

Traduction - Version originale en français

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

A

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.



B

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!



C

Rental Center

Bicycles, paddle boards (SUP), kayaks, pedal boats, canoes, rowboats. Our rental center at the far end of the picnic area and choose one of several options to explore the park and Reservoir Choinière.



D

Nocturnal Symphony

Accompanied by a park ranger, join us around an evening campfire to discover the origins of the mysterious noises that can be heard in the forest after dark with a nocturnal hike.

Details on page 6.



E

To Joys of Winter

Hiking, fatbikes, snowshoeing, sliding, wildlife observation, ice fishing and cross-country skiing with our surface grooming technique. There are stunning viewpoints to take in. Equipment rental at Visitors Center for December to March.



F

La Rivière Trail

This 2.5km trail offers a varied panorama. After passing through a dense pine forest, you'll discover the Rivière Yamaska Nord as it exits at the foot of the Choinière dam. A nature quiz for the whole family completes the trail.



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Discover our trails

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

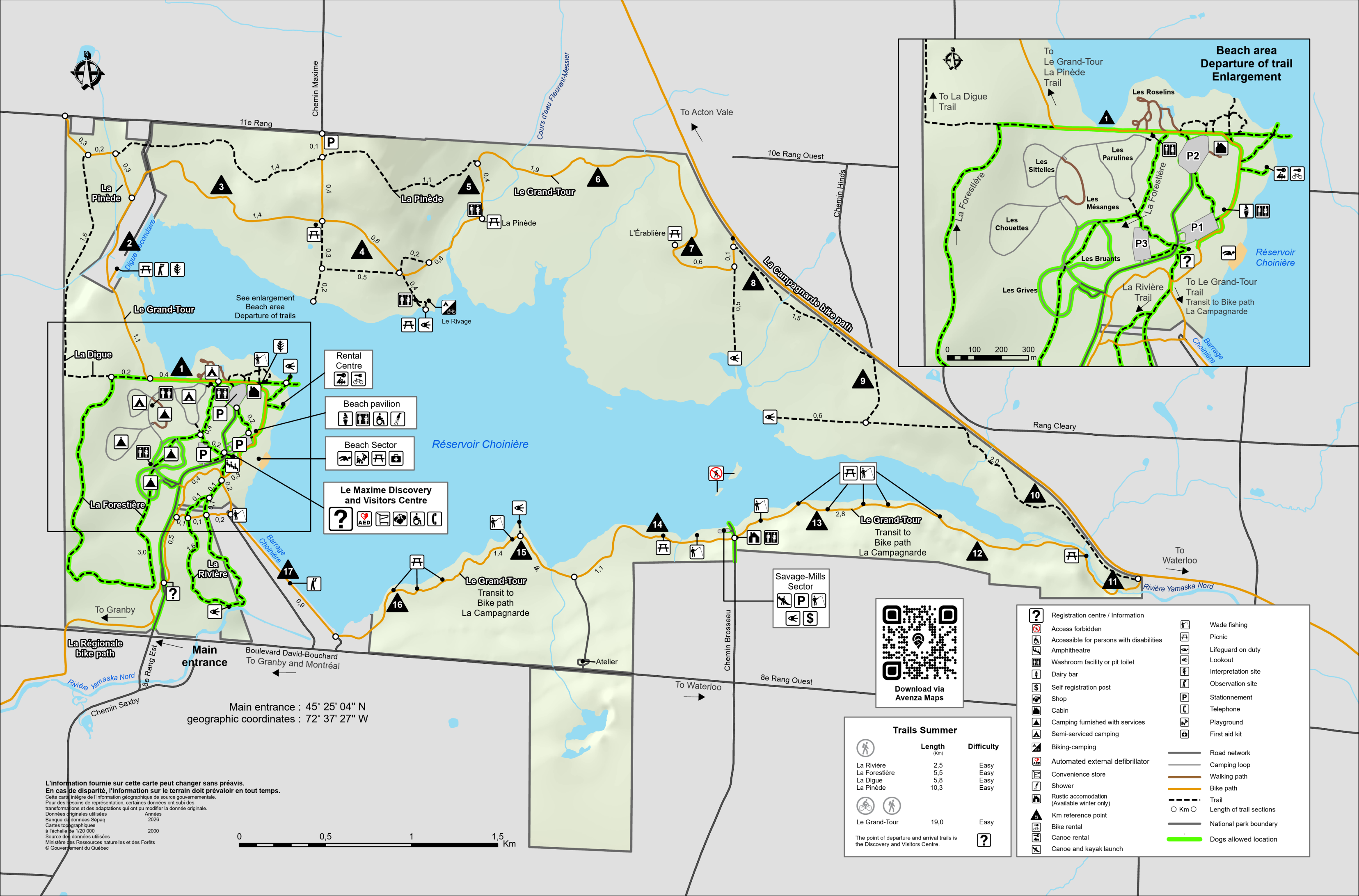
		LENGTH AND DURATION*		LEVEL	DEPARTURE
  	La Rivière – This trail provides a varied panorama. You will be engulfed by a dense pine forest and its intriguing environment. You will come upon north Yamaska river as it exits from the forest at the foot of the Choinière dam. This trail is enhanced by a game of questions and observations about nature for the whole family.	2.5 Km loop	1 h	E	Visitors Center
	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.	5.5 Km loop	2 h	E	
	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. 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.	5.8 Km loop	2 h	E	
	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. Pay special attention to details such as the discreet presence of a few former orchards which are vestiges of a not-so-distant era.	10.3 Km loop	3 h 30	E	
	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. 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.	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

