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PARC NATIONAL DES-GRANDS-JARDINS

Protected area. Enriching nature experiences.

Dive deep into Grands-Jardins National Park's remote wilderness! With its majestic mountains, lakes teeming with fish and spectacular hiking trails, this park is a genuine haven of peacefulness. Explore, camp, observe its extraordinary flora and fauna. Experiencing the Great North is truly within reach!

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TEAM PICKS



A

Waterways

Discover our Waterways, meandering down the lakes and rivers in the Arthabaska sector! Paddle along with your family, in canoes or kayaks, admiring the surrounding wilderness. Or try a singular paddleboard experience down calm winding waterways brimming with marine life!



B

Winter wonderland

Escape to a pristine snow-covered universe where traces of past wildfires grace the backcountry's bare mountaintops. Almost 25 kilometres of maintained trails beckon visitors into the Laurentian Shield plateau sector, to discover the true essence of Grands-Jardins National Park. Explore breathtaking scenery – on skis or snowshoes.



C

Fly fishing

Paddle riotous rivers and lazy lakes, populated with indigenous brook trout (speckled trout). Both beginner and expert fly fishers are sure to be delighted, reconnecting with nature in a magnificent setting. An unforgettable fishing experience could be yours!



D

Autumn in Les Grands-Jardins

Come fall, the birch, aspen and tamarack explode into a symphony of gold. In the taiga, shades of purple mingle in with its groundcover of delicate lichens. An awesome show that is sure to impress both tall and small who set out on a hike, in les Grands-Jardins!



E

In the pioneers' footsteps

This territory was a highly sought-after destination among wealthy English Canadian and American vacationers. *Coureurs des bois*, valiant lumberjacks and skilled fishers have all travelled the boreal forest. Tinged with history, this activity offers a paddle in a rabaska canoe, listening to snippets of our heritage narrated by a naturalist guide.



F

Via Ferrata – Hiking differently!

Push the bar up a notch and discover the park in a singular way. The via ferrata is the perfect activity for living an unforgettable experience with a seasoned guide! In a spectacular setting, two circuits presenting different levels of difficulty allow you to push your limits while admiring the scenery.



