The Saguenay–St. Lawrence Marine Park is one of the best places in the world for whale watching. Observe whales at sea or from vantage points along the shore. Renowned for the beauty of its scenery, the park protects an exceptional marine area, from surface to seafloor.

#marineparkmoment #SSLMarinePark
MARINE PARK MANDATE
To preserve marine life in a portion of the Saguenay Fjord and St. Lawrence Estuary, while encouraging its use for educational, recreational and scientific purposes, for the benefit of present and future generations.

The governments of Canada and Quebec regulate activities in the Marine Park with a view to ensuring the sustainable use of this area and its resources. Regional stakeholders contribute to achieving Marine Park objectives.

EXPERIENCE THE SEA!

WHALE WATCHING BY BOAT
What fun it is to hear a whale blow or to catch a glimpse of one of these incredible animals at the surface! Take in the fascinating spectacle of marine animals from aboard a boat. Get ready for a journey to the kingdom of whales, seals and seabirds.

Select the type of excursion that suits you best. See pages 3 to 5.

WHALE WATCHING FROM SHORE
Keep your eyes peeled and your ears open while out walking, biking or driving along the Marine Park's shoreline! You might well glimpse or hear beluga, minke or fin whales, or possibly harbour porpoises, as they swim along the coast. There are surprises in store for you from Baie-Sainte-Catherine to Les Escoumins, with Saint-Cœur in between.

See the Discovery Network section (pages 8 to 13).

DISCOVERY ACTIVITIES
To satisfy your thirst for knowledge, partake in any one of several activities on offer. Enthusiastic guide-interpreters and fascinating exhibits will give you valuable insights into the many facets of the Marine Park. These helpful resources tell the full story of marine life, from starfish to sharks, as well as the history of local lighthouses and Indigenous populations.

See the Discovery Network (pages 8 to 14).

KAYAKING
Whether you paddle with a professional guide or head out on your own, sea-kayaking is a great way to appreciate the vast beauty of the Marine Park. Carefully prepared kayak outings provide all of the pleasures of the great outdoors in complete safety.

For an excursion lasting several days take advantage of campsites located along the edges of the park.

See pages 3 and 6.

SPECTACULAR VISTAS
Discover the numerous vantage points that border the Saguenay Fjord and St. Lawrence Estuary on foot, by car or by bicycle. Once you begin to admire the sights of whales, seals and seabirds, select the type of excursion that suits you best. See pages 3 to 5.

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YOUR SAFETY: YOUR RESPONSIBILITY
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Developed in partnership with marine tour companies, the Regulations provide a framework for activities carried out in the Marine Park. The Regulations indicate the maximum navigational speed permitted throughout the park, as well as distances and speeds to be respected when marine mammals are present.

Regulations were modified on January 1, 2017 to better protect marine mammals. Consult marinепark.qc.ca/protect, or contact us for further information. Here is an overview of the new measures:
- Stopping within ½ nautical mile of beluga and blue whales is prohibited.
- The maximum speed permitted at the mouth of the Saguenay is 15 knots.
- The use of personal watercraft (jet skis), hovercraft and traction water sports is prohibited within the boundaries of the park.
- Do not disturb marine mammals, for example, by feeding, touching or attempting to swim with them.

All businesses presented in this guide hold Saguenay–St. Lawrence Marine Park marine tour permits. Captains and sea-kayak guides working for these businesses must successfully complete relevant regulations training offered by Parks Canada.

WHAT TO BRING!
Even in summer, it is colder on the water than on land. Warm, comfortable clothing is highly recommended.

WHAT IS THE BEST TIME TO SEE WHALES?
Whether you are seeking adventure or a quiet tour on the water, you will be delighted. Take the full measure of wide open spaces, each excursion is unique!

