LIVE THE EXPERIENCE

The Saguenay–St. Lawrence Marine Park covers an area of 1,245 km². The park protects a marine area endowed with an exceptional diversity of wildlife and plant life.

Renowned for its scenic landscapes, the park is also one of the world’s best places for whale watching. To believe it, you’ve got to live it, at sea and on land!

AT THE SEA

ON LAND
**WHALE-WATCHING BY BOAT**

What fun it is to hear a whale blow or catch a glimpse of this incredible animal at the water’s surface! From aboard a boat, take in the fascinating spectacle of marine animals. Get ready for a seaside experience in the kingdom of whales, seals and seabirds. Select the type of excursion best suited to you. See pages 3 to 5.

**WHALE-WATCHING FROM SHORE**

While out walking, biking or driving along the marine park shorelines, keep your eyes peeled and your ears open! You might well glimpse or hear belugas, minke or fin whales as well as harbour porpoises all hugging the coast. Some surprises in store for you in a range of locations, starting from Baie-Sainte-Catherine and extending to Les Escoumins, with the Sacré-Cœur sector in between. See the Discovery Network section (pages 8 to 13).

**DISCOVERY ACTIVITIES**

To satisfy your thirst for knowledge, take part in any one of several activities on offer. Enthusiastic guide-interpreters and fascinating exhibits will give you some valuable insights into the many facets of the marine park. These helpful resources will tell you the full story of marine life, ranging from starfish to sharks, along with the history of local lighthouses and Aboriginal populations. See the Discovery Network (pages 8 to 14).

**KAYAKING**

Whether you go out paddling with a professional guide or on your own, sea-kayaking is a great way to appreciate the marine park’s beauty and sprawling spaces. When prepared with care, a kayaking outing offers you the pleasures of the great outdoors in complete safety. For an excursion lasting several days, take advantage of the campsites located along the edges of the park. See pages 3 and 6.

**SPECTACULAR VISTAS**

On foot or by car or bicycle, discover the numerous viewpoints out over the Saguenay Fjord and the St. Lawrence Estuary. Once you begin to admire the viewpoints out over the Saguenay Fjord and the St. Lawrence Estuary, the marine park’s beauty and sprawling spaces. When you’ve left the daily grind behind you. Located in the immediate vicinity of the marine park, the Discovery Network guarantees you a real change of scenery (pages 8 to 14).

**PURPOSE OF THE MARINE PARK**

Recognizing the importance of protecting the environment, wildlife, plant life, and natural resources of a part of the Saguenay Fjord and St. Lawrence River estuary, the governments of Quebec and Canada created, together with public support, the Saguenay-St. Lawrence Marine Park.

The Marine Park’s mission is to increase ecosystem protection levels for conservation purposes, for the benefit of present and future generations, while encouraging its use for educational, recreational and scientific purposes.

Activities in the Marine Park are regulated with a view to ensuring the sustainable use of this area and its resources. Regional stakeholders contribute to achieving the marine park’s objectives.

**YOUR SAFETY: YOUR RESPONSIBILITY**

Outdoor activities can involve certain risks. Make sure that you have the skills and abilities required for the activity you choose. It is important to know the risks inherent to this activity, to respect your limits and to use appropriate equipment.

**EXPLORE THE SEA!**

Whether you are looking for adventure or a quiet tour on the water, you will be delighted. Choose the type of boat and excursion that suits you best and take the full measure of wide open spaces. Each sea outing is unique!

**TO HELP YOU CHOOSE**

Marine tour companies have many watercraft types and sizes. Contact the marine tour providers to determine which products best suit your needs.

**GUIDED EXCURSIONS**

Marine tour captains and guides have sound knowledge of the marine environment. They can put that knowledge at your service and answer your questions.

Regardless of the type of boat you choose, your captain will stay within regulated speeds and respect the approach distances and speeds to be maintained in the vicinity of whales. However, whales can sometimes unexpectedly emerge near a boat. Your captain knows what to do in such circumstances. When sea-kayaking, your guide will make sure you keep to the proper distances and navigate in complete safety.

**YOUR SAFETY: YOUR RESPONSIBILITY**

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**Marine Activities in the Saguenay-St. Lawrence Marine Park Regulations**

Developed in partnership with the marine tour companies, the regulations provide a framework for the activities practiced in the Marine Park. The regulations indicate the maximum navigation speed permitted throughout the park, as well as the distances and speeds to be respected when marine mammals are present (see table). All watercraft in the Marine Park must comply with these regulations.

