

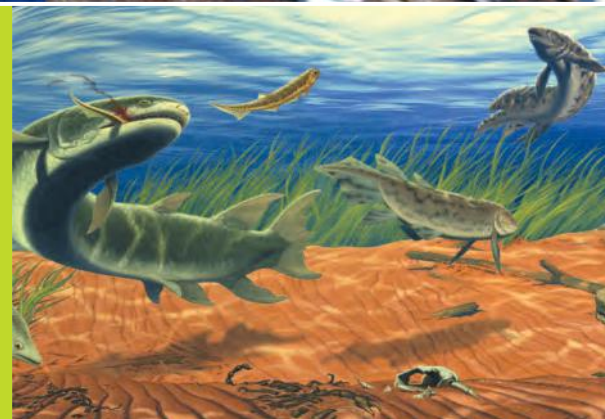


# PARC NATIONAL DE L'ÎLE-BONAVENTURE-ET-DU-ROCHER-PERCÉ



## PARC NATIONAL DE MIGUASHA

The only site of its kind in the world, this small national park in Chaleur Bay offers a window into the world of paleontology – a quest in search of our origins suited to visitors of all ages. The varied activities include a puppet theatre, a participatory geology activity and, above all, the exhibition and presentation on Elpi, the King of Miguasha. A little side trip leading to a 380-million-year voyage!



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|--------------------------------------------|---------|
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| Annual Network Card                        | \$76.50 |
| Annual Park Card                           | \$42.50 |

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# MUST-DOS

## AN ISLAND, A ROCK, A NATIONAL PARK.

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### DISCOVERY EVENINGS

In Percé, La Saline meeting house opens its doors for a variety of Discovery Evenings about the park and its inhabitants.

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### IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE ISLANDERS

Immerse yourself in the lives and lifestyle of these fishermen of the past during a hike on the Chemin du Roy.



### PIRATE DUVAL'S TREASURE HUNT

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# HIKING TRAILS AND DISCOVERY ACTIVITIES

## HIKING TRAILS

| TRAIL            | DISTANCE AND DURATION | TYPE       | DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY | ELEVATION CHANGE (METRES) |
|------------------|-----------------------|------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Les Mousses      | 7 km – 2.5 h          | Round trip | Intermediate         | 120                       |
| Les Colonies     | 5.6 km – 1.5 h        | Round trip | Intermediate         | 135                       |
| Le Paget         | 7.4 km – 2 h          | Round trip | Intermediate         | 90                        |
| Le chemin du Roy | 9.4 km – 3 h          | Round trip | Intermediate         | 75                        |

## DISCOVERY ACTIVITIES

| DAY(S)                                                                | SECTOR          | TIME                   | DURATION   | ACTIVITY                      | TYPE OF ACTIVITY | MEETING POINT        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| SPRING / MAY 22 TO JUNE 4                                             |                 |                        |            |                               |                  |                      |
| Every day                                                             | Charles Robin   | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.       | 45 minutes | Access to Discovery Centre    | Self-guided      | Chafaud              |
|                                                                       | Île-Bonaventure | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.       |            | Access to gannet colony       | Self-guided      |                      |
| JUNE 5 TO 18                                                          |                 |                        |            |                               |                  |                      |
| Every day                                                             | Charles Robin   | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.       | 45 minutes | Discovery Centre              | Self-guided      | Chafaud              |
|                                                                       | Île-Bonaventure | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.       |            | Maison Le Boutillier          | Self-guided      |                      |
|                                                                       |                 |                        | 30 minutes | Des plumes par milliers       | Posted activity  | Colonies             |
| SUMMER / JUNE 19 TO AUGUST 26                                         |                 |                        |            |                               |                  |                      |
| Every day                                                             | Percé wharf     | 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.       | 45 minutes | Outing on the water           | Posted activity  | Boat company         |
| Every day                                                             | Charles Robin   | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.       |            | Discovery Centre              | Self-guided      | Chafaud              |
| Sunday through Friday                                                 |                 | 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. | 1 hour     | Evening events                | Talk             | Saline               |
| Every day                                                             | Île-Bonaventure | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.       | 30 minutes | Des plumes par milliers       | Posted activity  | Colonies             |
|                                                                       |                 | 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.     | 2 hours    | L'exubérance de la nature     | Guided           | Sentier des Colonies |
| Every day (From June 19)                                              | Île-Bonaventure | 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.      | 2 hours    | Dans les pas des insulaires   | Guided           | Chemin du Roy        |
| Every day                                                             | Île-Bonaventure | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.       | 30 minutes | Des morues et des hommes      | Posted or guided | Maison Le Boutillier |
| Saturday                                                              |                 | 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. |            | Shining a Light on the Stars  | Talk             | Saline               |
| JULY 3 TO AUGUST 13                                                   |                 |                        |            |                               |                  |                      |
| On days when the island is closed to visitors, Île-Bonaventure sector | Charles Robin   | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.       | 45 minutes | Interpretation activities     | Talk             | Saline               |
|                                                                       |                 |                        |            | Discovery Centre              | Self-guided      | Chafaud              |
| AUGUST 27 TO SEPTEMBER 16                                             |                 |                        |            |                               |                  |                      |
| Every day                                                             | Charles Robin   | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.       |            | Discovery Centre              | Self-guided      | Chafaud              |
| Every day                                                             | Île-Bonaventure | 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.       | 30 minutes | Des plumes par milliers       | Posted activity  | Colonies             |
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| FALL / SEPTEMBER 17 TO 30                                             |                 |                        |            |                               |                  |                      |
| Every day                                                             | Charles Robin   | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.       |            | Discovery Centre              | Self-guided      | Chafaud              |
| Every day                                                             | Île-Bonaventure | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.       |            | Access to gannet colony       | Self-guided      | Colonies             |
|                                                                       |                 | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.       |            | Acces to Maison Le Boutillier | Self-guided      | Maison Le Boutillier |
| OCTOBER 1 <sup>ST</sup> TO 9                                          |                 |                        |            |                               |                  |                      |
| Every day                                                             | Charles Robin   | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.       |            | Discovery Centre              | Self-guided      | Chafaud              |
| Every day                                                             | Île-Bonaventure | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.       |            | Access to gannet colony       | Self-guided      | Colonies             |
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## CONSERVATION ISSUES AT THE PARC NATIONAL DE L'ÎLE-BONAVENTURE- ET-DU-ROCHER-PERCÉ

