



PARC NATIONAL DE PLAISANCE

15
YEARS



NEWS

NEW EMBLEM

Parc national de Plaisance has a new animal emblem! Do you recognize it? More details inside.



THE PARK IS 15 YEARS OLD!

After 15 years of history, we have many stories to tell! Come join us for the activity "*Mystères et phénomènes étranges.*" Details on p.8.



DES OUTAOUAIS TRAIL

This trail has been upgraded and is better shape than ever with its gazebos, sunshades and a new trail surface. Come and rediscover one of the park's most beautiful cycling paths.



WELCOME

QUÉBEC
NATIONAL PARKS DAY

SEPTEMBER 9,
2017

EXPLORE NATURE AT ITS FINEST

Québec national parks provide a unique opportunity to enjoy nature at its finest.

The entry fee you're required to pay is your contribution to the development and conservation of these territories.

FREE ADMISSION FOR CHILDREN 17 YEARS AND UNDER

Daily entry fee - Adults 18 years and over	\$8.50
Annual Network Card	\$76.50
Annual Park Card	\$42.50

Rates valid until December 31, 2017, taxes included.
See complete fee schedule at sepaq.com/parkscard

ANNUAL PARCS QUÉBEC NETWORK CARD

Unlimited access to all of Québec's national parks for 12 months and an array of exclusive benefits:

- ONE FREE NIGHT OF CAMPING on a weekday, in any Sépaq destination (value of free night is for a semi-serviced site)
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 - PARC NATIONAL DU MONT-MÉGANTIC 15% off admission to the ASTROLab
 - PARC NATIONAL DE MIGUASHA Free admission to exhibits
- Certain conditions apply.
*Excluding convenience store products and ski products.
Details at sepaq.com/parkscard

CONTEST DESTINATION PARCS NUNAVIK

Between April 1 and September 1, 2017, when you purchase or renew your Annual Network Card, you could win a stay for 2 in a national park of Nunavik.

A \$10,000 VALUE!

Experience the journey of a lifetime. A choice among 3 destinations to explore at parcsnunavik.ca:

- Parc national des Pingualuit
- Parc national Kuururjuaq
- Parc national Tursujuq

Details and contest rules at sepaq.com/contest



HIGHLIGHTS

PROTECTED AND ACCESSIBLE FOR 15 YEARS NOW!

This year, we are celebrating the 15th anniversary of the creation of this jewel of the Québec national parks system. New visitors will be charmed by this exotic oasis rich in fauna and flora and will understand why it is said that Plaisance means holidays! Our regulars will be up to the challenge of discovering the park's remotest corners. The park contains a multitude of hidden gems where the landscape changes and enchants. Happy exploring!

ZIZANIE-DES-MARAIS TRAIL

An undeniable highlight! This one-kilometre trail is the most popular spot for families to enjoy nature in the park.



OUTINGS ON THE WATER

Discover amazing marshes or get up close to the chutes du Moulin (waterfalls) in a canoe or kayak.



TOURING BY BIKE

Over 40 km of bike trails for the whole family!



THE LAND OF FLOATING GARDENS

This exhibition unveils the secrets of this splendid area.

Location: Discovery and Visitors Centre.



ACTIVITIES AND EQUIPMENT RENTALS



DISCOVERY AND VISITORS CENTRE

Reception and rental desk, exhibition, shop, boat launch and picnic area.

SCHEDULE

April 28 to June 15 and September 4 to October 9

Sunday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Friday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

June 16 to September 3

Saturday to Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Friday 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

STAYING IN THE PARK?

Canoeing or kayaking is a great way to discover the beauty and calmness of our bodies of water. Enjoy a 50% discount on morning watercraft rentals. Visit the Discovery and Visitors Centre with your receipt for your stay and your ID.

- Applies to one-hour rentals only
- The watercraft must be returned by noon
- No reservations
- One discount per day per person



SPEND A MORNING ON THE WATER AND GET **50% OFF**



EQUIPMENT RENTAL

EQUIPMENT	DAY	4 h	1 h
Rowboat	\$43,00	\$30,00	\$15,00
Electric motor	\$35,00	\$24,50	-
Canoe	\$48,00	\$33,75	\$16,75
Recreational kayak - SINGLE	\$44,00	\$30,50	\$15,25
Recreational kayak - TANDEM	\$52,50	\$37,00	\$18,50
Sea kayak - SINGLE	\$49,00	\$34,50	\$17,00
Sea kayak - TANDEM	\$65,75	\$46,00	\$23,00
Child's bicycle	\$20,00	\$14,00	\$7,00
Adult bicycle	\$40,00	\$28,00	\$14,00

Starting April 28 for bicycles and rowboats and May 21 for canoes and kayaks.