WHAT TO CHOOSE!
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Did you know...?
To learn more about whales, visit marinепark.qc.ca/get-to-know/
Aventure Écotourisme Québec | www.avenature-ecotourisme.qc.ca

**Croisières Neptune**
I 877 7NEptUNE croisieresneptune.net

Experience a different way of seeing the Saguenay Fjord. We offer a unique and exciting adventure aboard our glass-bottomed boats. From June through October, our experienced naturalists guide you to discover marine mammals in the Saguenay Fjord. Departures from La Baie, Sainte-Rose-du-Nord, Rivière-Éternité, L’Anse-Saint-Jean and Tadoussac.

**Croisières AML**
I 800 563-4643 croisieresaml.com

Discover marine mammals in the company of our experienced captains. Complete high-quality equipment is provided. Departures from Les Escoumins and the La Baie marina.

**Les Navettes maritimes du Fjord**
418 543-7630 / I 800 363-7248 croisieresdjford.com

Transform your trips into unforgettable excursions aboard one of our vessels that travel the Saguenay Fjord. From June through October, use our water shuttles to discover villages and attractions, such as the Notre-Dame-du-Saguenay statue and the impressive capes Trinité and Éternité. Departures from La Baie, Sainte-Rose-du-Nord, Rivière-Éternité, L’Anse-Saint-Jean and Tadoussac.

**Société Duvetnor**
I 877 867-1660 duvetnor.com

Guided, informative observation and discovery excursions on the Saguenay River. Discover villages and attractions, such as the Notre-Dame-du-Saguenay statue and the impressive capes Trinité and Éternité. Departures from Rivière-du-Loup.

**Marine Environment Discovery Centre**
418 233-4025 / 418 233-4414 parcscanada.gc.ca/saguenay

Take the Nordic snorkeling challenge, a near-shore swim tour with dive suit, flippers, mask and snorkel. Provided services are also available for SCUBA divers: rentals, dive tank filling, guided dives, developed access, change rooms and showers. Departures from the private wharf in Les Écumeurs.

**Accès plongée Saguenay**
I 800 PLONGEE (755-6433) / 418 699-1000 accessplongeesaguenay.com

Accès Plongée Saguenay offers guide services from aboard a boat. Discover the subaquatic treasures of the St. Lawrence Estuary in complete safety with our qualified personnel. Advanced divers can experience a night dive in the middle of the day in the Saguenay Fjord. Departures from Les Écumeurs and the La Baie marina.

**Paradis marin**
4, chemin Émile-Boulianne, Les Bergeronnes
Tel: 418 232-6237
Launch site, showers and washrooms.

**Les Écumeurs du Saint-Laurent**
I 888 817-9999 lesecumeurs.com

Les Écumeurs offers you a personalized excursion for watching whales and other mammals in the Marine Park. You’ll enjoy a unique and exciting experience aboard our 12-passenger zodiac-type boats. Departures from Les Écumeurs.

**Croisières Essipit**
I 888 868-6666 / 418 233-6778 vacancesessipit.com

Personalized whale-watching cruises aboard the 12 and 36-passenger inflatable boats. Our experienced guides will share their knowledge of the marine environment. A unique adventure that is safe, respect for the marine environment, and protection of whales. Departures from the Baie-Éternité wharf.

**Parc national du Fjord-du-Saguenay**
I 800 665-6527 parcsquebec.com

On leaving one of the most beautiful bays in the Marine Park, take your place aboard an inflatable boat and begin your adventure with our experienced naturalist guides. Discover a protected ecosystem with a biodiversity that is unique in the world. Departures from the Baie-Éternité wharf.

**Organisation - Le Québec Hors Circuits**
418 579-8763 organisation.com

Explore the majestic Saguenay Fjord, a maritime corridor, flanked by steep cliffs, that flows into the St. Lawrence Estuary. A unique adventure that is safe, respect for the marine environment, and protection of whales. Departures from the Baie-Éternité wharf.