National parks are created to protect natural environments and special sites that are representative of a given natural region or exceptional in some way. The features of these areas are showcased by interpretation of the natural and cultural heritage and by providing access to numerous outdoor activities. Conservation issues can sometimes arise from the need to protect these natural areas while providing access to them.

At the Parc national de l'Île-Bonaventure-et-du-Rocher-Percé, the main conservation issues are:

The park's importance is an important nesting site for several species of seabirds. Some 200,000 seabirds, including 110,000 Northern Gannets, make Île Bonaventure the most accessible bird-watching site for these species. Because the Northern Gannets have had breeding problems, two teams of researchers from the Canadian Wildlife Service and the Université du Québec à Rimouski (UQAR) have been studying the colony for the last few years. This basic research is essential to supply information to park warden-naturalists who present the park and its wildlife to visitors, raising awareness about the changes taking place in recent years.

The importance of history – from the indigenous peoples, through the French reign, to English rule – is represented in the park by a rich industrial and vernacular heritage representing the lives and lifestyles of these diverse pioneers. Over the last fifteen years, this architectural heritage has been restored, bringing it back to life to recreate and preserve a sense of place. Preserving these buildings is vital and valuable, because they tell our story: the story of the people of the Gaspésie and Québec.

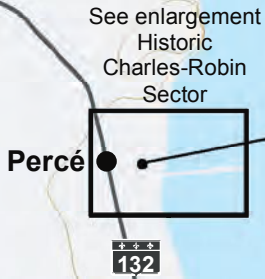
The region's impressive geology is reflected in iconic places such as Percé Rock and Île Bonaventure, but there are no less than five distinct geological formations found here, making the park the only site of its kind in Québec. The coastline in Percé has been particularly severely affected by erosion problems related to climate change in recent years. Safety issues in the Percé Rock sector, where tons of rock fall each year, have led us to redouble our efforts to raise visitor awareness regarding the dangers of erosion.

For more information on how you can take part in conservation efforts in our national parks, visit: [fondsparcsquebec.com](https://fondsparcsquebec.com) (French only).



**CAUTION**  
**IT'S JUST TOO DANGEROUS!**

Walking alongside Percé Rock and Mont Joli **is extremely dangerous**. Several tons of debris fall from the rock and Mont Joli every year, during every season.