Several whale-watching cruise companies are authorized to operate in the marine park. The companies must pass the Parks Canada regulations and respect the approach distances and navigate in complete safety. They guide will make sure you keep to the proper distances and navigate in complete safety. Follow your guide...
**Lose yourself in a different way with croisières aML! Live an exceptional experience on board the best observation boats in Canada in the company of certified bilingual guide-naturalists who will let you feel their passion for marine mammals!**

**Leave from Tadoussac, Baie-Sainte-Catherine, Rivière-du-Loup**

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**Experience the sea by zodiac boat**

**Croisières AML**

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**A COMMITMENT FOR THE WHALES**

Member companies annually contribute to the Eco-Whale Fund managed by the Fondation de la Faune du Québec (Quebec Wildlife Foundation), to fund scientific research on whales.

We are convinced that whale watching cruises, when practiced in an environmentally-friendly manner, are wonderful activities that raise awareness of the beauty and fragility of our planet.

**Proud members!**

Contribute to the protection of whales and live a distinctive experience by choosing a “Proud Member” of the Eco-Whale Alliance for your excursion this summer.

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**Croisière Neptune**

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On board our glass-topped boat, discover marine mammals in the company of our experienced captains and our bilingual naturalist. People of all ages are admitted. A family-owned business for 25 years.

Leave from Les Escoumins.

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**Les Croisières du Fjord**

| 418 543-7630 / I 800 363-7248 | croisieresdufjord.com |

Croisières du Fjord offers the most stunning gateway to the discovery of the Saguenay Fjord, its highest capes, Notre-Dame-du-Saguenay, the villages, their histories and their attractions. A commuter ferry service is also available.


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**Croisière Charlevoix**

| I 866 638-1483 | baleines.ca |

Be at the forefront and discover the remarkable wildlife of the upper estuary and the breathtaking landscapes of Charlevoix in the company of our experienced guide-interpreters.

Leave from Saint-Siméon.

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**Croisière Escoumins**

| I 866 baleine / 418 231-4061 | croisierebaleine.ca |

Set out on an adventure to the paradise of whales aboard a new generation of zodiac type craft, one that is safer and more ecological. Experienced captains, theme cruises, whales guaranteed or your money back.

Leave from the private des Escoumins quay.

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**Croisière personnalisée Saguenay**

| 418 608-8058 / 418 272-2739 | croisieresaguenay.ca |

For 25 years, customized high-end cruises focused on contemplation, according to a private or combined approach (6 people maximum), thus ensuring you a personal, distinctive and rewarding experience on the majestic Saguenay Fjord.

Leave from L’Anse-Saint-Jean.

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**Société Duchesnay**

| I 877 867-1660 | pharedupot.com |

Guided and informative excursions based on observation and discovery of the St. Lawrence. Remarkable biological diversity seal haulouts, cliffs teeming with sea birds, belugas and visits to historic sites.

Leave from Rivière-du-Loup.

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**Croisières Essipit**

| I 888 868-6666 / I 418 232-6778 | essipit.com |

Discover whales with our customized cruises on 12 passenger inflatables. Our experienced guides will share their knowledge, intimate, exciting, sporting and "Unforgettable!" Croisières Essipit, a member of the Eco-Whale Alliance. Kue! Welcome!

Leave from Les Bergeronnes.

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**Croisières Neptune**

| I 1 877 7NEPTUNE | croisieresneptune.net |

Come aboard our latest generation zodiacs to discover marine mammals. Safety and comfort are guaranteed with experienced captains. Complete high quality equipment is provided. A family-owned business for 25 years.

Leave from Les Escoumins.

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**Les Écumeurs du Saint-Laurent**

| I 888 817-9999 | lesescumeurs.com |

Écumeurs offers you a personalized excursion for watching whales and other mammals in the marine park. On board our 12 passenger Zodiac type boats, you’ll enjoy a unique and exciting experience.

Leave from Les Escoumins.

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**Otis excursions**

| 418 235-4197 / 418 235-4537 | otisexcursions.com |

Get close and intimate with whales and other marine mammals on board our quiet, ecological, 12-passenger zodiac boats.

Leave from Tadoussac.