Taxes not included



SWIMMING

The pool is located in the camping area.

POOL SCHEDULE

June 24 to September 3, 2017 (Schedule subject to change without notice)










Opening Hours 10:00 a.m. to noon
 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Cost: Adult: \$6.74 | Child \$3.48

FREE if staying on site upon presentation of the receipt for your stay (invoice).

Park entry fee is compulsory.

HIKING TRAILS

DISCOVERY	ROUTE	LENGTH AND DURATION	ROUND TRIP	LOOP	DIFFICULTY	STARTING POINT
	La Zizanie-des-Marais - Floating walkways Observation Tower	1 km		X	E	La Zizanie-des-Marais Parking lot
	L'Envolée - View on La Sarcelle marsh	3.5 km		X	E	Discovery and Visitors Centre
	La Migration - Floating walkways Dyke	6 km		X	E	Discovery and Visitors Centre
	La Grande-Presqu'île - Grande Presqu'île Ponds	9 km	X		E	Discovery and Visitors Centre
	La Carrière - Molson and La Carrière Picnic Areas	11 km	X		I	Discovery and Visitors Centre
	La Petite-Presqu'île - La Falaise Viewpoint	17 km	X		E	Discovery and Visitors Centre
	Des Outaouais - Legault Picnic Area	21 km	X		E	Thurso
	Les petites baies - Petite Nation Canal Pentecôte Bay	3 km 1 hr		X	E	Discovery and Visitors Centre
	Les chutes du Moulin - Falls	10 km 3.5 hrs	X		E	Discovery and Visitors Centre

