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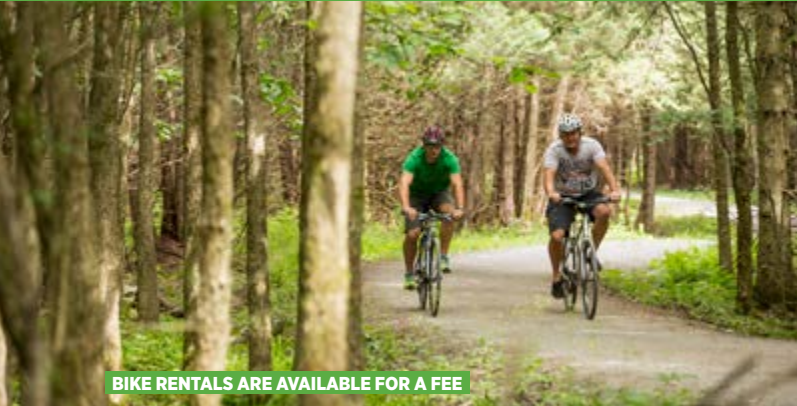
PARC NATIONAL DE LA YAMASKA

Protected area. Enriching nature experiences.

Nature at its own pace



OUR TEAM'S FAVORITES



BIKE RENTALS ARE AVAILABLE FOR A FEE

Explore by Bike

Hop on your bike and pedal past one breathtaking scene after another! Want to pedal farther? You can access a regional network of 250 km of bike trails.



Birdwatchers: To your binoculars!

Marvel at the flute-like melody of the wood thrush in a maple grove. Head for the secondary dam where you can observe a multitude of shorebirds and, with luck, catch a bird of prey on a hunt! Visit ebird.org to see the latest specimens spotted... or add yours!



Rental Centre

We have bicycles, paddle boards, canoes, kayaks, pedal boats, and rowboats to rent out. Just show up at our rental centre at the far end of the picnic area and choose one of several options to explore the park and Reservoir Choinière. Rental is always free for those 17 and under in a family setting.



PRICED ACTIVITY AND BY RESERVATION

Motion Park

Test your agility and strength! The Motion Park gives you an outdoor Ninja Warrior experience with a side-by-side race. The structures will include a set of balance exercises (Ninja Steps), a structure with various hanging obstacles, a slanted (warped) wall and Airbag jumping!



To Joys of Winter

Come enjoy the pedestrian paths, fatbikes (VPS), snowshoeing, sliding, wildlife observation, ice fishing and cross-country skiing with our new surface grooming technique. There are stunning viewpoints to take in. Head to the Visitors Centre for equipment rental from December through March.








1983-2023

Your park Celebrates its 40th Anniversary

In 1983, this territory was officially designated Yamaska Provincial Park with a primary recreational purpose. In 1999, the provincial government gave Sépaq the mandate to administer the territory, which would become Yamaska National Park in 2001.

DISCOVER OUR TRAILS

 Hiking
  Biking
  Interpretation site
  Family experience
  Dogs allowed - sepaq.com/animaux

		LENGTH AND DURATION*		LEVEL	DEPARTURE
 <p>La Rivière – This trail provides a varied panorama. You will be engulfed by a dense pine forest and its intriguing environment. You will come upon north Yamaska river as it exits from the forest at the foot of the Choinière dam.</p> <p>This trail is enhanced by a game of questions and observations about nature for the whole family.</p>	2.5 Km loop	1 h	E	Visitors Centre	
 <p>La Forestière – At a stone's throw from the beach service area, La Forestière trail is home to a variety of wildlife and provides a great overview of the tree mosaic of the park. By walking through it, you will come across young hardwood forests, dense patches of evergreens and then sense the greatness of the forest canopy of mature maple stands.</p>	5.5 Km loop	2 h	E		
 <p>La Digue – Sugar maples of which the huge trunks majestically flank the trail are a reminder of this species' dominant rank in the forest mosaic of the park.</p> <p>From the promontory formed by the stone wall of the 560 metres long Choinière levee, you will have the perfect spot to spy on the habits of the species that utilize Réservoir Choinière shoreline and forest edge to feed and to rest.</p>	5.8 Km loop	2 h	E		
 <p>La Pinède – Compact and dense massifs of fir trees, dominated by white pine, with undulating hills of fallow fields, passing by mature maple forests, you will be able to witness the various forest evolutionary stages along very short distances.</p> <p>Pay special attention to details such as the discreet presence of a few former orchards which are vestiges of a not-so-distant era.</p>	10.3 Km loop	3 h 30	E		
 <p>Le Grand-Tour – By bicycle or on foot, there is no better way to get a good overview of the park than to criss-cross it along the multifunctional path called Le Grand-Tour.</p> <p>This journey will take you along Réservoir Choinière's shoreline, where you will disappear into the enticing forest and then emerge to climb the hillsides of fallow fields. While discovering this path, you will also learn about the history of the reservoir.</p>	19 Km loop	5 h 30	E		
*The durations and difficulty levels mentioned are indicative and refer to summer season.		E: Easy		I: Intermediate	D: Difficult

