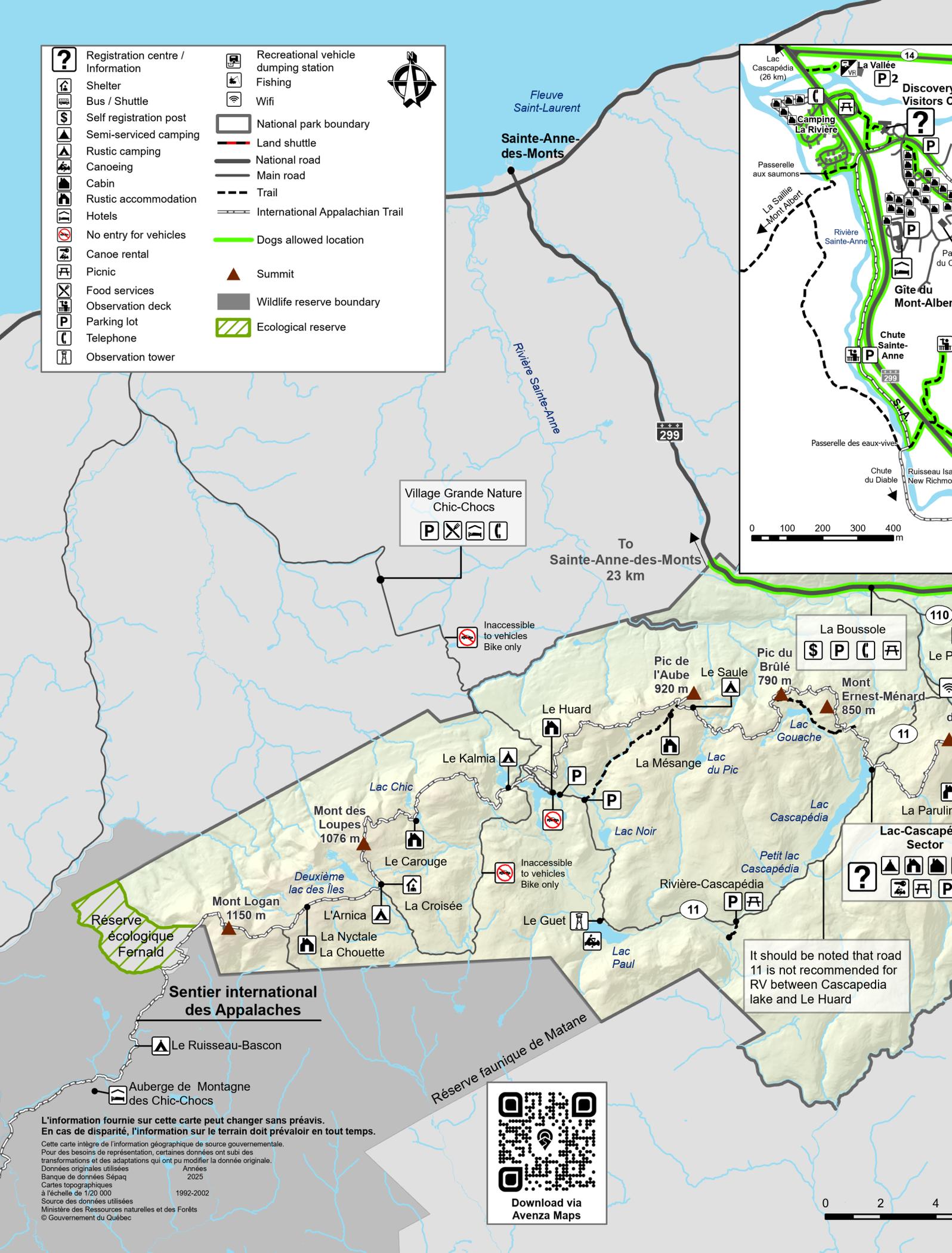
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Chute Sainte-Anne