 Bicycle

 Hiking

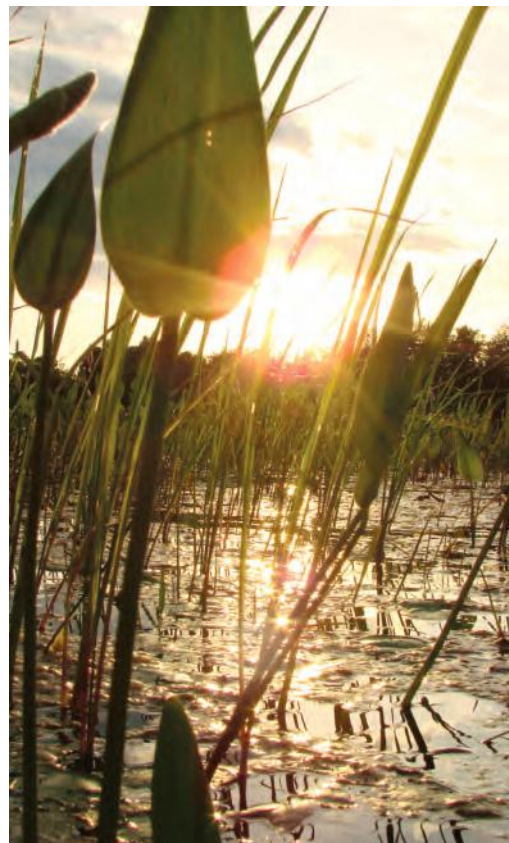
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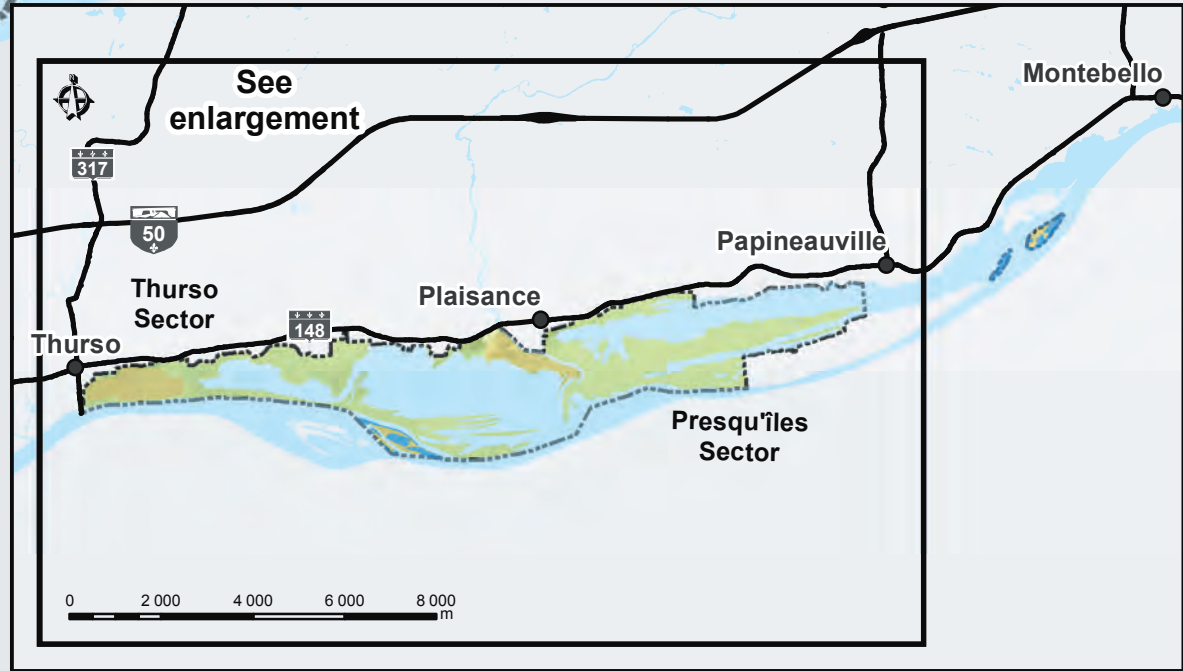
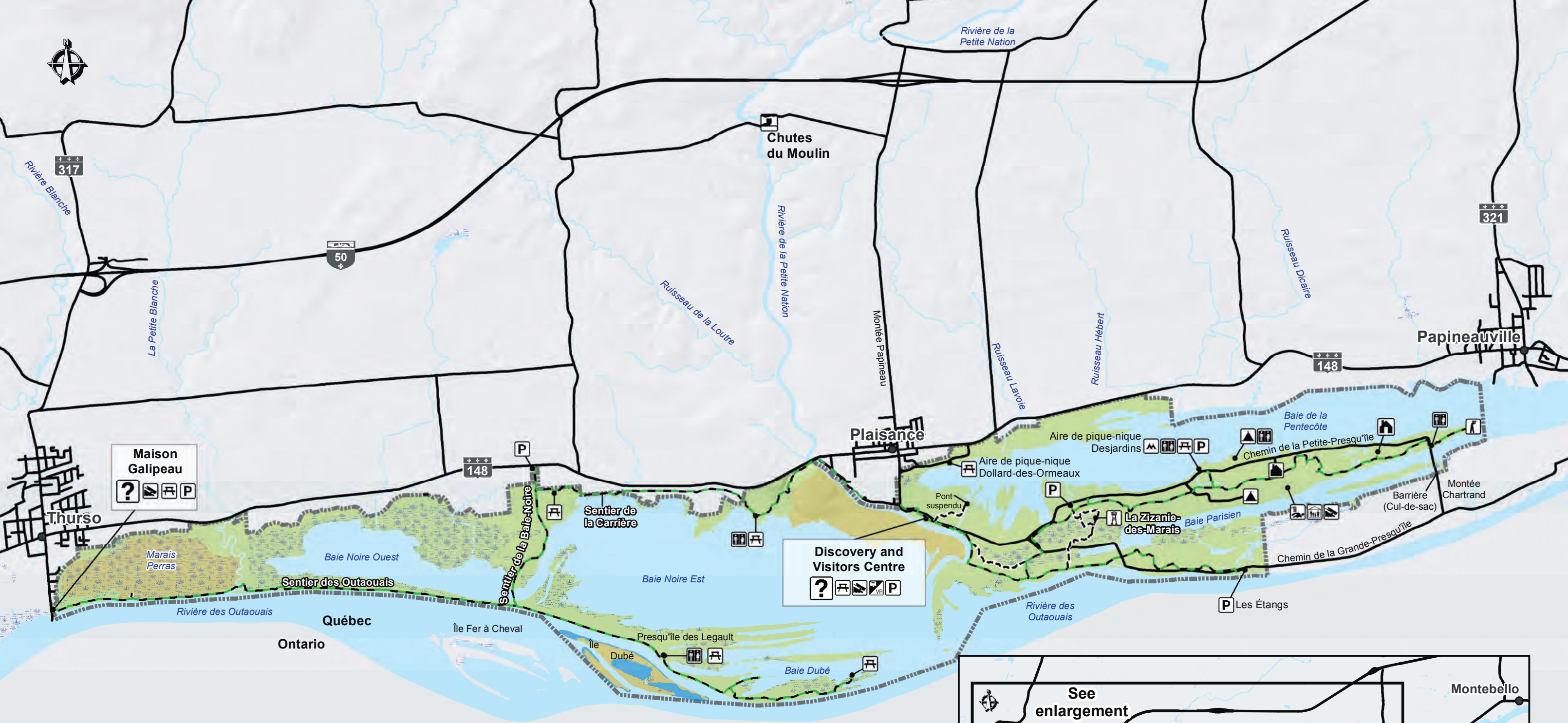
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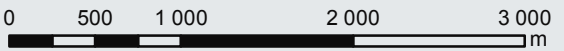
For more information or to view a map of the trails, ask at one of our reception desks.