Pour tout découvrir

granbyregion.com



À 5 minutes du parc national de la Yamaska

Fermette du quartier

206 Ch. Ostiguy, Shefford

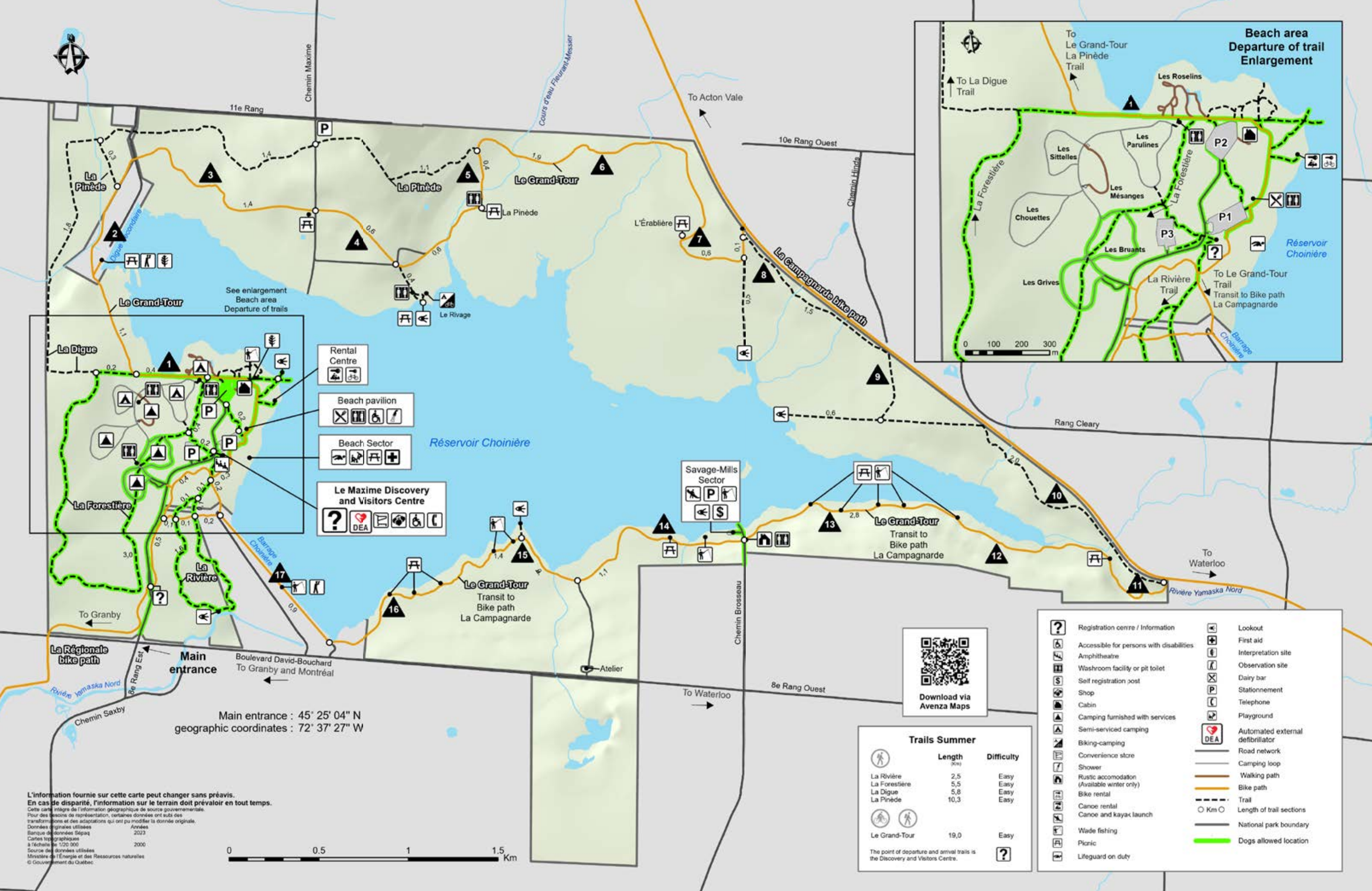


Ouvert pour l'auto-cueillette pendant la saison des framboises



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- Rental Centre
- Beach pavilion
- Beach Sector
- Le Maxime Discovery and Visitors Centre