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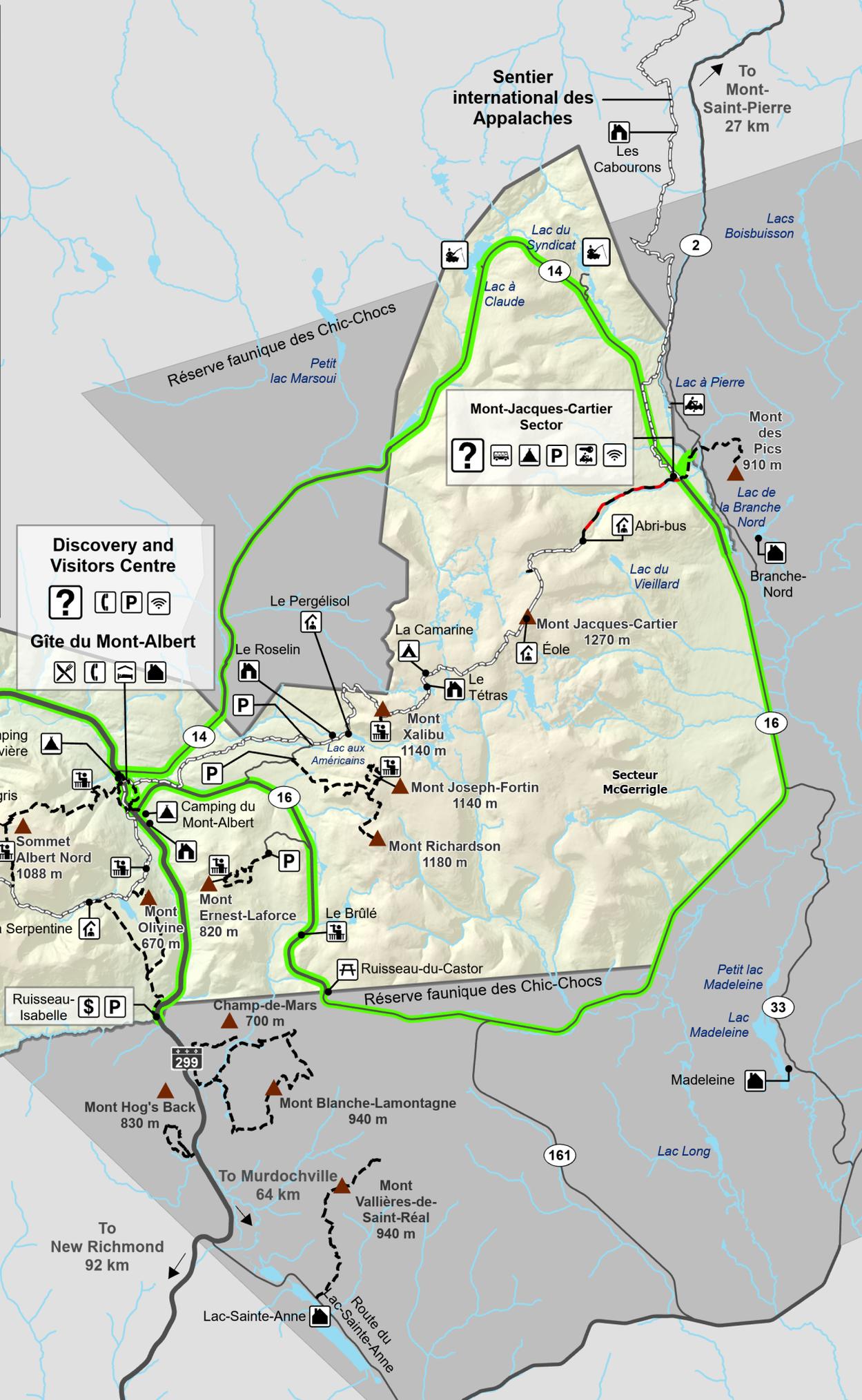


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# SHUTTLES AND LONG-DISTANCE HIKING



## Daily shuttles: A new way to explore the park

A shuttle system allows visitors to discover the park in a different way, without having to take your car. Trail runners and hikers will find what they need to build a custom itinerary for the day.