**Québec Maritime**
1 877 867-1660 croisieresaml.com

Discover the many animals hiding beneath the surface. Dive into the heart of magnificent coloured gardens and be home to a diverse range of impressive marine life. The cold, salt waters of the St. Lawrence Estuary are teeming with seabirds, beluga whales and visits to historic sites. Departures from La Baie, Sainte-Rose-du-Nord, Rivière-Éternité, L’Anse-Saint-Jean and Tadoussac.

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Set out on an adventure to the whale paradise aboard a new generation of safer and more ecological zodiac-type craft. Experienced captains, theme cruises, whales guaranteed or your money back. Departures from the private wharf in Les Écumeurs.

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Show you care, keep your distance

KAYAKERS AND RECREATIONAL BOATERS: TAKE PART IN THE PROTECTION EFFORT!

Beluga whales and blue whales are endangered; these animals need protection to help in the recovery of their population. While navigating through the Marine Park, you will be in the centre of their habitat and may encounter these species. It is a privilege to be able to see them in their natural environment. Keep your distance.

CAUTION: BABY BELUGA WHALE!

Beluga whales give birth in summer, particularly in July and August. This is a crucial period for the survival of their offspring and their offspring’s calves. When beluga whales approach your vessel, they react to your presence and modify their behaviour. Your presence could possibly interrupt resting, feeding or even calving and nursing. Repetitive disturbance can affect the survival of young animals, beluga whale health and reproduction. Remain a distance of at least 400 metres.

To learn about best practices when in the presence of beluga whales, visit: marinepark.qc.ca/protect/#beluga

Regulations (page 3) are in force throughout the Marine Park, and park wardens provide surveillance. Disturbing marine mammals is prohibited, even beyond the limits of the Marine Park.

VOILE MERCATOR
1 888 674-9309
voilemercator.com

Navigate by sail on the Saguenay Fjord and the St. Lawrence Estuary. Three to seven-hour initiation excursions and 16-day cruise sailing courses are available. Accredited by Sail Canada and Aventure Ecotourisme Québec.

Departures from L’Anse-Saint-Jean, Baie-Éternité, Tadoussac and La Baie

EXPERIENCE ON A SAILING VESSEL

DAMACHA – ÉCOLE DE VOILE CROISIÈRE
1 866 278-5355 / 418 434-2435
damacha.qc.ca

Damacha trains all levels of sailors. Cruise the Fjord, the Estuary and the Gulf from Tadoussac. Experience life aboard a sailboat in the splendour of nature as it was in the days of the discoverers of this world.

Departures from Tadoussac

SEA KAYAK EXPERIENCE

Aventure Rose-des-Vents
418 675-2625
aventureosedesvents.com

Aventure Rose-des-Vents proposes personalised excursions to discover the Fjord. Beneath a full moon among friends or in the morning with family, our guides know how to offer you a memorable experience.

Departures from Sainte-Rose-du-Nord
Centre de vacances – Ferme 5 étoiles
418 236-4833 / 1 877 236-4551
ferme5etoiles.com

Lovers of nature and water activities come experience the Saguenay Fjord with us. Discover the beauty of the Fjord and its steep mountains by kayak. Sunset introduction, half-day outings or one to five-day expeditions.

Departures from Arse-de-Roche near Sainte-Coeur

Fjord en Kayak
1 866 725-2925
fjordenkayak.ca

“Canadian Signature Experience.” Short, guided excursions on the Fjord (children three years of age and older) and multi-day expeditions with cuisine. Distinctions: small groups, fibreglass kayaks, personalised service, skilled guides.

Departures from L’Anse-Saint-Jean

ARE YOU PLANNING A SEAGOING ACTIVITY WITHOUT A CERTIFIED GUIDE?