	Registration centre / Information		Rustic accommodation		Bike path
	Picnic area		Swimming pool		Trail
	Semi-serviced camping		Boat launch ramp		Road network
	Group camping		Community hall		National park boundary
	Cabin		Observation site		Wetland
	Waterfall		Parking lot		Conservation zone
	RV area		Washroom		
			Observation tower		

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DISCOVERY ACTIVITIES JUNE 24 TO SEPTEMBER 3



PLEASE NOTE: ACTIVITIES OFFERED IN FRENCH ONLY

One of the great ways to enjoy your visit to the park and learn more about its secrets is to attend one of our discovery activities. Here is an overview of the activities that will take place this summer. The calendar is updated weekly. Details can be found at the reception desks or on the park's bulletin boards.

KITCHISSIPPI (14 YEARS AND OLDER)

Experience a great adventure in a rabaska canoe on the majestic Ottawa River and go to the heart of one of its marshes. Also make a tasty discovery of a local product during a well-deserved break.

Meeting point: Discovery and Visitors Centre

Adults: \$13.92. Free for children 14 to 17 years old accompanied by an adult, excluding youth groups. Reservations required.

Length: 2 hrs.

« NATURALISTES EN TOURNÉE »

While hiking or biking or even having a picnic, you might meet one of our touring park wardens. They are out and about during the summer to show and explain nature's hidden treasures. You can also share your discoveries with them!

« CASTOR À LA TRACE »

Parc national de Plaisance is home to many families of beavers. Come on a walking tour of their habitat. This huge rodent may even make an appearance. Take the opportunity to observe its lodge and the other signs of its presence.

Meeting point: *Zizanie-des-Marais* trail parking lot

Length: 60 min.

« EXCURSION DANS LES BAYOUS » (8 YEARS AND OLDER)

Riding in a rabaska canoe is the ideal way to explore our floating gardens. Discover our "water world" in the company of a park warden, who will guide you across the waters and help you appreciate their distinctive animal and plant life.

Adults: \$10. Free for children 8 to 17 years old accompanied by an adult, excluding youth groups. Reservations required.

Meeting point: Campground docking area

Length 1:30

« MYSTÈRES ET PHÉNOMÈNES ÉTRANGES »

We hear many stories and of course the park has its legends. Every year, campers and former occupants tell us about the unusual things they have seen in the park. This short talk will introduce you to the best images and stories we have collected over the past 15 years. Hopefully they won't keep you up at night!

Length: 60 min.

« ATELIER SUR LES PETITS ANIMAUX » (10 YEARS AND UNDER)

This workshop will give a closer look at the park's animals and explain why kids must resist the temptation to capture them. A special arts and crafts session will make sure participants don't leave empty-handed!

Length: 60 min.

« LA TORTUE AU BEC CROCHU! »

The snapping turtle is the park's new animal emblem. This year, a talk dedicated to this animal will introduce you to this great predator of our waters.

Length: 60 min.

« CACHETTES ANIMALES » (10 YEARS AND LESS)

This short treasure hunt for children will show where the park's animals hide out. Participants will have the chance to jump like frogs and... to put their thinking caps on. Perhaps they'll find the treasure of the mysterious burrower!

Length: 60 min.

« SOS CHAUVES-SOURIS »

Bats have always been part of our nighttime stories but how much do we really know about them? These little mammals that fly "under the radar" are in serious decline. Join us as we tell the passionate saga of these beautiful but gloomy creatures.

Length: 60 min.

SPRING AND FALL ACTIVITIES!

Information is available at our reception desks.

