



Mingan Archipelago
National Park Reserve

Visitor Guide 2023



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| Emergency shelter | Picnic area | Wharf | Oasis | Private island |
| Picnic shelter | Look-out | Maritime transportation departure | Lighthouse | Area closed when seabirds are nesting |
| Accessible to mobility-impaired persons | Wilderness Campground | Accommodation | Marked hiking trail | Hiking on Île Nue de Mingan is permitted only along the seashore |
| Accessible to mobility-impaired persons with assistance | Group campground | Marina | oTENTik | Park boundaries |
| Interpretation activities | Visitor reception and interpretation centre | Pleasure craft anchorage area | Red chairs | Sectors closed to visitors are subject to change. |

2023 Activities

INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES

DATES	LOCATION	THEMES	MEETING POINT
Daily From June 5 to September 15	Île aux Perroquets	Une île, un phare, des oiseaux Find out more about the history of the island's lighthouse keepers and the seabirds that kept them company.	Journey to the island from the Longue-Pointe-de-Mingan beach with local boat operators*
	Île Nue de Mingan	Au-delà des apparences, une île riche Immerse yourself in the human and natural history of this island.	
Daily From June 12 to September 29	Île Quarry	Une mosaïque d'habitats Enter a mosaic of habitats (seashore, forest, barrens, bogs and cliffs).	Journey to the island from the Havre-Saint-Pierre marina with local boat operators*
	Île Niapiskau	La formation des monolithes Discover the origin of the ancient monoliths.	

* See "Boat operators" section

EXHIBITS

LOCATIONS	TITLES
Havre-Saint-Pierre Reception and Interpretation Centre (Portail Pélagie-Cormier)	Life stories from the Mingan Islands
Longue-Pointe-de-Mingan Reception and Interpretation Centre	Islands in the sea
Île aux Perroquets	Life on Perroquets

PARKS CANADA ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS

To complement your visit, different Parks Canada activities and programs are at your disposal.



RED CHAIRS

Several adirondack-style red chairs are placed in special locations on the islands and on the mainland, allowing you to take some time to contemplate nature. Enjoy these exceptional views!

#sharethechair



PARKS CANADA SHOP

Memories await! Would you like to bring back some souvenirs of your stay at the Mingan Archipelago? We have many gifts that are certain to please every member of your family! Visit one of our shops, located in our Reception and Interpretation Centres.



VIRGINIA GARDEN

Here is your chance to observe beautiful plants such as the Mingan thistle, the Gulf of St. Lawrence dandelion and the sparrow's egg lady's slipper, even if you don't end up going to the islands. Learn more about Brother Marie-Victorin who stayed in Minganie between 1924 and 1928, and discover the ties that connected him to the locals.



PERFECT PICNIC

Our twist on "take-out": Everything tastes better when you eat it outside! We partnered with local restaurants to offer you a Perfect Picnic! Pick up a ready-made lunch and let nature design your dining space.



GEOCACHING

You're invited to join the world's largest treasure hunt. Download the Geocaching® app to discover the locations of the geocaches near you. With the help of some hints, go find them, sign the logbook and enter your discovery in the app. You will find a few geocaches in the Mingan Archipelago.

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



CLUB PARKA

Parka is the proud founder of Club Parka, a series of activities which encourage preschoolers to explore, discover, learn and have fun. Club Parka offers families with young children a value-added experience, a first step in creating a long-term relationship between our youngest visitors and Parks Canada. Get your booklet at one of our Reception and Interpretation Centres.



XPLORERS

The Xplorers program is an excellent way for kids aged 6 to 11 to discover Parks Canada sites with their families. The content for each booklet uses fun, interactive, and site-specific activities to guide kids to different locations at a site and encourages them to interact with the world around them. Get your booklet at one of our Reception and Interpretation Centres.



KIDS CORNER - PORTAIL PÉLAGIE CORMIER

The kids corner of the Portail Pélagie Cormier includes several activities and indoor games (tent, coloring, thislste game and others). Young & adults are welcomed to play the game SOS Thistle. As you play, learn more about the mingan thistle, a rare plant which is at risk of extinction.