Equipment rental

NAUTICAL	1 h	4 h	DAY
Pedal Boat 2 Seater	\$23.25	\$46.50	---
Pedal Boat 4 Seater	\$26.75	\$53.50	---
Canoe	\$19.75	\$39	\$55.50
Solo Kayak	\$18	\$36.50	\$51
Tandem Kayak	\$22.75	\$45.50	\$65
Stand-up Paddle (SUP)	\$19.50	\$36.50	\$52
Multi-Person Stand-up Paddle (SUP)	\$29	\$56	\$79.75
Rowboat	\$17.25	\$34.50	\$48.75
Electric Motor	---	\$27.25	\$39
BIKE	1 h	4 h	DAY
Adult Hybrid Bike	\$16.50	\$32.50	\$46.75
Children Bike	\$8	\$16	\$23.25
ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT	1 h	4 h	DAY
Life Jacket, Helmet, Paddle, First Aid Kit	---	---	\$8.25

Taxes not included. Card payment only. No cash accepted.





Lively and self-directed activities



A Walk to Remember

Take a stroll along the magnificent 'La Rivière' trail and try to answer the various questions that await you there. A picturesque 2.5 km hike allows you to test your knowledge of the fauna, flora and ecosystems of the Yamaska National Park. Perfect for families!



Nocturnal Symphony

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.
Duration: 60 minutes.

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

DISCOVERY ACTIVITIES

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

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



Bulletin de conservation

Dans notre nature



Discover our latest achievements and initiatives in conservation and education in our *Bulletin* (available in French only).

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.



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

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 + tax / adult
Duration: 90 minutes
Information and reservation: At the Visitors Center 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 Center 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



DEADWOOD IS EXPENSIVE



Did you know that?

- Burning deadwood in a national park is **prohibited by the Parks Act and Regulation**
- Leaving your campsite to gather deadwood in the forest is **prohibited**
- Deadwood is a **source of energy** and a **habitat for many living organisms**
- Firewood for your campfire is **sold at the park's visitors centre**
- A statement of offence and a fine (\$) will be given **upon first offence**

Ask our team for additional details.



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.

Thank you for your
collaboration!

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!



Phragmites australis

The common reed is an invasive exotic plant that competes with native Quebec species, such as cattails, and negatively affects the biodiversity of invaded ecosystems. In our national park, eradication work has been underway for several years on the campgrounds, at the beach and around the trail network.

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.