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**Parc national du Fjord-du-Saguenay**

| I 800 665-6527 | parcquebec.com |

On departing from one of the most beautiful bays in the fjord, take a place on the inflatable and start the adventure with the Organisme d’Action guide. Experience an incursion into a protected ecosystem with a biodiversity that is unique in the world.

Leave from the Baie-Éternité quay.
Discover the beauty of the Saguenay Fjord sea-kayaking. Rocky cliffs and natural gems await. Nature lovers, experience our safe circuits “Sunset” initiation, half day or expedition. Leave from L’Anse-Saint-Jean at Sainte-Catherine de la Jacques-Cartier.

**Kayaks du Paradis**

418 232-6237  campingparadismarin.com

Guided tours with a focus on safety and nature discovery. This adventure sport will give you the feeling that wildlife is so close you can touch it! Leave from Bergeronnes.

**Katyak Aventure**

418 514-0025  facebook.com/ kayaventure.fjord.saguenay

Katyak excursions with a professional and experienced guide to where the Saguenay Fjord meets the St. Lawrence River. Half-day initiation and personalized outings. Groups of up to six persons. Leave from the Baie-Sainte-Catherine beach.

**Excursions Fanons**

418 587-3316  excursionsfanons.com

Our experience is your guarantee of a well-organized sea-kayaking experience. Our guides and our zodiac boat are there to make sure your outing is safe and enjoyable. Leave from Les Escoumins.

**Fjord en Kayak**

1 866 725-2925  fjordenkayak.ca

Leave from Les Bergeronnes, Tadoussac.

**Parcs national du Fjord-du-Saguenay**

1 800 665-4527  parcsguenevay.com

Explore the most beautiful parts of the Fjord with our naturalist-guides. An intimate rendez-vous in the heart of an impressive natural setting and a unique marine environment. Leave from Baie-Sainte-Catherine.

**Centre de vacances – Ferme 5 étoiles**

418 236-4833  /  1 877 236-4551  ferme5etoiles.com

Discover the beauty of the Saguenay Fjord sea-kayaking. Rocky cliffs and natural gems await. Nature lovers, experience our safe circuits “Sunset” initiation, half day or expedition. Leave from L’Anse-Saint-Jean at Sainte-Catherine de la Jacques-Cartier.

**Mer et Monde Écouteurs**

1 866 637-6663  meretmonde.ca

An intimate experience linking humans to nature, where the sea kayak is the preferred tool for observation of the marine environment. Our professional team invites you to experience unforgettable moments. Leave from Les Bergeronnes, Tadoussac.

**Katabatik – Aventure dans Charlevoix**

1 800 453-4850  / 418 665-2332  katabatik.ca

Specialists in guided sea-kayaking excursions, our guides are dedicated to the St. Lawrence upper estuary. Abundant marine wildlife, amazing geomorphology, the Charlevoix coasts are a paradise for paddlers. Leave from Baie-Saint-Paul, Cap-a-l’Aigle, Baie-des-Rochers.

**Organisation – Le Québec Hors Circuits**

418 579-8763  organisation.com

Enjoy a guided expedition lasting several days with our professional guides. Flexible departures from May to September. Groups of 2 or more persons with accommodation service and local product on the menu. Leave from La Baie, Sainte-Rose-du-Nord and Petit-Saguenay.

**ParaK Center**

1 888 674-9309  damacha.qc.ca

Dive into the heart of magnificently coloured gardens and discover animal life below the surface. The cold salt waters of the St. Lawrence estuary are home to varied, impressive marine life.

**Excursions Fanons**

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**Fjord en Kayak**

1 866 725-2925  fjordenkayak.ca

Leave from Les Bergeronnes, Tadoussac. Half-day initiation and personalized outings. Groups of up to six persons. Leave from the Baie-Sainte-Catherine beach.

**Parcs national du Fjord-du-Saguenay**

1 800 665-4527  parcsguenevay.com

Explore the most beautiful parts of the Fjord with our naturalist-guides. An intimate rendez-vous in the heart of an impressive natural setting and a unique marine environment. Leave from Baie-Sainte-Catherine.

Belugas and Blue whales are endangered. The number of animals is insufficient to ensure the survival of their population. Each animal is important and must be able to feed and rest without being disturbed. You have the privilege of seeing them in their habitat and of appreciating their natural behaviour. Respect a distance of at least 400 metres.