Club Parka



Interpretation activities



Islands in the sea





CAMPING AND ACCOMMODATIONS

For the full island experience, why not spend the night on one of the islands of the archipelago? There are options to suit every taste: wilderness camping, oTENTik tents, Ôasis accommodations or a 4-star inn.

ISLAND	DISTANCE FROM THE DOCK	CAMPGROUNDS	NUMBER OF SITES
Île à la Chasse	Less than 50 m	Havre à Landry	6
Île du Havre	800 m	Havre au Sauvage	2
	Less than 50 m	Anse des Noyés	4 Ôasis
Île Niapiskau	Less than 50 m	Anse du Noroît	4
Île Quarry	400 m	Baie de Quarry Est	6 oTENTik
	450 m	Baie de Quarry Ouest	8
La Grande Île	200 m	Havre à Petit-Henri	2 Ôasis
			2
Île Nue de Mingan	1,2 km	Île Nue de Mingan	2

› Opening season: June 12 to September 10 however Baie de Quarry Ouest campground is open until September 30th.

› It is possible to camp before and after these dates. Contact our Reception and Interpretation Centres.

› Camping permit IS **mandatory**.

› There are outhouses and a wood shelter near the campsites. Firewood is supplied.

› There are no restaurants on the islands and drinking water is not provided.

CAMPGROUND

Enjoy a peaceful stay and experience a journey of discovery. Campsites are equipped with a tent platform, a picnic table and a cooking fireplace and are available on six different islands.

GROUP CAMPING

On Île du Havre, in Anse des Noyés, there are two campsites especially designed for organized or school groups. Each site can accommodate 12 to 25 people and is equipped with picnic tables, a cooking fireplace and three tent platforms.

OTENTIK TENT

Enjoy a furnished, heated and lit accommodation, a cross between a tent and a rustic cabin. Built on a raised floor and attached to a small patio, the oTENTik tent can accommodate up to six people. Each tent is also equipped with a barbecue with a side burner (propane included), a picnic table, a cooking fireplace and camping chairs.

ÔASIS ACCOMMODATION

Make it a memorable family experience or couple's getaway in a teardrop-shaped 'duplex'. Each unit is equipped with a convertible table/bed on the main level that can accommodate two adults (maximum) as well as a suspended hammock loft above, perfect for two children or one adult (maximum 180 kg). A barbecue with a side burner is available on site (propane included), a picnic table, a cooking fireplace and camping chairs.





RATE

- › **Camping site:** \$16.75 / night
 - › **Group camping:** \$5.25 / person / night (minimum 12 people)
Free for children under 6
 - › **oTENTik tent:** \$128 / night
 - › **Oasis:** \$128 / night
 - › **Fire permit:** \$11.75 / permit / night (mandatory)
 - › **Park entrance fees:** see the fee schedule at the back of this document
- * Fees shown are subject to change.*

CAMPING RESERVATION POLICY

- › **Reservation is recommended**
- › Online: www.reservation.pc.gc.ca
By phone : 1 877 737-3783
- › **Reservation, change or cancellation fees**
Online: \$11.50 | By phone: \$13.50
- › This fee is non-refundable.
Reservation fee is charged per stay (a series of consecutive nights) for each site.
- › If campers **do not return at the expected time**, voluntarily or otherwise, applicable fees for site rental and daily admission will be charged upon their arrival, based on the length of their extended stay.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE

- › Book your trip with a boat operator recognized by Parks Canada to plan your access to the islands (additional fees apply).
- › Visit one of our Reception and Interpretation Centres at least one hour prior to your departure to get your camping permit (mandatory).
- › Arrive at the dock or beach at least 30 minutes prior to your departure time.
- › Make sure you know when and where the boat will pick you up on the day of your return to the mainland.

FOR AN OPTIMAL EXPERIENCE, DON'T FORGET TO BRING:

- › Food and drinking water for at least two extra days (we recommend 2 litres per day per person).
- › Your kitchenware, cutlery and dishes.
- › A good sleeping bag, warm waterproof clothes and hiking boots.
- › A small axe and some matches.
- › An adequate communication device and a first aid kit.