The shuttles operate daily from July 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30, 2025.

Find out more and reserve your spot directly at the Discovery and Visitors Centre (DVC) front desk.

### Eastern sector shuttles

#### DVC – Lac aux Américains - Departure from Jacques-Cartier trail

	Departure		Stop		Arrival		Price
<b>Going</b>	Discovery and Visitors Centre (DVC)	8:45 a.m.	Lac aux Américains	9:00 a.m.	Departure from Jacques-Cartier trail	9:50 a.m.	\$17.50 one-way trip
<b>Back</b>	Jacques-Cartier campground	4:10 p.m.	n/a		Discovery and Visitors Centre (DVC)	5:00 p.m.	\$29 round-trip

### Shuttle

#### Sainte-Anne-des-Monts - Park

	Departure	Price
SADM Tourist Welcome Office	7:45 a.m.	\$5.50 one-way trip
Discovery and Visitors Centre (DVC)	5:15 p.m.	\$11 round-trip

### Western sector shuttles

	Departure		Arrival		Price
DVC	9:00 a.m.	Lac Cascapédia	9:30 a.m.		\$29
Lac Cascapédia	9:30 a.m.	Le Huard hut	10:00 a.m.		\$29
Le Huard hut	10:00 a.m.	La Croisée shelter	11:30 a.m.		\$29

### Jacques-Cartier campground

#### Departure from Jacques-Cartier trail

		Departure	Price
<b>Going</b>	Jacques-Cartier campground	9:40 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 10:20 a.m. / 10:40 a.m. / 11:00 a.m. / 11:20 a.m. / 11:40 a.m.	\$9.50 round-trip
<b>Back</b>	Departure from Jacques-Cartier trail	From 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., approximately every 20 minutes.	

*This shuttle offers only a one-way trip.*

## Long-distance hiking: within your reach

Parc national de la Gaspésie is a gem for long-distance hiking. As part of the International Appalachian Trail (IAT), the 100 km section that runs through the park is known for its technical challenges, steep gradients, and stunning scenery. Accessible from July 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30, the long-distance trail and its accommodation units, in huts or primitive campsites, are open to the public. The entire journey through the park normally takes between 7 and 9 days. However, with the park's shuttle system and the accommodation units along the route, many other itinerary options ranging from 2 to 7 days are possible.

Embarking on a long-distance hiking expedition in Parc national de la Gaspésie means experiencing a unique connection with the mountains. With all the possible alternatives in terms of time/distance and accommodation options, this experience is accessible to any hiker in good physical shape who is looking to take on a challenge. For further information about long-distance hiking in the park, visit our preparation guide using the QR code provided (in french only),



## 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.



# DISCOVERY TIME



## June 21 to October 4, 2025

Discover the richness of the Gaspé landscape by participating to one of the discovery activities offered by our naturalists. Learn about wildlife, the park's history, the formation of our mountains and plants that are unique across the world!

All activities are in French, but naturalists can answer questions in English.

### Mountain activities - FREE

Take a look at our discovery activities program to learn where our naturalists can be found today! Join them for a short while, and they'll show you the special features of these exceptional mountain ecosystems.

**Experience the Great North:** Mont Jacques-Cartier summit (from July 1<sup>st</sup>).

**Lands of contrasts:** Mont Albert summit.

**Overlooking the ages:** Mont Ernest-Laforce summit.

**Of rocks and ice:** Lac aux Américains shoreline.

### Evening activities - FREE

End your day in style with one of our evening activities: 1 hour of discoveries for everyone! Contact us to find out more!

**In the land of the Chic-Chocs:** Historical storytelling around the fire on the shores of Lake Cascadepia.

**Summit encounters:** Multimedia talk on the situation of the Gaspésie caribou in the amphitheatre of the Discovery and Visitors Centre.

