

Traduction - Version originale en français

Parc national d'Aiguebelle

The parc national d'Aiguebelle, larger than life!

A true natural gem in the heart of Abitibi, the parc national d'Aiguebelle is an exceptional place.

Come discover the traces left by glaciers and see rocks that are 2.7 billion years old!

The parc national d'Aiguebelle invites you to slow down and take it all in.

Our team's favourites



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Get even closer to nature by staying in the heart of Abitibi. Discover our log cabins and rustic camps for a warm, picturesque experience. For active families, make adventure easy by staying in one of our ready-to-camp accommodations at the Abijévis and Ojibway campgrounds!



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The breathtaking view of the *Mont-Dominant*

Mont-Dominant is one of the highest peaks in Abitibi-Témiscamingue. The latter offers a breathtaking view in the center of the Abijévis hills. Its elevation, as well as its breathtaking landscapes will definitely make you hear beat faster!



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Discover Lake Loïs by kayak or canoe

This vast body of water, shaped by countless bays and dotted with islands, offers an exhilarating excursion. This journey into waterfowl country brings moments of pure sensory bliss. You can also fish for walleye or northern pike! Come experience fishing at the Parc National d'Aiguebelle. Day fishing and fishing packages with accommodation are available.



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Challenge the suspended bridge

The Traverse trail offers a breathtaking view of the rocky escarpments of Lac La Haie. Discover this fascinating setting from a different angle with hourly or half-day canoe rentals.



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Canoe-camping

Explore the vast expanse of Lac Loïs and take the chance to observe our incredible wildlife! Climb aboard a canoe to get to your campsite and let yourself be charmed by the wonders of this clay plain lake.









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Winter activities

Discover Aiguebelle from new perspectives. Our snowshoe trails will lead you to exclusive views of a true winter wonderland. For beginners, we offer on-site snowshoe rentals so everyone can join the adventure! *Grab your snowshoes—ready, set, go!*

Discover our trails

		LENGTH AND DURATION*		DIFFICULTY	ELEVATION (METERS)	POINT OF DEPARTURE
	La Castorière – High concentration of beaver habitat around the pond.	1 km loop	20 min	E	0 m	Discovery and Visitors Center
	La Loutre – Path through the boreal forest and sections of windfall.	4 km round-trip	2 h	I	40 m	Discovery and Visitors Center
	L'Escalade – Hike to the peak of La Trompeuse hill.	2 km round-trip	1 h 30	D	180 m	Lac La Haie parking area on road 26
	La Traverse – Cross over Lac La Haie on a suspended footbridge.	3,5 km loop	1 h 30	I	160 m	Lac La Haie parking area on road 26
	L'Aventurier – Loop around Lac La Haie on rocky escarpments.	9,5 km loop	4 h 30	D	180 m	Lac La Haie parking area on road 26
	Le Garde-Feu – Climb the fire warden tower and discover a period of history.	2 km round-trip	1 h	I	110 m	Garde-Feu parking area on road 24
	Le Mont Dominant – Breathtaking view. One of the highest summits in Abitibi-Témiscamingue.	8 km round-trip	3 h 30	D	370 m	Mont Dominant parking area on road 24
	L'Élan – Panoramic view of Lac Patrice and the Abijévis hills.	1 km loop	45 min	I	65 m	Lac Patrice parking area on road 24
	Les Versants – Succession of valleys and natural viewpoints overlooking the rocky escarpments.	12 km round-trip	6 h	D	110 m	Lac Sault parking area on road 12
	Les Paysages – Spiral staircase and rocky escarpments.	2 km loop	1 h	I	110 m	Lac Sault parking area on road 12
	Le Petit-Nomade – Winding trail through the woods near Lac Lois.	2,5 km loop	1 h	E	40 m	Taschereau Visitors Center

COMBINE MULTIPLE TRAILS!

	Les Escarpements – Castorière → Loutre → Traverse → Loutre → Castorière	8 km loop	3 h	I	160 m	Discovery and Visitors Center
	La Trompeuse – Castorière → Loutre → Escalade → Escalade → Loutre → Castorière	8 km round-trip	3 h	D	100 m	Discovery and Visitors Center

 Hiking  Interpretation panel  Family-friendly  Dogs allowed - sepaq.com/animals

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

*Duration and difficulty levels mentioned are indicative and refer to the summer season.