4-STAR ACCOMMODATION IN A LIGHTHOUSE

Treat yourself to an eco-friendly overnight stay at Auberge de l'île aux Perroquets. Tuck in for the night in one of the two lightstation houses.

Information or reservation :

Corporation de l'île aux Perroquets
418 949-0005 or 1 855 717-7657
info@ileauxperroquets.ca






HIKING

In total, 80 km of trails spread over nine different islands will allow you to discover the island. Step by step, on the trails or along the beaches, soak in the moment and discover intriguing natural sculptures while admiring this exceptional setting!

Leaflets for self-guided tours as well as **tide tables** are available at our Reception and Interpretation Centres.

Shoreline hike or name of the trail	Island	Length / Approximative duration	Type	Level
Shoreline hike	Grosse île au Marteau*	4.1 km / 1 hour 30 minutes	loop	intermediate
La Lumière Trail	Petite île au Marteau	1.1 km / 30 minutes	linear	easy 
Shoreline hike	Île du Havre	17.2 km / 8 hours	loop	intermediate
Campanules Trail	Île du Fantôme	0.7 km / 25 minutes	linear	easy
Poète Jomphe Trail	Île Niapiskau	0.3 km / 15 minutes	loop	easy
Samuel Trail	Île Niapiskau	4.4 km / 2 hours	linear	intermediate
Les Falaises Trail	Île Quarry	1.2 km / 45 minutes	linear	easy
Le Petit Percé hike	Île Quarry	3.8 km / 2 hours	loop	intermediate
Les Cyripèdes hike	Île Quarry	10.8 km / 5 hours	loop	intermediate
Anse des Érosions Trail	Île Quarry	0.6 km / 15 minutes	linear	easy
Shoreline hike	La Grande Île	27.2 km / 12 hours	loop	intermediate
Shoreline hike	Île Nue de Mingan**	9.0 km / 4 hours	loop	easy
Trail hike	Île aux Perroquets**	0.3 km / 10 minutes	linear	easy

* As of July 1st only. Book now with boat operators as the number of authorized hikers is limited. Note that a section of Grosse île au Marteau's shoreline is not accessible in order to assure visitors security and to protect nesting birds from disturbances.

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FOR YOUR SAFETY

Hiking along the shoreline is a great way to explore the Mingan Archipelago, but please, be aware of the following risks:



Falling rocks are a hazard near the cliffs. When possible, keep a safe distance, avoid walking beneath overhanging rocks and do not stop at the base of cliffs. Hike around low tide to stay away from the cliffs. Even with these precautions, be aware that falling rocks may sometimes be unavoidable and dangerous.



Please proceed with caution. Some areas along the shoreline may present difficult walking conditions and may cause you to fall. At low tide, water and seaweed on the rocks create slippery conditions. Hiking along the shoreline can be difficult at high tide as water may block the trail.



Climbing on the monoliths is dangerous and prohibited.



Transportation and Nautical Activities



The Mingan Archipelago National Park Reserve is only accessible by boat.

The boat operators mentioned in this brochure provide a variety of transportation services to the islands. Through an agreement with Parks Canada, these operators must respect the itineraries and schedules as well as ensure a high standard of service.

It is strongly recommended that you contact these service providers for more information or to make reservations. A minimum number of passengers is required for the trips to take place.

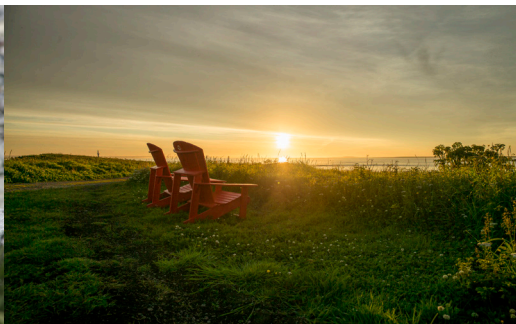
Note: The islands are accessible by personal watercraft. However, it is prohibited to access the park with private boat operators who do not hold a business license issued by Parks Canada.