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DISCOVER OUR TRAILS

		LENGTH AND DURATION*		DIFFICULTY/ HEIGHT DIFFERENCE	OPEN DATES	DEPARTURE POINT
	Le Mont-du-Lac-des-Cygnés – The viewpoint on Charlevoix Crater (981 m) and on the Laurentian mountains is one of the most impressive! Don't forget to look under your feet, where an arctic-alpine mountain vegetation grows. Be careful! Fragile!	8.6 km round-trip	4 hrs	D 480 m	Year round	Mont-du-Lac-des-Cygnés Visitors Centre (route 381, km 21)
	La Chouenne – Trail leading to a 730 m high summit. Magnificent viewpoints on the valley and on the face of mont du Gros-Bras. A dazzling spectacle right from the first kilometer.	4.6 km round-trip	2 hrs	I 230 m	Year round	Mont-du-Lac-des-Cygnés Visitors Centre (route 381, km 21)
	Le Pioui (rustique) – After a sustained ascent, the hike on the ridges will dazzle you. Admire the scenery, then spot the small bog and arctic-alpine vegetation that colonizes the summit. Take care of your knees: follow the route in the direction suggested on the map! Psst! Add 1.2 km to your tour and zip up to the summit of Mont-du-Lac-des-Cygnés!	10.2 km loop	5 hrs	D 480 m	Year round	Mont-du-Lac-des-Cygnés Visitors Centre (route 381, km 21)
	Le Gros Pin – Take a stroll under tall trees to the sound of poplar leaves rustling, woodpecker cries and the murmur of the stream.	2.1 km loop	45 min.	E 23 m	Year round	Pied-des-Monts sector (route 381, km 19)
	Le Boréal – Offer yourselves a pleasant stroll in one of the park's oldest boreal forest. Discover the park's typical atmosphere and take a short tour into a sector regenerating itself since the 1991 fire.	3.4 km round-trip	1 h	E 2 m	Mid-May to mid-October	Arthabaska Discovery and Visitors Centre**
	La Pinède – In a single trail, get to see a boreal forest, a gray pine forest and many interesting views on Ice Age lakes.	9.5 km loop	2 h 30	E 15 m	Mid-May to mid-October	Arthabaska Discovery and Visitors Centre**
	Le Pommereau – Follow this trail to get to La Roche campground and observe the lake Soucoupe water plant community that is slowly becoming a peat bog.	11.6 km to 15 km round-trip	3 hrs to 4 hrs	I 25 m	Mid-May to mid-October	Arthabaska Discovery and Visitors Centre**
	La Chute – Discover landscapes typical of the taïga, viewpoints on the Malbaie river, and have lunch at the Hume-Blake falls.	6.6 km round-trip	2 hrs	E 20 m	Mid-May to mid-October	Route 60, km 20
	Les Pionniers – As well as a view of Lac Pointu, your hike takes you out to discover sectors blanketed in moss, and a forest in regeneration after the 1999 wildfire. Perfect for embracing the park's very essence.	4.8 km round-trip	1 h 30	E 73 m	Mid-May to mid-October	Étang-Malbaie campground (route 381, km 34,5)
	De La Tour – The trail offers a short walk to a nice lookout point on the shores of Lake Arthabaska. The shelter installed there evokes the presence of the fire towers that once lined the area.	1.4 km round-trip	40 min.	E 10 m	Mid-May to mid-October	Arthabaska camping, near campsite 21.
	Le Brûlé (rustique) – A trail to discover! This gentle climb to the top of the hills of the Arthabaska sector will allow you to appreciate the contrasts left by the forest fires in the park.	9.8 km loop	3 hrs 30	I 164 m	Mid-May to mid-October	Arthabaska Discovery and Visitors Centre**



Hiking



Family Experience

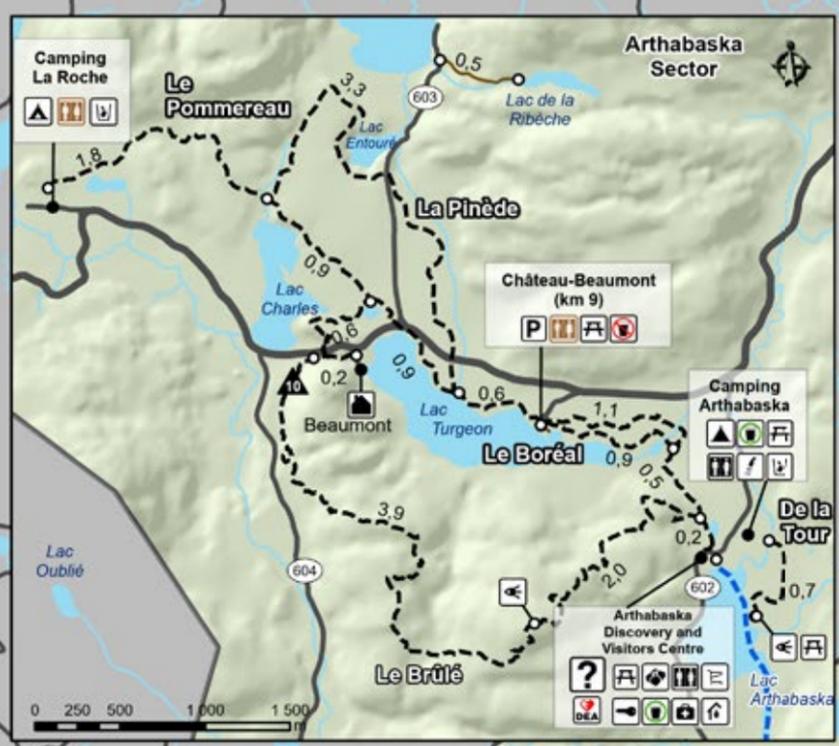


Dogs allowed
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E : Easy **I** : Intermediate **D** : Difficult

*The duration and the degree of difficulty indicated are indicative and refer to the summer season. Note that some trails may be closed temporarily during the thaw period.