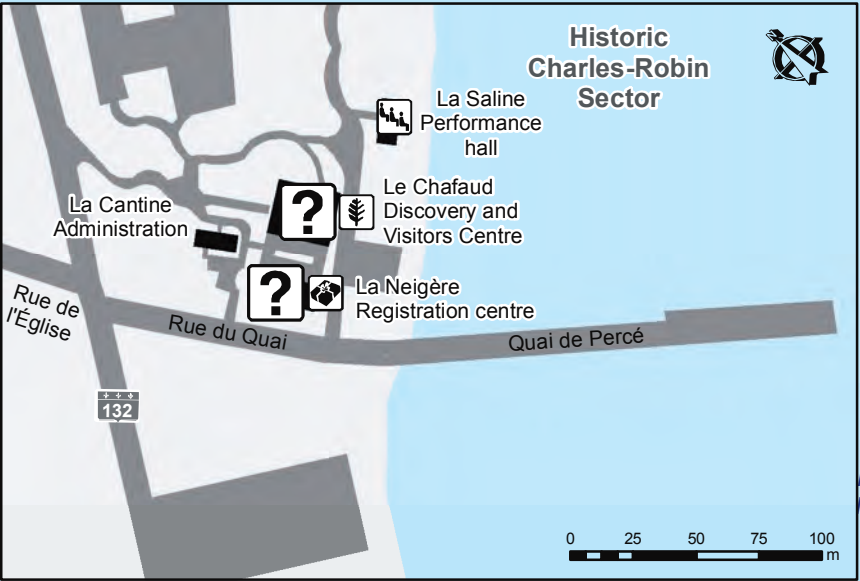


Registration centre



## Historic Charles-Robin Sector

|                                                                                    |                                   |                                                                                     |                           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
|  | Registration centre / Information |  | Toilet                    |
|  | Boutique Nature shop              |  | Scree area                |
|  | Nature interpretation             |  | Road network              |
|  | Picnic                            |  | Trail                     |
|  | Wharf                             |  | Length of trail sections  |
|  | Hiking                            |  | National park boundary    |
|  | Migratory bird refuge             |  | Marine environment zone   |
|  | Food services                     |  | Conservation zone         |
|  | Performance hall                  |  | Extreme conservation zone |
|  | Observation site                  |                                                                                     |                           |



Service area





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| Données originales utilisées | Années |
| Banque de données Sépaq      | 2017   |
| Cartes topographiques        | 2001   |

Équidistance des courbes de niveau : 10 mètres  
Source des données utilisées  
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# PARC NATIONAL DE MIGUASHA



## LONG LIVE ELPI, THE KING OF MIGUASHA!



The only fossil of its kind in the world, this specimen of *Elpistostege watsoni* – Elpi for short – may be the fish most closely related to humans ever discovered on Earth.

This summer, visitors will have an opportunity to see this 380 million years old fossil predestined to be renowned around the world.

Exhibited in the Natural History Museum of the parc national de Miguasha.

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## OUR TOP PICKS

### AT PARC NATIONAL DE MIGUASHA

Take a look at our not-to-be-missed offers: popular activities, trails to discover with your family, and cosy spots for a stay.

- Elpi Rally
- Puppet theatres
- Sandbox



# MUST-DOS

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Puppet show, fossil hunting in a sandbox, treasure hunt...



## ELPI: THE ORIGINS OF A QUEST

Learn about our close ties with this distant relative in an activity that reveals all Elpi's secrets...



## THE MIGUASHA FOSSIL CLIFF

To date, the cliff has yielded some 12,500 fossilized specimens. Discover the fascinating geology that makes Miguasha so special.



## FROM WATER TO LAND

Get up close with fascinating extinct species... Come see why Miguasha is the most representative Devonian site in the world.



# PLAY <sup>IT</sup> 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](http://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](http://sepaq.com/animals).

## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: 911

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\*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.

### Parc national de l'Île-Bonaventure-et-du-Rocher-Percé

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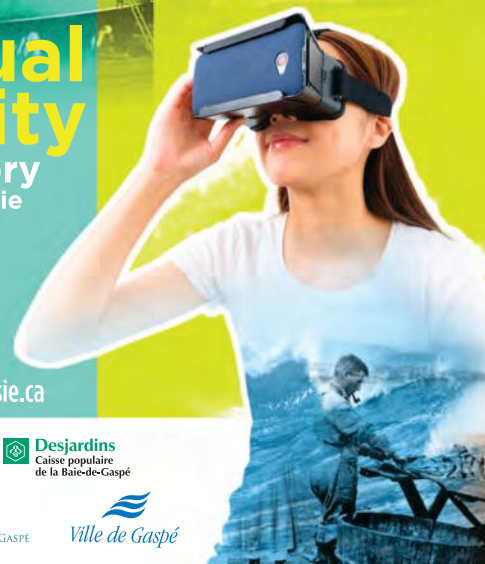
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