NOTICE

Some contractors offer activities outside of the park. These activities, including navigation around the park, are the sole responsibility of the contractors concerned.

Parks Canada is not responsible for accidents or incidents that may occur during activities outside the park boundaries.

Contact the boat operator to learn more about maritime conditions before your departure (recommended).



Boat operators

DEPARTURES FROM HAVRE-SAINT-PIERRE

Services Maritimes Boréale

1010, promenade des Anciens
Havre-Saint-Pierre
Phone : 418 538-2865 or 1 866 538-2865 (toll free)
f @ServicesMaritimesBoreale
www.smboreale.com

Boats :

Marsouin III (12 passengers)
Capitaine Yockell (36 passengers)
Le Perroquet de mer and Le Calculot (47 passengers each)

Cruise / sea excursion with stopovers on Île Quarry and on Île Niapiskau

From June 5 to October 7
Departure : 8:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. | Duration: 4 hours 20 minutes

Cruise / sea excursion with stopover on Île Niapiskau

From July 10 to August 20
Departure: 2:30 p.m. | Duration : 2 hours 30 minutes

Cruise / sea excursion with stopovers on Île du Fantôme, Île Niapiskau and Île Quarry

From July 10 to August 20
Departure: 8:15 a.m. | Duration: 6 hours

Water taxi for hikers

From June 8 to September 13
Destination: **Petite Île au Marteau, Grosse Île au Marteau and Île du Havre**
Departures: 8:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m.

Destination : **Île Quarry**
Departures: 9:30 a.m.

Combo Marteau : petite or grosse île au marteau

Departure : 8:00 a.m. | Transfer : 2:00 p.m.

Combo île Quarry and île Niapiskau

Departure : 9:30 a.m. | Transfer : 1:15 p.m.

Water taxi for campers

From June 12 to September 8

Destination : **La Grande île**

Departure : 9:30 a.m.

Destination : **île Niapiskau**

Departure : 12:30 p.m.

Destination : **île du Havre**

Havre au Sauvage

Departure : 2:00 p.m.

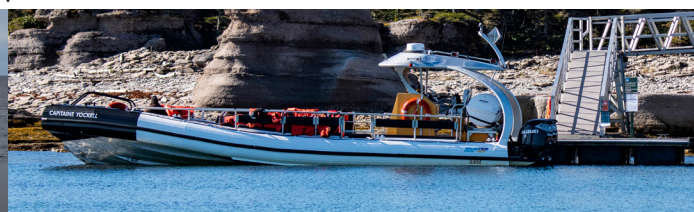
Anse des Noyés

Departure : 8:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. or 5:00 p.m.

Form June 12 to Septembre 30

Destinations : **île Quarry**

Departure: 12:30 p.m. | Return : 11:45 a.m.



Croisières du Capitaine Richard

Havre-Saint-Pierre marina
Havre-Saint-Pierre
Phone : 418 538-3375 or 418 566-3112
f Croisières du Capitaine Richard

Boat :

La Mariner V (12 passengers)

Tailor-made cruise with stopovers on 3 or 4 islands

Destinations: **Île Quarry, Île Niapiskau, Île du Fantôme, Petite Île au Marteau**

From June 1 to September 30
Departure: 8:15 a.m. | Duration: all day long



Boat operators

DEPARTURES FROM LONGUE-POINTE-DE-MINGAN

Excursions du Phare

126 de la Mer St.
Longue-Pointe-de-Mingan
Phone : 418 949-2302 or 1 877 949-2302 (toll free)
f Excursion aux îles Mingan
www.minganie.info

Boats:

Le Phare I and Le Phare II (12 passengers each)

June 5 to September 15

Sea excursions with stopovers on Île aux Perroquets and Île Nue de Mingan

Departures: 8:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
Duration: 3 hours 30 minutes

Sea excursions with stopovers on La Grande Île, Île Nue de Mingan and Île aux Perroquets