CONSERVATION

CONSERVATION PLAN 2017-2022

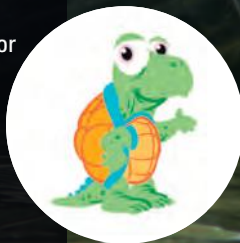
Parc national de Plaisance is putting forward its 2017-2022 conservation plan this year. Many projects will be developed in the coming years to ensure that the territory remains one of the most beautiful examples of Québec's natural heritage. Due to the park's location, the main issues covered by the plan relate to invasive species and water quality. The park will work to improve its knowledge of molluscs and insects, the basic elements of the food chain. To find out about the conservation projects carried out by the park and its partners, come and meet our naturalist park wardens.

WETLAND CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE

Louis-Joseph-Papineau High School is joining parc national de Plaisance in creating a Wetland Centre of Excellence. This association will allow international program students in grades 7 and 8 to carry out projects over the years on the ecologically rich areas of the park and to benefit from an unusual natural laboratory. This is a great initiative of Ducks Unlimited. We will keep the public up-to-date on our projects.

INTRODUCING ODILE, THE SNAPPING TURTLE!

The snapping turtle is fascinating. Encountering one on a trail will automatically be a highlight of your visit. This turtle right out of the dinosaur age is considered vulnerable in Canada. For all these reasons, this species was chosen as the park's new animal emblem. To get to know it better, attend the talk "La tortue au bec crochu."



ACCOMMODATIONS



CAMPING

- 56 campsites without services
- 84 campsites with 2 services (water and electricity)
- 1 campsite for groups, accommodating 30 people maximum
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* These are our high season rates. Ask the reception staff for low season rates and available dates.



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OUR TOP PICKS

AT PARC NATIONAL DE PLAISANCE

- Enjoy the pool and the playground.
- Participate in our Discovery Activities especially designed for small children: *Cachettes animales* and *Atelier sur les petits animaux*. Details on page 8.
- Free equipment loan: high chairs, playpens booster seats, strollers, baby carriers and bikes.
- Free access to National Parks and Discovery Activities for youngsters 17 years old and under.



PLAY ^{IT} SAFE



In the wild, your **safety** is your **responsibility**

Sépaq's mission is to ensure the widest possible access to Québec's most beautiful natural treasures. Sépaq is committed to the safety of its visitors and urges you to play it safe!

Preparing yourself adequately is the first step in the safe and enjoyable practice of your favourite activities. **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY** and risk management is an integral part of your experience.

Before leaving for an excursion, **MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED** to practice your chosen activity **AND RESPECT YOUR PHYSICAL LIMITS**. Your outing should leave you with nothing but pleasant memories. There are a number of organizations that can help you plan your activities safely. Do not hesitate to contact them. We also invite you to consult our safety guides for Sépaq activities on our website at

sepaq.com/security

CHECKLIST

BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME

- Plan on going with at least one other person.
- Check the weather report.
- Pack water and food, even if the activity is only for a few hours.
- See that you have appropriate clothing and footwear for anticipated weather conditions.
- Let somebody know the exact location of your destination and the time you plan to return home.






ONCE YOU ARE ON SITE

- Do not rely on your cellphone.
- Check how much time it will take to complete your activity.
- Obey signs and notices, including bans on open fires.

WHEN YOU GET BACK

- Once you have completed your activity, make sure that you report to our staff anything wrong or any damage or problems you encountered.

REMINDERS

-  During your visit to a national park, you must always carry your entry fee receipt or your annual entry card.
-  To preserve our natural riches, you are not allowed to remove any natural elements (animals, plants, dead wood, rocks, etc.). Please also keep to established hiking trails to avoid trampling flora.
-  Animals find all they need to eat in nature. Feeding wildlife can be very damaging. Keep food or garbage out of reach of animals.
-  We ask you to carry out all your garbage.
-  Domestic animals are not accepted in Québec's national parks. However, guide dogs and service dogs are admitted.

PILOT PROJECT AUTHORIZING DOGS

A pilot project is in place, authorizing the presence of dogs in FRONTENAC (Saint-Daniel sector), JACQUES-CARTIER and OKA national parks, and will continue into its second year. Please read the applicable rules and authorized places at sepaq.com/animals.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: 911

SÛRETÉ DU QUÉBEC: 310-4141 (general number) / 4141 (for cellphones)

*Where cellphone networks are available. The costs and expenses incurred in conducting search and rescue operations are the responsibility of the beneficiary. You can obtain protection against these risks from an insurer.

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Thurso

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to the west area of the park.

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