- Savage-Mills Sector

Main entrance : 45° 25' 04" N
geographic coordinates : 72° 37' 27" W

L'information fournie sur cette carte peut changer sans préavis.
En cas de départ, l'information sur le terrain doit prévaloir en tout temps.
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.
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Banque de données Ségpaq
Cartes topographiques à l'échelle de 1:20 000
Source des données utilisées : Ministère de l'Énergie et des Ressources naturelles
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Trails Summer		
	Length (km)	Difficulty
La Rivière	2,5	Easy
La Forestière	5,5	Easy
La Digue	5,8	Easy
La Pinède	10,3	Easy
Le Grand-Tour	19,0	Easy

The point of departure and arrival trails is the Discovery and Visitors Centre.

- ? Registration centre / Information
- ♿ Accessible for persons with disabilities
- 🎪 Amphitheatre
- 🚻 Washroom facility or pit toilet
- 💰 Self registration post
- 🛒 Shop
- 🏠 Cabin
- 🏕️ Camping furnished with services
- 🏕️ Semi-serviced camping
- 🚲 Biking-camping
- 🛒 Convenience store
- 🚿 Shower
- 🏠 Rustic accommodation (Available winter only)
- 🚲 Bike rental
- 🛶 Canoe rental
- 🛶 Canoe and kayak launch
- 🎣 Wade fishing
- 🍷 Picnic
- 👮 Lifeguard on duty
- 🔍 Lookout
- 🏠 First aid
- 📖 Interpretation site
- 👁️ Observation site
- 🍷 Dairy bar
- 🅅 Stationnement
- ☎ Telephone
- 🎡 Playground
- 🚑 Automated external defibrillator
- 🛣 Road network
- 🚶 Camping loop
- 🚶 Walking path
- 🚲 Bike path
- Trail
- Km ○ Length of trail sections
- National park boundary
- 🟢 Dogs allowed location

LIVELY AND SELF-DIRECTED ACTIVITIES



Learn How to Fish

This is a fun and safe way for young fishing apprentices to become acquainted with the world of fishing. Our supervised activity lasts 2 hours and introduces you to the fish species, their habitat and the basics of fishing while respecting the environment, wildlife and the fishing regulations in Québec. We provide the fishing gear and our park ranger-naturalist and naturalist accompanies you.

Cost: \$23 + taxes per family.

Reservation: Book your line at the Visitors Centre.

A Tale of Racoons

Gather around the campfire for story-time! A park ranger-naturalist will go to your campsite and regale you with stories around the campfire. The activity lasts from 15 to 20 minutes and highlights the antics of the park's raccoons. Reality or made-up stories? You be the judge!

Cost: \$5 + taxes per family.

Reserve in advance: Book a time slot and meet up at the Visitors Centre.

Navigating the Past

As early as the 19th century, many families occupied the parcels of land that make up what today is the Yamaska National Park. The families Maxime, Delorme, Choinière, and others have lived on this land for generations. Let us tell you about this unusual chapter in the human history of the sector. A boat trip of approximately 120 minutes takes you back in time, from one buoy to the next. Locate the starting buoys in front of the beach area and explore the history of this territory.

Free of charge.

Rental of sailing equipment not included.



Sounds and Animals of the Night

The setting sun is the wake-up call for many animals. Have you ever been startled by a cry or unusual sound coming from the forest? Grab a flashlight and follow the guide for a supervised hike. You'll learn more about these small critters that are watching you while keeping out of sight. What wonders of the night will reveal themselves?

Cost: Free. Lasts 60 minutes.

Information and reservation: At the Visitors Centre or by phone at 450-776-7182.