Departure: 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. | Duration: 3 hours 30 minutes

Depending on boat availability

Entreprises touristiques Loiselle

109 and 207 de la Mer St.
Longue-Pointe-de-Mingan
Phone : 418 949-2307 or 1 866 949-2307 (toll free)
f @entrepriseloiselle
www.tourisme-loiselle.com

Boats:

Le Macareux and Le Perroquet (12 passengers each)

From June 5 to September 15

Sea excursion with stopovers on Île aux Perroquets and Île Nue de Mingan

Departures: 8:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
Duration: 3 hours 30 minutes



Sea excursions on La Grande Île with stops at Le Château and le Zoo

Departures: 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. | Duration : 4 to 5 hours

Water taxi for hikers

Destination: Île aux Perroquets, Île Nue de Mingan,

Departures: 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Water taxi for campers

Destination: Île Nue de Mingan and La Grande île

Departures: flexible



Sea excursion around Île aux Perroquets and Île Nue de Mingan

Departures: flexible hours
Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes

Water taxi for hikers and/or campers

Destination: Île aux Perroquets (hikers only), Île Nue de Mingan

Departures: flexible hours

If you practice nautical activities by yourself, be informed!

Before setting out to enjoy sea activities in the archipelago, make sure you have all the equipment and information you need. This will contribute to your safety and enhance your experience.

- › Make sure you have an adequate communication device. Mobile phone coverage is limited in the park.
- › Visit the slgo.ca website to view the “Mingan Atlas of Currents” (ocean currents around the Mingan islands).
- › Ask about the mandatory equipment that you need to bring for your sea expedition.
- › Get the tide tables and topographic maps from our Reception and Interpretation Centres.
- › Visit charts.gc.ca to get nautical charts.
- › Make sure you know the other specificities related to navigating in the archipelago.

Nautical Activities

SEA KAYAKING

Noryak Aventures

Phone : 418 949-2707

 @Noryakaventures

www.noryak.ca

Full-day excursion

Bay of the Romaine River

From July 1 to September 9

Departure: 9:00 a.m. | Duration: 6 hours

Île aux Perroquets (upon request)

From June 1 to August 15

Departure: flexible hours | Duration: 8 to 9 hours

La Grande Île

From July 6 to August 26

Offered only certain days in the season (see company website)

Departures: 9 a.m. | Duration: 8 to 9 hours

* Round-trip transportation by boat

Base camp excursion on Grande Île

* Round-trip transportation by boat

Duration 4 days / 3 nights


June 28 to July 1st | July 3 to 6 | July 17 to 20 | July 24 to 27 |
July 31 to August 3 | August 6 to 9

Departures : 9:00 a.m. | Return at the end of the day



Quatre natures (departure from Quebec City)

Phone : 418 271-7234

 @quatrenatures

www.quatrenatures.com

7-day travel packages (group of 12 persons maximum)

Departure: July 29 to August 4

5-day sea kayaking excursion in the Mingan Archipelago, departing from Montreal or Quebec City.

STAND-UP PADDLEBOARDING

Les Vagues - Loisirs marins

1740 de l'Anse St.

Havre-Saint-Pierre

Phone : 418 553-3849

 @lesvagueshp

www.lesvagues.ca

From Juin 15 to September 4

Excursion SUP Marteau

Departure: 6:00 a.m., depending on weather conditions

Duration: 5 to 6 hours

Transportation by boat possible depending on weather conditions

Group classes

Initiation | SUP Zen | SUP Fit

Departure: flexible hours

Duration: 45 minutes to 2 hours

Outdoor retreat - L'Exode 1 jour

July 1st, July 15, August 12, August 26 and September 2

* Postponed to the next day in case of bad weather

Duration: 1 day

Equipment available for rent



SCUBA DIVING

Services Maritimes Boréale

1010, promenade des Anciens

Havre-Saint-Pierre

Phone : 418 538-2865 or 1 866 538-2865 (toll free)

 @ServicesMaritimesBoreale

www.smboreale.com

Water taxi for scuba divers

From June 5 to October 7 - Marsouin III

Departures: flexible hours, depending on the availability of the boat

* You must have your own diving equipment. Air station available for filling tanks.