**Avant Skis**

418 868-2889  avantski.com

A skiing experience like no other... Enjoy a guided expedition lasting several days with our professional guides. June to September. Groups of 2 or more persons with accommodation service and local product on the menu. Leave from La Baie, Sainte-Rose-du-Nord and Petit-Saguenay.

**Kayakers And Recreational Boaters: Take Part In The Protection Effort!**

Beluga whales give birth to their young in the summer especially in July and August. The females need tranquility to raise their young to feed them and to rest. Even if the temptation is strong do not approach them. This respectful attitude is important whether you’re kayaking on a sailboat or aboard a motorboat. Thank you for your cooperation.

A regulation (page 3) is in force throughout the marine park, and park wardens provide surveillance. Even outside the marine park, it is forbidden to disturb marine mammals.

Avoid sailing near the islands of the Upper Estuary (Les Îles aux Frisiades, du Pot-a-l’Eau-de-Vie, Rouge) and near Sainte-Marguerite Bay (Saguenay).

**PARADIS MARIN**

4, chemin Émilie-Boulianne, Les Bergeronnes
Tel: 418 322-8277

**Services on location**

Launching site, showers and washrooms.

**MARINE ENVIRONMENT DISCOVERY CENTRE, A PARKS CANADA SITE**

Diving base operated by the Fédération québécoise des activités subaquatiques (FQAS)
41, rue des Poilots, Les Escoumins
Tel: 418 333-4025
Find the schedule on fqs.qc.ca

**Services on location**

Equipment rentals, air reefs, guided dives, customized packages, launching platforms, hot-water showers, and washrooms.
LIVE THE EXPERIENCE ON LAND!
THE SAGUENAY-ST. LAWRENCE MARINE PARK DISCOVERY NETWORK

24 ways to discover the Marine Park: meet some genuinely gang-ho people, take in some fascinating exhibits, enjoy some fabulous outings and explore the great outdoors. Bring along your picnic and binoculars: there are some good times ahead for you and your close ones.

Find the description of the numbered premises on pages 10 to 14.
1. **PORT-AU-PERSIL**