A date with nature

COME DISCOVER WITH US!

The park naturalists have taken up residence at the **Discovery and Interpretation Centre (CDI)**. We'd be happy to have a chat with you at our brand-new office at the CDI.

Got a question about that funny bird you saw on your hike? Wondering about that colorful plant at your campsite? We will be happy to answer all your questions..

Discovery activity – Lumière sur les étoiles

Half of life happens during the night! Want to know more about the nocturnal world? Take part in our *Lumière sur les étoiles* discovery activity to learn about the secrets of our precious starry sky.

Free activity, offered at the Abijévis campground.

The Garde-Feu trail

Put yourself in the shoes of a fire ranger for a short hike! As you climb, a series of panels will introduce you to the way of life of the fire guard. This path will lead you to the famous tower, where the view of the landscapes is magnificent!



Totor the Beaver, animal emblem of the Parc national d'Aiguebelle

Apart from humans, beavers are the only animals who adapt their environment to fit their lifestyle. For Totor and his kind, the territory of Aiguebelle is the ideal place of settlement with its 80 lakes and 280 km of streams. There are 6.6 colonies per 10 km² in the park, one of the highest densities of beavers in Québec.



Discovery activity – L'Odyssée en rabaska

Join us for our must-see guided tour with our naturalist park Warden. They will share their boundless knowledge, and let yourself be surprised by a sanctuary you thought you knew! This large canoe, which can accommodate a dozen people, was at the heart of the exploration of our territory. Now it's your turn to discover it!



Discover what's happening behind the scenes Stars in your eyes, birds songs in your ears... Dive into the fascinating world of initiatives to protect our natural treasures. (in French only)

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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 newsletter

In our nature




Check out the latest edition of our newsletter to discover our recent initiatives and successes in conservation and education.

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.



Winter in the park

Here, serenity and silence come together in winter to offer you the most relaxing stay! After a day of snowshoeing, what could be better than unwinding in our log cabins, where the warmth of the wood stove will keep you cozy.

 **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

Conserve for tomorrow



A project that has teeth

Are you one of the lucky ones to have seen a wolf in Parc national d'Aigüebelle? As part of a collaborative research project with UQO that began in the summer of 2023, we are trying to answer several questions about this mysterious canid. How many individuals are in the park? Do they breed? Do they interbreed with coyotes?

To help us collect data, 30 cameras were installed at various locations throughout the park to capture valuable snapshots of these beautiful animals. Recording devices called «audiomoths» were also used to capture their howls. Finally, all the droppings observed by the conservation team were collected and sent to a laboratory for genetic analysis. All these efforts will hopefully allow us to learn more about these amazing animals we are working to protect.

Taking Action for the Health of Our Lakes

The presence of invasive aquatic species (IAS) in lakes near the park is a growing concern. These organisms can be transported and contaminate other bodies of water you visit. For example, these species affect the lake's physical and chemical parameters as well as recreational activities such as fishing, boating, and swimming. Lake Lois has been identified as a priority due to its location on the border between the national park and the surrounding area. There are two boat launches on the lake, one of which is inside the park.

Adopting the right practices—wash, drain, and dry—is the best way to prevent the introduction of IAS and stop them from spreading to other bodies of water.

The parc national d'Aigüebelle has collaborated with the municipality of Taschereau to install a boat-washing station in Taschereau.

To the rescue of the starry sky

Parc national d'Aigüebelle is committed to working with DarkSky International to be recognized as an International Dark Sky Park. This certification is only awarded to parks with exceptional starry sky quality. A rigorous process has been set in motion to comply with the best practices in lighting and light pollution reduction. Since we know that artificial light disrupts ecosystems by changing the apparent duration of day and night, you will notice a significant correction of our light fixtures towards amber, less dazzling and downward-pointing options to minimize our impact. More responsible light sources will help prevent the desynchronization of the natural rhythms of the fauna and flora while ensuring the safety and visibility of our visitors.

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.