**The Mountains Stories:** Experience the birth of the park's mountains through a multimedia discussion in the amphitheatre of the Discovery and Visitors Centre.

### Guided activities - \$

Want to learn even more? Book an activity guided by a naturalist at one of our reception desks or by calling 418-763-7494! Places are limited!

**Journey to the heart of the Gaspé massif:** Guided hike in search of clues to the passage of time on Mont Ernest-Laforce. Transport included. Length: 3 hrs.

**Valley of the Kings:** Guided hike off the beaten track to discover the kingdom of the moose. Length: 3 hrs. September 1<sup>st</sup> to October 4, 2025.



## 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](https://sepaq.com/security)

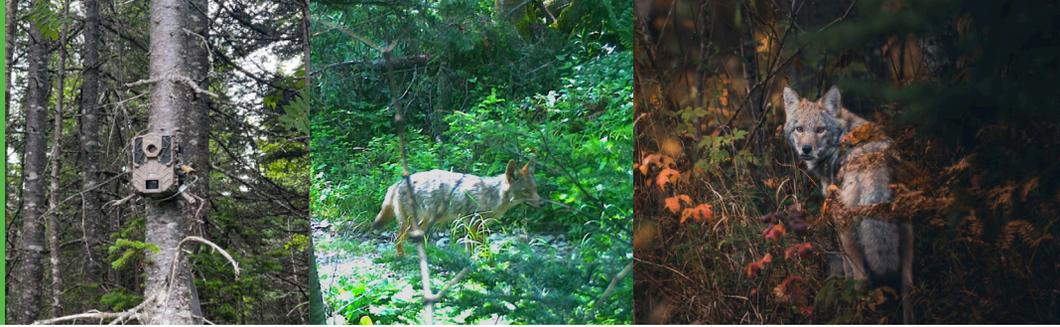
## DISCOVERY ACTIVITIES

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

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



# CONSERVE FOR TOMORROW



The star animal of summer 2023 in Parc national de la Gaspésie was undoubtedly the coyote (*Canis latrans*). An increase in interactions between coyotes and humans has unfortunately been observed this summer.

In reality, the coyote is an opportunistic predator that plays a crucial role in the ecosystems of several national parks. Highly adaptable, it plays an essential role in regulating small mammal populations and maintaining ecological balance. Yet its presence can raise challenges, particularly in view of its occasional familiarity with humans. To address this issue, a field analysis was promptly deployed in the summer of 2024 to understand the causes of interactions between coyotes and humans.

In the light of this analysis, it was possible to conclude that the increase in their problematic behavior could be explained both by the lack of food resources, and by increased familiarity between coyotes and humans.

Fortunately, in the summer of 2024, these incidents significantly decreased, possibly due to the awareness measures implemented by the park team, improved availability of food resources (such as berries and small mammals), and active population control carried out by the Ministry of Wildlife. We can observe that coyotes' reactions vary according to their environment. Generally fearful at first, they can easily adapt to human presence. As a park visitor, you have a responsibility in this regard. There are a number of golden rules that you should follow to ensure your own safety, as well as that of the animals living in this national park.

## 5 ground rules to follow in nature



### Our national parks

get millions of visits each year. Harmful behaviors can cause permanent damage to the environment and hinder other visitors' experience. Let's do our part to protect nature so we can all enjoy it for years to come.



#### Stay on trails and in designated visitor areas

Don't step off the trails or walk in the undergrowth to avoid trampling plants and compacting the soil.



#### Do not gather dead wood

Help preserve the undergrowth by leaving dead wood in place. It serves as shelter for wildlife and enriches the soil after decomposing.



#### Do not feed wildlife

Allow animals to feed themselves so they can follow their natural instincts. Keep all foods out of their reach.



#### Keep your distance when observing animals

Repeated disturbances can alter their behavior and affect their ability to find food, mate, and communicate with each other.



#### Be mindful of the peace and quiet and adhere to curfews

Noise frightens wildlife, and people visit national parks to enjoy nature. Please follow curfews and refrain from making noise at all times.