   **Parkscanada.gc.ca**
   - **Schedule:** Year-round
   - **Admission:** Free
   - **Tourist information:** 418 675-2346

2. **PARC MUNICIPAL DE LA BAIE-DES-ROCHERS**

   **petitsaguenay.com**
   - **Schedule:** May 15 to October 12
   - **Admission:** $8 (adults), $5 (children)

3. **BAIE-ÉTERNITÉ SECTOR**

   **saguenay-ecologique.com**
   - **Schedule:** Daily
   - **Admission:** Free

4. **MUSÉE DU FJORD**

   **cibro.ca**
   - **Schedule:** Daily
   - **Admission:** Free

5. **POINTE-NOIRE INTERPRETATION AND OBSERVATION CENTRE**

   **saguenay-municipalities.ca**
   - **Schedule:** Daily
   - **Admission:** Free

6. **PETIT-SAGUENAY**

   **sainte-rose-du-nord.qc.ca**
   - **Schedule:** Daily
   - **Admission:** $8 (adults), $5 (children)

7. **BAIE-SAINTE-MARGUERITE SECTOR**

   **saguenay-municipalities.ca**
   - **Schedule:** Daily
   - **Admission:** Free

8. **CENTRE D’INTERPRÉTATION DES BATTERIES ET DE RÉHABILITATION DES OISEAUX (CIBRO)**

   **saguenay-municipalities.ca**
   - **Schedule:** Daily
   - **Admission:** Free

9. **ANSE-DE-ROCHE DOCK**

   **saguenay-municipalities.ca**
   - **Schedule:** Daily
   - **Admission:** Free

10. **CENTRE ÉCOLOGIQUE DE PORT-AU-SAUMON**

    **saguenay-municipalities.ca**
    - **Schedule:** Daily
    - **Admission:** Free

11. **LA BAIE-DE-S-ROCHERS**

    **saguenay-municipalities.ca**
    - **Schedule:** Daily
    - **Admission:** Free

12. **SAINTE-ROSE-DU-NORD**

    **saguenay-municipalities.ca**
    - **Schedule:** Daily
    - **Admission:** Free

Enjoy the exceptional viewing points on the marine park. Visit the exhibit in the lightkeeper’s house. Discover the fjord at two exceptional locations. The park is part of the “Association des plus beaux villages du Québec” (Québec’s most beautiful towns). Walk along one of the marked trails and take time out to enjoy the delightful surroundings and stupendous panoramas of the St. Lawrence Estuary. Visit the “Pearl of the Fjord”, a town set in a valley between capes, which has kilometres of trails with the most beautiful panoramic viewpoints over the Fjord. Watch the beluga whales from the shore and discover the fascinating universe of this protected species. Discover a variety of marine and forest ecosystems: explore a cove and a 15-metre waterfall, see and touch various marine organisms. Enjoys the exceptional scenery. Several species of aquatic birds in the marina and enjoy the exceptional scenery. Enjoy the exceptional scenery. Discover the fjord at two exceptional locations. The park is part of the “Association des plus beaux villages du Québec” (Québec’s most beautiful towns). Walk along one of the marked trails and take time out to enjoy the delightful surroundings and stupendous panoramas of the St. Lawrence Estuary. Visit the “Pearl of the Fjord”, a town set in a valley between capes, which has kilometres of trails with the most beautiful panoramic viewpoints over the Fjord. Watch the beluga whales from the shore and discover the fascinating universe of this protected species. Discover a variety of marine and forest ecosystems: explore a cove and a 15-metre waterfall, see and touch various marine organisms.
Where are the whales? Where are they? What are the researchers doing? A visit is a must. Exhibition, film, specialists.

Tadoussac is among the most beautiful villages in Quebec. Visit the replica of the first trading post built in 1600.

CÉNTE D’INTERPRÉTATION DES MAMMIFIÈRES MARINS (CIMM)
108, rue de la Côte-Nord
Tel.: 418-235-4700
info@cimm.ca
Schedule: May to October
Admission: Adults $6.50
Accompanied children (6 and under): Free

POSTE DE TRAITE CHAUVIN
137, rue du Bouchard de l’Eau
Tel.: 418-235-4677 / 418-235-4416 ext. 229
poste@chaustin.qc.ca
Schedule: June 23 to September 30
Admission: Free

BAIE-DE-TADOUSSAC SECTOR
Séveraire of the Dunes, Porte-de-Flet and the Fjord Trail
Tel.: 1 800 685-6027
parksenesc.ca
Schedule: Mid-June to September
Admission: Free charged in the trails

Observe the meeting of two giants at the crossroads of Porte-de-Flet. For nature adventurers, go to the start of the Fjord trail

ILE-AUX-BASQUES NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE OF CANADA
468, rue Victor Théoré Pétrole
Tel.: 418 891-2302 (warden)
provancher.qc.ca
Schedule: June 15 to September 12
Admission: Adults $28.50
Youth (15-17): $16
Children (6 and under): $6.20
Taxes included

Ile aux Basques is a gem of our natural and historic heritage. While on the island, watch birds and seals, hike the trails and discover the centuries-old ovens once operated by Basque fishermen.

ST. LAWRENCE EXPLORATION CENTRE
85, rue Molisay
Pointe-du-Lac
Tel.: 418 867-8796 / 418 867-8882, ext. 201
explorationcentre.qc.ca
Schedule: June 15 to September 30
Admission: According to the trip and the duration of the day.

Discover the first lighthouse on the St. Lawrence and its museum. Fall asleep to the sound of the waves in the lightkeepers’ houses.

ILES DU POT À L’EAU-DIE-VIE AND ÎLE AUX LIÈVRES
2050, rue Hayden
Pointe-du-Lac
Tel.: 1 877 867-1660
ileauxlievres.com
phareileverte.com
Schedule: June 15 to September 14
Admission: Free

Follow the trails on the south shore of the estuary and observe the largest grassy salt marsh on the St. Lawrence.

BAIE DE L’ÎLE-VERTE NATIONAL WILDLIFE AREA
L’Île-Verte Lighthouse National Historic Site
371, route 112 Est L’île-Verte
Tel.: 418 867-8882, ext. 201 (low season)
parcbaaslaurier.com
Schedule: June 15 to September 1
Admission: Free

The Parc de l’aventure basque en Amérique is an interpretation centre which recounts the great epic of the whales in the St. Lawrence estuary in the 17th century.