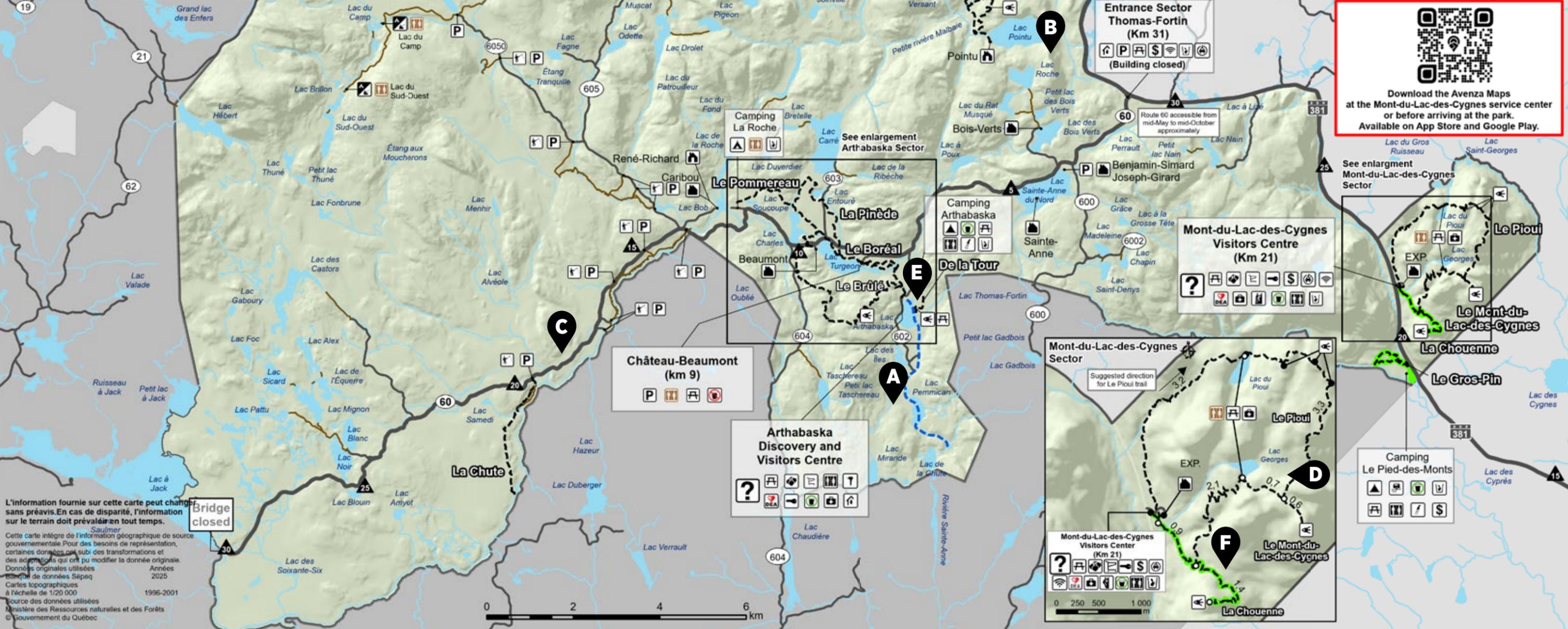
** Directions to Arthabaska Discovery and Service Centre: take the Thomas-Fortin park entrance (km 31, rte 381), and follow the paved road for 8.5 km.