Before you set out, learn the directives you will need to follow and the required equipment to ensure your outing is safe and enjoyable. See tc.gc.ca/marinesafety

Weather conditions can change rapidly and strong marine currents could make your outing hazardous. For your safety, stay close to the shoreline and always keep it in sight, particularly in foggy conditions. Due to regular shipping traffic, avoid making “shore-to-shore” crossings. See marinepark.qc.ca/sea-kayak

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 coast is a paradise for paddlers.

Departures from Baie-Saint-Paul, Cap-à-l’Aigle and Baie-des-Rochers

Kayaoks du Paradis
418 332-6237
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!

Departures from Les Bergeronnes

Mer et Monde Écotours
1 866 637-6663
meretmonde.ca

An intimate experience linking humans to nature, where the sea kayak is the preferred tool for observing the marine environment. Our professional team invites you to experience unforgettable moments.

Departures from Les Bergeronnes and Tadoussac

Organisation – Le Québec Hors Circuits
418 579-8763
organisation.com

Discover the secrets of the Saguenay Fjord in the company of our keen and professional guides. Be it a simple, half-day excursion or a multi-day expedition, take advantage of our packages designed to your specifications.

Departures from La Baie, Sainte-Rose-du-Nord and Petit-Saguenay

Parc national du Fjord-du-Saguenay
1 800 665-6527
parcsquebec.com

Explore the most beautiful portions of the Fjord with our experienced naturalist-guides. An intimate rendezvous in the heart of an impressive natural setting and a unique marine environment.

Departures from Baie-Éternité

TO LEARN ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT THE THREATS AND ACtions AGAINSt THE BELUGA WHALE, VISIT:

www.marinepark.qc.ca/protect/beluga

T E A M W O R K MEANS F R E E T R A I N I N G!

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE B I R T H M E C H A N I S M O F B E L U G A S P H I L A D R O N S, VISIT:

www.marinepark.qc.ca/belugas

TO LEARN ABOUT THE REPRODUCTIVE BEHAVIOUR OF BELUGAS, VISIT:

www.marinepark.qc.ca/belugas/behavior

ON A SAILING EXPERIENCE

ON A SAILING VESSEL

When you book your cruise, you’ll learn the following information through a dynamic PowerPoint presentation:

• How to prepare for your sailing experience
• How to ensure the safety of yourself and fellow passengers
• How to minimize your impact on the marine environment

Onboard, you’ll have access to our unique proprietary dossier:

• Aquatic species
• Marine mammals
• Fish
• Birds

You’ll be given the opportunity to identify aquatic species, marine mammals, and birds. In addition, you’ll receive a comprehensive dossier of aquatic species, marine mammals, and birds.
The Saguenay–St. Lawrence Marine Park Discovery Network

22 ways to discover the Marine Park: meet genuinely enthusiastic people, take in fascinating exhibits, enjoy fabulous outings and explore the great outdoors.

FIND COMPLETE DESCRIPTIONS ON PAGES 10 TO 14.
Exceptional views onto the Marine Park’s sea whales, seals and seabirds near the shore. Encounter naturalist-guides and benefit from their knowledge. Daily activities proposed. Sea-life exhibits and visit of a light station. Binoculars and spotting scopes are available for your use. Follow divers live on a big screen (reservations recommended) or take the dive yourself! (See p. 4)

parkscanada.gc.ca/saguenay

L’ANSE-SAINT-JEAN

ON THE BANKS OF THE MAMITÉ BAY.

Indulge in outdoor activities on land, at sea and in the air! Hiking trails provide extraordinary views onto the Fjord from Tadoussac to Éternité Bay. Try the Sentier le Fjord only:

June 26 to August 17

Adult: $10

Adult: $5

Child (5 to 12): $5

Touch tank (10 a.m. and 2 p.m.)

June 23: Tuesday

September 5 to October 9:

Everyday

Low tide (July 8, 13, 14, and 27, August 6 and 7)

Adult: $5

CENTRE ÉCOLOGIQUE DE PORT-ALU-SAUMON

3330, boul. Malcolm-Fraser (route 138) La Plaice (Saint-Apolline sector)

Tel: 418 434-2209

4 1877 434-2209

cesapac.ca

Longitude: -69.952247

Latitude: 47.765055

Schedule: June 26 to August 17

Admission: $5

(10 a.m. and 2 p.m.)