PARC DE L’AVENUTURE BASQUE EN AMÉRIQUE
66, rue du Parc Théoré Pétrole
Tel.: 418 851-1556
aventurebasque.ca
Schedule: June 23 to September 30
Admission: Adults $35.00
Youth (15-17): $16
Children (6 and under): $6.20
Taxes included

Ecotourism experience, with a visit to bird sanctuaries, romantic nights on an island, guided cruises, hiking in a natural environment and exploration of historical sites.

Santuario de las Islas de los Pájaros
19, rue de la Mer des Bergeronnes
Tel.: 418-235-4700
archipel.qc.ca
Schedule: Mid-June to October
Admission: Adults $6.50
Seniors $6
Children under 6 years of age: Free

CENTRE ARCHÉO TOPO
49, rue du Mer des Bergeronnes
Tel.: 418-235-6286
archipel.qc.ca
Schedule: Mid-June to October
Admission: Adults $6.50
Seniors $6
Children under 6 years of age: Free

CAP DE BON-DÉSIR INTERPRETATION AND OBSERVATION CENTRE
15, rue du Cap-Vert Le Basque
Tel.: 418-235-4700
archipel.qc.ca
Schedule: June 15 to September 13
Admission: Free

Watch whales, seals and seabirds in close to shore. Our guides are eager to answer your questions and to offer you activities. Lie sure to bring along warm clothing, binoculars and a picnic.

MARINE ENVIRONMENT DISCOVERY CENTRE
41, rue des Plages
Tel.: 418-235-4614
parkcanapec.ca
Schedule: June 18 to September 16
Admission: Free

Explore one of North America’s most beautiful underwater landscapes. Activities for the whole family. See whales and visit the exhibit. Follow divers live on widescreen images (reservations recommended).

LES MAISONS DU FLEUVE DU L’ÎLE-VERTE
2802, chemin du Phare Naturel-Flamboyant-Sept-Îles
Tel.: 418 897-2700
phareileverte.com
Schedule: June 15 to September 30
Admission: Adults $8.50
Children (6-17): $4
Special family and group rates

Discover the first lighthouse on the St. Lawrence and its museum. Fall asleep to the sound of the waves in the lightkeepers’ houses.

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Tel.: 418 897-2700
phareileverte.com
Schedule: June 15 to September 30
Admission: Adults $8.50
Children (6-17): $4
Special family and group rates

Multi-Visite du Musée des Amérindiens à la Rive-Sud
165, rue des Plages
Tel.: 418 235-4657
parcprovancher.qc.ca
Schedule: June 15 to September 12
Admission: Adults $12.50
Seniors $12.20
Children (6-17): $6.20
Taxes included

Visit the exhibit. Follow divers live on widescreen images (reservations recommended).

L’ISLE-VERTE LIGHTHOUSE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
371, route 112 Est L’île-Verte
Tel.: 418 867-8882, ext. 201 (low season)
parcbaaslaurier.com
Schedule: June 15 to September 1
Admission: Free

Île Verte can be accessed every day, in accordance with tide table.

Information on ferry schedules.

INFORMATION STORE
371, route 112 Est L’île-Verte
Tel.: 418 235-4703
villede1ileverte.qc.ca
Schedule: June 1 to October 31
Admission: Free

June 1 to October 31:
Schedule: Every day, according to the tides and on demand.
Admission: Adults $28.50
Youth (15-17): $16
Children (6 and under): $6.20
Taxes included

Every day, in accordance with the tides and on demand.

Parc de l’aventure basque en Amérique is an interpretation centre which recounts the great epic of the whales in the St. Lawrence estuary in the 17th century.

La Maison Girard Interpretation Centre
371, route 112 Est L’île-Verte
Tel.: 418 897-2707 / 418 867-8882, ext. 203 (low season)
parcbaaslaurier.com
Schedule: Mid-June to September 1
Admission: Free

Follow the trails on the south shore of the estuary and observe the largest grassy salt marsh on the St. Lawrence.

THE MAISON GIRAUD INTERPRETATION CENTRE
371, route 112 Est L’île-Verte
Tel.: 418 897-2707 / 418 867-8882, ext. 203 (low season)
parcbaaslaurier.com
Schedule: Mid-June to September 1
Admission: Free
Embrace Upon a Modern-Day Treasure Hunt: Geocaching!