A CONSERVATION TEAM DEDICATED TO THE PROTECTION OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

THE DECLINE OF BATS

Populations of several bat species have been declining in Canada since the emergence of white-nose syndrome, a disease which affects bats during the winter season. This disease has progressed slowly to the Mingan Archipelago where it was first observed in the summer of 2018.

The conservation team has been using bioacoustic recording stations to monitor bat species found on the Mingan Islands every summer since 2015. In the summer of 2023, for the 9th consecutive year, 11 recording stations will be deployed on several islands. Echolocation calls are recorded with ultrasound devices and converted into sonogram data, which makes it possible to identify the species to which calls belong. Since 2015, five different bat species have been identified, including two species that are endangered in Canada, the Little Brown Myotis and the Northern Myotis.

MINGAN THISTLE

In 2022 the Mingan thistle was designated endangered in Canada. Recovery efforts established in the MANPR since 2021 have greatly helped them. Seedlings and transplantation of plants produced by collaborators enabled plant numbers to increase from 444 in 2017 to 3652 in 2021. The Mingan thistle remains in a precarious state, as most of the colonies are still too small to survive over a long-term period.

Additionally, threats such as storms enhanced by climatic changes remain a concern. Recovery actions must continue to obtain a viable population. Long-term monitoring will allow to document the results of these actions and determine the state of this fragile species. Stop and take the time to see the Mingan thistle in the “Jardin Virginia”, located next to the Havre-St-Pierre marina.

MONITORING RARE PLANTS IN THE MANPR

Many rare plant species can be found in the MANPR, thanks to its geological, climatic, and geographical characteristics. Some of these distinctive plants are monitored by the conservation team every five years.

In 2023, one species will be monitored, the golden draba. In total, 11 colonies will be visited by the park’s biologists. Each colony is visited to estimate the number of plants present and evaluate the species condition. Historically, the population of this species has been in good condition or generally stable. This state and trend are representative of the ecological integrity of the rare plant species of the barrens ecosystem in the MANPR.

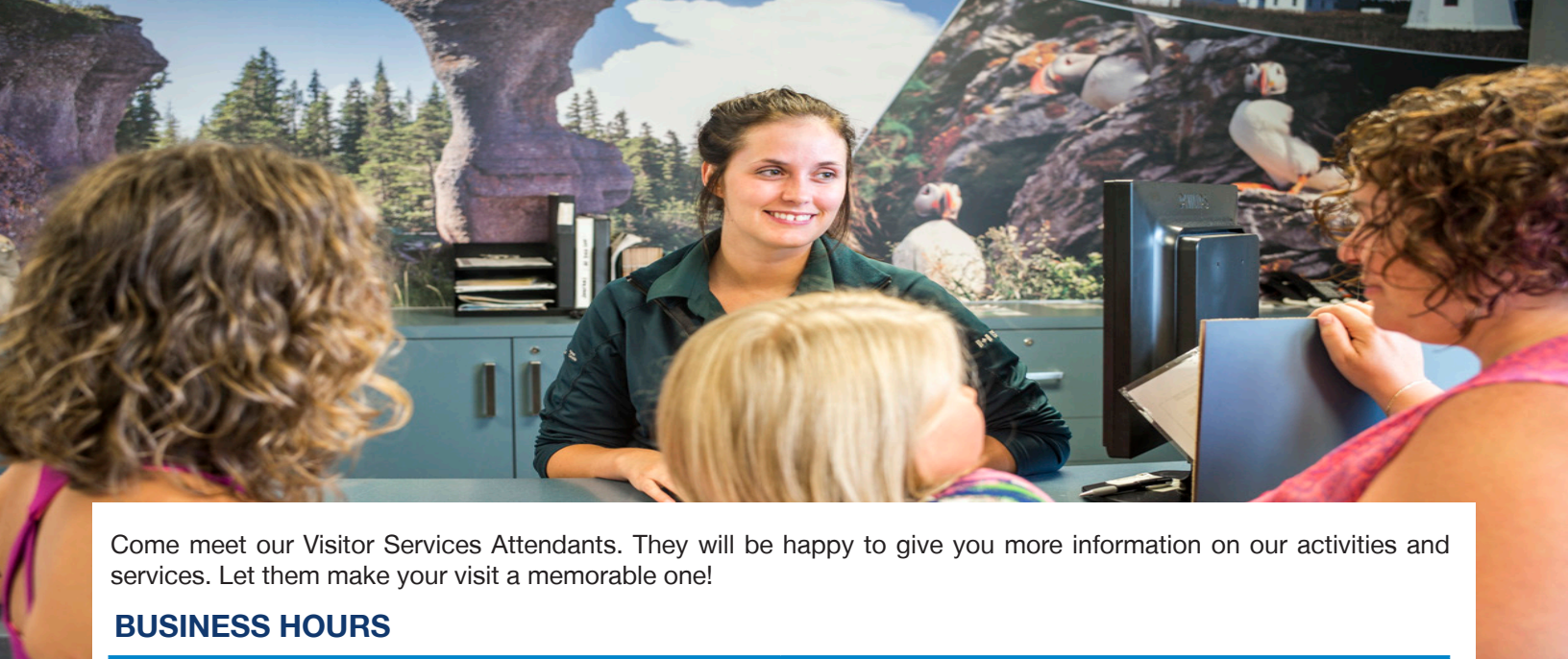
THANK YOU FOR RESPECTING THIS FRAGILE AREA:

- › Use only established trails or keep to areas with no vegetation when walking along the coastline.
- › Respect the Code of Ethics for Seabird Observation and Navigation in the Mingan Archipelago.
- › Make sure to read and obey park regulations.
- › Bring your garbage back with you after your stay in the park.
- › Avoid feeding the animals.
- › Leave your drone at home.




PRESENCE OF SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS

Surveillance cameras are used in this national park for wildlife conservation purposes. Are you concerned about protecting your privacy? We are too. That’s why we delete visitor images taken by our cameras. However, if the images show illegal activities that may have serious impacts on wildlife or that jeopardize visitor safety, they may be used for enforcement purposes.



Come meet our Visitor Services Attendants. They will be happy to give you more information on our activities and services. Let them make your visit a memorable one!

BUSINESS HOURS

Reception and Interpretation Centres Parks Canada Shops		Reception Centres	
Havre-Saint-Pierre 1010 Promenade des Anciens Portail Pélagie-Cormier Phone: 418-538-3285 June 5 to 11: 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. June 12 to 18: 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. June 19 to August 20: 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. August 11 to Sept. 16: 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sept. 17 to Sept. 29: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.		Aguanish 250 Jacques-Cartier Road Phone: 418-533-2228 June 4 to 17: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. * Open six days a week, closed on Fridays June 18 to Sept. 9: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. * Open seven days a week Sept. 10 to Sept. 30: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. * Open five days a week, closed on Thursdays and Sundays	
Longue-Pointe-de-Mingan 625 Centre St. Phone: 418-949-2126 June 12 to August 20: 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. August 21 to Sept. 8: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.		Follow us on social media  @RPNMingan Visit our website parks.canada.gc.ca/mingan	

FEES

Entry fees	Daily	Seasonal (before june 30th)	Seasonal
Adult	\$6.25	\$15.75	\$31.50
Senior (65 and over)	\$5.25	\$13	\$26.25
Youth (17 and under)	Free	Free	Free
Family / Group (max. 7 persons)	\$12.75	\$39.25	\$62.75

- › Park users must pay entrance fees to access the islands.
- › For customers of boat operators, these fees will be charged when buying your ticket at the boat operator kiosk. For campers, these fees will be charged when you obtain your camping permit at the Reception and Interpretation Centres in Longue-Pointe-de-Mingan and Havre-Saint-Pierre.

Toll-free information services : 1 888 773-8888

Report violations : 1 888 762-1422

EMERGENCY : 1 888 762-1422