Adult: $8

Child: $3

Wander through our interpretive trail.

Observe and handle various St. Lawrence marine organisms.

RECENTLY ADDED: Discovery activities at low tide in Port-au-Saumon Bay.

A haven of peace in phase with the tides; Port-au-Persil is a member of the “Association des plus beaux villages du Québec” (Association of Quebec’s Most Beautiful Villages).

Hike one of the marked trails and take time out to enjoy the delightful surroundings and breathtaking views of the St. Lawrence Estuary.

PARKS MUNICIPAL DE LA BAIE-DES-ROCHERS

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Explore the Fjord at two exceptional locations: the wharf, with its magical sunsets, and Saint-Étienne beach, a haven of peace in rhythm with the tides.

Dispose du Havre, L’Anse-Saint-Jean

Tel: 418 370-3633

lansaintjean.ca

Schedule: May 15 to November 1

Admission Free

3 rue du Couvent, L’Anse-Saint-Jean

Tel: 418 370-3633

lansaintjean.ca

Visitor kiosk

Schedule: Late June through mid-September. Every day

Tel: 418 272-2974

Admission Free

MUSÉE DU FJORD

3356, boul. de la Grande-Baie Sud Saguenay (La Baie borough)

Tel: 418 497-5077

musee76400.com

Latitude: 47.953704

Longitude: -70.853845

Schedule: June 24 to Sept. 4: Every day

September 5 to June 23, Tuesday to Sunday

Admission Family and group rates available

MUSEUM OF THE FJORD

Winner of 12 awards of excellence, the Fjord Museum invites you to discover the Saguenay Fjord and the history of its people through exciting exhibitions, a large aquarium and a unique multimedia experience.
SAINTE-ROSE-DU-NORD
Visit the “Pearl of the Fjord”; a town set in a valley between capes with kilometres of trails that lead to the most beautiful panoramic vantage points onto the Fjord.

ANSE-DE-ROCHE DOCK
A seaport surrounded by majestic landscapes with unforgettable sunsets. Picnic area, kayak outings. Situated 1 nautical miles from Tadoussac.

CENTRE ARCHÉO TOPO
Explore the exhibit on human occupation of the North Shore (Côte-Nord) from the first Indigenous to the present day. Discover the lives of ancient Indigenous communities. Pottery beading, dream-catcher fabrication and stone-cutting workshops.

ST. LAWRENCE EXPLORATION CENTRE
Discover St. Lawrence marine resources in their natural surroundings. Touch, observe and allow yourself to be guided to the core of an amazing array of flora and fauna.

PARC NATUREL ET HISTORIQUE DE L’ÎLE AUX BASQUES
A natural heritage showcase, Île aux Basques is a National Historic Site, a migratory bird sanctuary and a nature preserve. The island is home to historical monuments, Basque ovens and an interpretation centre. Rustic cottage accommodation is available.

BAIE DE L’ÎLE-VERTE NATIONAL WILDLIFE AREA
Follow the trails on the Estuary’s south shore and observe the largest grasy salt marsh along the St. Lawrence.

ÎLES DU POT À L’EAU-DE-VIE ET ÎLE AUX LIÈVRES
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.

POSTE DE DRAITHE CHAUVIN
Where are the whales? Who are they? What are researchers doing? A visit to this centre is a must! Exhibition, film, specialists. Take part in world-renowned whale-singing classes.

CENTRE D’INTERPRÉTATION DES MAMMIFÈRES MARINS (CIMM)
The reproduction of the first New France trading post celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2017. Relive the first days of the colony through an interactive and entertaining exhibit on contacts between Europeans and Innu.