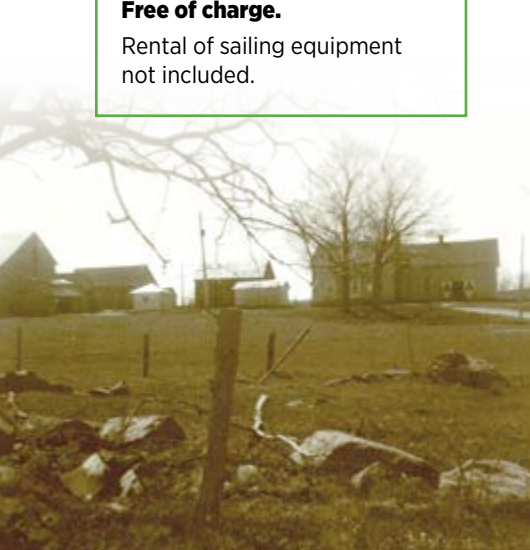


IN THE WILD, YOUR SAFETY IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

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 TIME



Rabaska Excursions

Back in 2023, our popular guided excursions in a Rabaska canoe are a special opportunity for you to enjoy an interpretive experience on Reservoir Choinière. Guided by our park ranger-naturalist, these unique excursions feature the wildlife and historical themes of this manmade body of water.

It's a fine time to admire the panoramas and experience nature up close.



Cost: \$15 plus tax per adult

Lasts 90 minutes

Informations and reservation:

At the Visitors Centre or by phone at 450-776-7182.

Discovery Kiosk

Do you have a thousand and one questions about the park, its fauna, flora, history or mission? Stop by the Discovery Kiosk and speak to our park ranger-naturalist.

You will find the schedule at the Visitor Centre and on the park's salamander bulletin boards.

IT'S AN INVITATION!

iNaturalist

One of the world's most popular nature applications, *iNaturalist* helps you identify the plants and animals that surround you. Connect with a community of scientists and naturalists to help you learn more! By recording and sharing your observations, you will create quality data for scientists who are striving to better understand nature and safeguard it.

inaturalist.org



Renting Equipment

NAUTICAL	1 h	4 h	DAY
Pedal boat 2 seater	\$21.75	\$43.50	---
Pedal boat 4 seater	\$25.25	\$50.50	---
Canoe	\$18.50	\$37	\$53
Solo Kayak	\$17	\$34	\$48
Tandem Kayak	\$21.25	\$42.50	\$60,50
Stand-up paddle (SUP)	\$18	\$34	\$48
Stand-up paddle 6-8 places (SUP)	\$28	\$52	\$73,75
Rowboat	\$16	\$32	\$45,75
Electric motor	---	\$25.50	\$36.75

VÉLOS	1 h	4 h	DAY
Bike	\$15.50	\$31	\$44.25
Fatbike	\$22.75	\$45.50	\$64.75
Children Bike	\$7.50	\$15	\$22
Children Fatbike	\$11.25	\$22.50	\$32.25

Photo ID required. Taxes not included.

DISCOVERY ACTIVITIES

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

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



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.



CONSERVE FOR TOMORROW

Are you a Responsible Fisher?

Yellow perch is on the decline in the park! Find out about proper catch-and-release techniques. Good practices to follow are rinsing your hands in water before handling fish, not touching their gills and eyes, limiting handling time out of the water, and keeping the fish horizontal. Use artificial baits and lures or circle hooks with natural baits to reduce the risk of serious injury to the fish.

For more information on responsible fishing:

<https://www.quebec.ca/en/tourism-and-recreation/sporting-and-outdoor-activities/sport-fishing/good-practices-bans>

Mischievous masked bandits

Peek-a-boo! Here I am – so close, just behind a tree, waiting for the right time to steal some grub. With my cunning character and velvety-soft paws, I have the smarts to get to your food, even in broad daylight – right under your nose. The only real obstacle is your car's metal trunk. You can bet that if you leave food, leftovers, dirty dishes or garbage within my arm's reach, whether on the picnic table, in your cooler or in your tent, I will invite myself and my apprentices without waiting for nightfall. Consider yourself forewarned!



Alder Buckthorn

Alder buckthorn is an invasive plant that gives many a headache to the owners of wooded lots in the Eastern Townships! It aggressively competes for space with local species. In the park, it is currently found only in the southwest sector, and we organize weeding activities to eliminate it and to keep its expansion in check.

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.

5 GOOD PRACTICES TO ADOPT IN NATURE



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*.



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