Explosnature: Education-Recherche

312, rue de la Rivière, Les Bergeronnes
Tel 418 232-6789
explosnature.ca

Children discover the natural sciences through the five senses! Nature classes for educational institutions; family camps and science day camps. This not-for-profit organization is dedicated to education and research about nature.

For the Birds!

Observatoire d'oiseaux de Tadoussac
In the fall, the Observatoire d’oiseaux de Tadoussac (OOT) team goes to the “dunes” sector in Tadoussac to observe a spectacular migration. Banding activities give you a very special proximity with the birds.


The Marine Park in your School

Parks Canada offers two online educational activities in relation to its outreach program:

- Elementary students in cycle 3 go on a virtual scientific expedition to explore the Marine Park.
- Students in the secondary – cycle 1 geography program get to discover the protected territory.

Visit marinenature.learnquebec.ca

“Species at Risk” Trail in the Saguenay–St. Lawrence Marine Park

Walk along the trail and take a break at one of the rest stops. There, you’ll be able to see a variety of birds and marine mammals. This 8-kilometre-long trail links the Cap de Bon-Désir Interpretation and Observation Centre (Les Bergeronnes) and the Marine Environment Discovery Centre (Les Escoumins) (see map on page 9).

Festival marin des Écousmins (Les Ecousmins marine festival)

September 5 and 6 (Labour Day weekend)

Gaze in wonderment at the St. Lawrence’s underwater landscapes. Attend some film screenings and follow divers as they perform a night dive. You’ll be amazed by the marine life on view!

As a family favour, The Estuary’s Punch and discover the truth about sharks. Photo contest, and underwater treasure hunt. See all the details on the Facebook page!

Marine Environment Discovery Centre, 41, rue des Pilotes, Les Escoumins.


August is archaology month!

August 1 to 31

The Centre Archéo Topo proposes a tour through the Bergeronnes digs accompanied by a guide archaeologist. The archaeological dig simulation workshop is a unique experience for children: they will discover arrowheads, pipes, pottery shards, and other artefacts.

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On three full moon evenings... We JAZZ it up under the moon!

July 4, August 1 and 29, 2015

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The St. Lawrence Beluga is ENDANGERED

Parks Canada and Parcs Québec contribute to protection efforts

In earlier times, belugas were abundant in the waters of the St. Lawrence. There were between 7,800 and 10,000 at the end of the 19th century. Unfortunately, intensive commercial whaling in the early 20th century very nearly made them disappear. Despite the fact that whaling has been banned since 1979, the beluga population has not been restored. It is estimated that the population is actually in decline. Today, it would appear that only 899 belugas remain in the St. Lawrence.

The need to protect the beluga and a large part of its summer habitat prompted the creation of the Saguenay–St. Lawrence Marine Park in 1998. It also led to the implementation of a number of protection, research and awareness-increasing activities. Many organizations, institutions and governments contribute to the efforts in this regard.

Parks Canada and Parcs Québec are also working in consultation with maritime transport specialists in order to reduce the risk of collision with whales and to limit disturbances.

The recovery and examination of beluga carcasses program allows to learn about the state of health of the animals and to identify the causes of death.

Increased Awareness:

- The captains of the observation boats and the sea kayak guides participate in an annual training session if you take an excursion with them, you will benefit from their knowledge.
- By visiting the sites of the Discovery Network, you will discover various facets of the marine park while gaining access to information on the beluga.
- You may encounter one of the teams dedicated to research, awareness or monitoring who ply the marine park on a Parks Canada or a Parcs Quebec boat.

The Partnership:

- The marine excavation companies, Parks Canada, Parcs Québec and the Group for Research and Education on Marine Mammals (GREMMP), joined together to form the Eco-Whale Alliance in order to improve visitor experience and whale-watching practices in the marine park;
- We work in consultation with maritime transport specialists in order to reduce the risk of collision with whales and to limit disturbances;
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The Management of Activities:

- The Marine Activities in the Saguenay–St. Lawrence Marine Park Regulations were developed in collaboration with the marine excavation companies, Parks Canada park wardens oversee the application of this regulation.

Research:

- In addition to contributing to a number of studies, our teams study the distribution and abundance of beluga prey and the movement of vessels in its habitat.

Our efforts are in addition to those of a large number of stakeholders. Protecting the St. Lawrence beluga is everyone’s business. Without your help, we will not be able to achieve this worthwhile goal.

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