

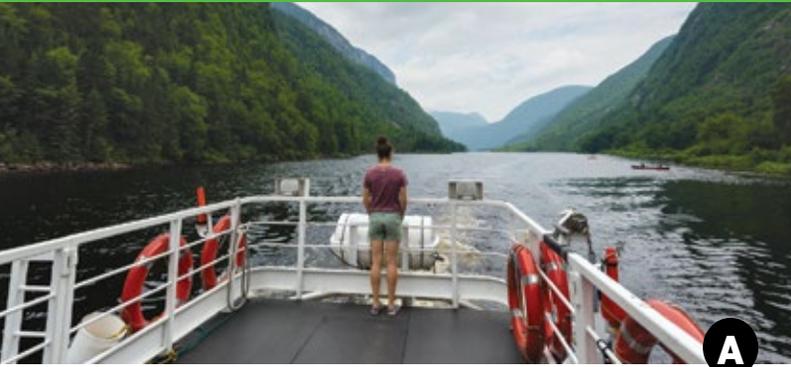
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PARC NATIONAL DES-HAUTES-GORGES- DE-LA-RIVIÈRE-MALBAIE

Protected area. Enriching nature experiences.

Discover all the majesty of Hautes-Gorges-de-la-Rivière-Malbaie National Park. With its impressive rocky faces, deep valleys and impetuous river, this park is the uncontested jewel in Charlevoix's crown. Hiking, kayaking, camping and breathtaking scenery can all be yours, in this gorgeous wildlife paradise.

TEAM PICKS



A

On the water - A fresh perspective

Cruising on our bateau-mouche, Le Menaud, is an unforgettable experience. Surrounded by majestic scenery, gliding along calm waters, discovering impressive cliffs and protected wilderness. Don't miss this best offer: Our lodging guests enjoy 20% off the 9:30 am cruise!



B

Memorable nights at l'Équerre campground!

For a memorable wilderness camping trip, book a campsite at l'Équerre! In its remote riverside sector, here you're far from life's hustle and bustle. Instead, expect magnificent hikes with breathtaking views! Head's up, it's water access only (canoeing) – or hiking/biking the 7km from Le Draveur Visitors Centre.



C

Discover a fishing paradise!

Wade fishing is an invitation into peaceful immersion deep within the park, amid soaring rocky faces. In these remote parts serenity rules, offering an authentic experience in perfect harmony with nature.



D

Rabaska canoeing at dusk

Live unique magical moments paddling along the quiet river, as dusk paints the sky and mountains gold before they slip into the shadows. Experience genuine serenity, where every stroke of the paddle brings you closer to nature...



E

Interesting riverside hike

Trail Le Riverain meanders down the valley, offering spectacular river and mountain views. Accessible yet presenting somewhat of a challenge, it's perfect for visitors wanting a longer hike, with several options for those who prefer shorter ones.



F

Winter on electric fat bikes!

In winter, e-fat bikes offer a singular adventure across snow-covered landscapes. The multifunctional trail and frozen river turn into a vast playground for exploring the park's pristine wonderland, revelling in the stillness of its backcountry. An experience pairing sports and contemplation.



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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 2 hrs and 3 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
sepaq.com/animals

* 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

Équerre Sector

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

Scale: 0 100 200 400 600 800 m

Draveur Visitors Centre Sector

Le Belvédère, Rivière Malbaie, Rivebois départure, Barrage des Érables, Le Riverain, Le Pied-des-Sommets, Entrée Les Rapides.

Equipment rental Centre, Draveur Visitors Centre.

Scale: 0 50 100 150 200 m

Félix-Antoine-Savard Discovery and Visitors Centre Sector

To Lac Noir, L'Érablière, Les Rapides, Boucle 1, Boucle 2, Boucle 4, Boucle 6, Boucle 8, Le Riverain, Espace VR L'Épervier, Boucle 3, Boucle 5, Boucle 7, Félix-Antoine-Savard Discovery and Visitors Centre, Chalet Écho.

Scale: 0 50 100 200 300 m

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

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

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

Equipment rental Centre, Draveur Visitors Centre, Camping du Pin-Blanc, Camping de L'Équerre, Camping du Cran, Camping VR L'Épervier, Félix-Antoine-Savard Discovery and Visitors Centre.

Scale: 0 1 2 3 Km

RENDEZVOUS WITH DISCOVERY



Discovering the park by every means possible!

For beginners and experts alike, canoeing, kayaking and paddleboarding are excellent ways to admire the beauty of the Malbaie River.

Love big thrills? With a seasoned Descente Malbaie guide, paddle 7.5 km downriver in an inflatable canoe, alternating between swift rapids and gentler waters. Details at Le Draveur Visitors Centre!

Prefer staying on solid ground? Hop on your bike or rent one, and set off to explore the riverside in total freedom, on the bicycle path. Guaranteed fun!



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.



Real-life nature escape game

Dr Santerre, extinctologist, has sent you a video capsule from a dismal-looking future... He's asking you to solve a puzzle that will help save the planet's animal species – and its own future. On Pied-des-Sommets Trail. Details at Le Draveur Visitors Centre.

EQUIPMENT RENTAL

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

Consult the list and prices of equipment available for rental.



Les énigmes du Dr. Yvon Santerre
Un jeu d'énigmes et de défis qui mettra vos méninges à rude épreuve.

Le Dr. Yvon Santerre, extinctologue, vous contacte depuis le futur. Il a besoin de votre aide pour sauver l'avenir de cette planète. Serez-vous en mesure de remplir votre mission?

Coût: Gratuit
Durée: 1h à 1h30
Où: Dans le sentier "Le pied des sommets"
Qui: Recommandé pour les adolescents et les adultes

New meshed enclosure!

The park's guide naturalists are thrilled to invite you into their new Camping du Cran discovery zone! Catch up with them early evening when they discuss a handful of topics, from black bears to porcupines – and even the night skies! Details in the Discovery Activities program.





Live your «Grande aventure»

Hop into a rabaska canoe, on an epic adventure! Accompanied by a guide naturalist, hear all about the legendary characters who, over the centuries, also crossed through the park. Each stroke of the paddle takes you back in time, living the wonder of the early explorers, here in this majestic setting. Unforgettable moments!



The wonder of winter

Come discover a season showcasing the park's tranquil beauty. Awesome snow and ice capped mountains put on a glorious show, while the frozen river twinkles under the winter sun. Asleep, the trees form a peaceful, appeasing landscape. A singular invitation to contemplation and a unique, memorable winter experience.

The mythical William-Hume-Blake trail

Winding William Hume Blake Trail crosses through a dense forest before heading up to lookouts showcasing rivière Malbaie's spectacular incised valley views. A hike where silence is only troubled by the wind and the murmur of leafy trees. Trailhead at L'Équerre campground.



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 found on the summits of l'Acropole des Draveurs.



For more information (or knowledge) on the project.

Golden release!

Last summer, a golden eagle was released in our park after receiving care from l'Union québécoise de réhabilitation des oiseaux de proie (UQROP). Its injuries were probably caused by a collision with high-voltage lines. With its steep mountains and sheer cliffs, this park was chosen owing to its ideal eagle habitat. The collaboration with l'UQROP and its volunteers was crucial to its successful release back into nature. Bravo, everyone!

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!



Visiting a park with your watercraft? Make sure you clean it off properly pre-launch, to prevent introducing harmful species into our waterways, and disrupting local aquatic flora and fauna.

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.