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| | Registration centre / Information | | Lookout |
| | Picnic area | | Fishing-camping |
| | Self registration post | | Parking lot |
| | Charging station | | Toilet |
| | Shop | | Pit toilet |
| | Evisceration hut | | First aid kit |
| | Semi-serviced camping | | Via ferrata |
| | Rustic camping | | Recreational vehicle dumping station |
| | Cabin | | Wifi |
| | Waste and recycling | | Road network |
| | Automated external defibrillator | | Nautical route |
| | Convenience store | | Trail |
| | Shower | | Fishing and portage trail |
| | Drinking water | | Dogs allowed location |
| | Not drinking water | | Length of trail sections |
| | Rustic accommodation | | Km reference point |
| | Equipment rental | | National park boundary |
| | Location de moteur | | Wildlife reserve boundary |
| | Wade fishing | | |

WINTER TRAIL MAP AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Download the Avenza Maps at the Mont-du-Lac-des-Cygnets service center or before arriving at the park. Available on App Store and Google Play.



L'information fournie sur cette carte peut changer sans préavis. En cas de disparité, l'information sur le terrain doit prévaloir en tout temps.

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Bridge closed



RENDEZVOUS WITH DISCOVERY



Ruffed grouse

Did you know the ruffed grouse is Grands-Jardins National Park's bird emblem? This non-migratory bird typical of the boreal forest has distinctive red caruncles over its eyes (males) that turn scarlet in spring. In winter, pectinations or scales grow around its feet, helping it tread through the snow more easily.

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.



In full bloom

Between May and July, nature is in full bloom across the territory! The Park's trout lilies, bunchberries, lady's slippers, Labrador tea, kalmia or sheep laurel and yellow clintonia are sure to brighten your hikes!

Fishing tales

Picture yourself out on the water, surrounded by majestic mountains and the boreal forest. A unique adventure awaits you! With friends or family, cast your lines into protected waters, hoping for a speckled trout or two. Kids' laughter, the fish are biting and stories are shared, creating memorable moments for several generations.



EQUIPMENT RENTAL



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

Consult the list and prices of equipment available for rent.



Multisensory hike

Discover Sentier de la Tour on a unique multisensory hike, accompanied by a park naturalist guide. Let yourself be filled with the sounds, smells and colours that inspired countless masterpieces! This immersive experience lets you feel all the magic of scenery that has long fascinated the region's artists, as you deepen your connection with nature.

An islet of the Great North, underfoot!

The Taiga Trail Hike is les Grands-Jardins' absolute must-do activity! Discover the fascinating woodland caribou's territory on a 5km hike, accompanied by a naturalist guide. Walk amid a carpet of lichens and surprising vegetation in this rich biodiversity conservancy zone. A poetic incursion deep into the taiga, amid the vestiges of former glacial lakes.



Camping tales

Come early evening, our passionate naturalist guides share some of their best-kept Grands-Jardins secrets! These tiptop talks are presented at Pied-des-Monts and Arthabaska campgrounds. Join us as we observe the starry skies or find out more about the Park's large fauna – learning can be fun! Consult the program, on-site.



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



Together to protect our summits

Our national park is part of a major awareness campaign conducted by the nonprofit GUEPE, here in the Charlevoix region. Its objective? To boost user awareness about the rare and fragile subalpine ecosystems covering the park's summits.



For more information
(or knowledge) on
the project.

Telling them apart is key!

Some Grands-Jardins National Park lakes are home to a protected species: the emblematic arctic char. Telling the arctic char and speckled trout apart is crucial. The brook or speckled trout's dorsal fin is mottled compared to the arctic char's, which is transparent.

With wildlife, keep your distance!

It's sometimes tempting to feed a wild animal or try and get a closer look. But do be aware it might change its behaviour and have a harmful effect on its ability to survive. Be advised: wildlife is far better off observed from a distance – and do not feed the animals!

Our park rangers are always available to provide the advice you need to be able to identify the two species and release them, in the most optimal conditions possible.

Far from timid – The Great Northern Divers, Loons

For several years now, some individuals have made a habit of helping themselves to fishermen's catches! Prevent this by not keeping your fish in the water: quickly store it in your cooler, and use the whistle provided to scare off any loons. By applying these measures and reporting your observations to us, your collaboration is invaluable to our nature conservancy mission.

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.