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Parcs Québec, Parc national du Fjord-du-Saguenay
Parks Canada / V. Busque
136 avenue Notre-Dame-des-Sept-Douleurs, Sept-Douleurs, QC G0X 2Y0
Tel.: 418 897-2790
www.parcfjordduSaguenay.ca

LA MISON GRAND INTERPRETATION CENTRE
Tel.: 418 867-1953
ec.gc.ca/ap-pa
horaire
Admission
Adults: $25.75
Youth (13-17): $16.75
Children (6 and under): $0.60
Taxes included
Variable, depending on tides
June 5 to September 5
Daily, depending on the marina
Admission Free
Information for the marina: 418 234-4225

Le poste de traite Chauvin.
A seaport surrounded by majestic landscapes with unforgettable sunsets. Picnic area, kayak outings. Situated 1 nautical miles from Tadoussac.

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10 ACTIVITIES NOT TO BE MISSED!

JUNE TO OCTOBER

1. EMBARK UPON A MODERN-DAY TREASURE HUNT: GEOCACHING!

Equipped with a GPS, set off in search of Parks Canada’s geocaches. Do a search for “The White Whale” “La Fidèle,” “Magtogoek” or “A Fragile Ecosystem” on geocaching.com.

2. DO YOU CHILDREN LOVE TO EXPLORE?

Ask for the Explorer program booklet when you enter one of the Parks Canada sites.

3. ON THREE FULL-MOON EVENINGS... WE JAZZ IT UP UNDER THE MOON!

Unique in Quebec, magical evenings spent outdoors on the riverbank where whales peacefully make room for the moon and its silvery ribbon as it decorates the scene for a jazz concert. An experience worth living! On Saturday, July 8, August 5 and September 9, 2017, at around 8 p.m. (about one hour before moonrise).

Marine Environment Discovery Centre, 41, rue des Pilotes, Les Escoumins (Activity to be held indoors in the event of inclement weather). For reservations call: 418 232-6653.

4. EXPLORE-NATURE : ÉDUCATION-RECHERCHE

302, rue de la Rivière, Les Bergeronnes Tel: 418 232-6249 explorenature.ca
Children discover the natural sciences through their five senses! Nature classes for educational institutions, family camps and science day-camps. This non-profit organization is dedicated to education and research of the natural world.

JULY AND AUGUST

5. QUEBEC LIGHTHOUSE DAY

July 13, 2017

Participate in special activities and discover the Marine Park’s lighthouses. Along with other navigational aids, they contribute to improving safety on the St. Lawrence.

6. BIOBLITZ CANADA 150 AT THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT DISCOVERY CENTRE

July 22 to 29, 2017

Use a microscope or participate in the activity “The St. Lawrence Live*” and identify plants and animals that are protected by the Saguenay-St. Lawrence Marine Park. Are you a certified diver? Identify marine organisms by exploring park waters.

* Reservation recommended. $4.90 per person.

AUGUST IS ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH!
The Centre Archéo Topo proposes a tour through the Les Bergeronnes digs accompanied by an archaeologist guide. The archaeological dig simulation workshop is a unique experience for children to discover arrowheads, pipes, pottery shards, and other artefacts.

Centre Archéo Topo: 418 232-6286

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

7. FESTIVAL MARIN DES ESCOUMINS (LES ESCOUMINS MARINE FESTIVAL)

September 2 and 3 (Labour Day weekend) Gaze in wonder at the St. Lawrence’s underwater seascapes. Attend 3D screenings and follow divers as they perform a night dive. You’ll be amazed by the marine life on display! Photo contest and underwater treasure hunt. Details available on our Facebook page!


8. LET YOURSELF BE CHARMED BY BOREAL OWLS

Learn about research carried out at the Observatoire d’oiseaux (Boreal Bird Observatory) and see a master bird ringer work with these tiny night owls. As an observer, you can even participate in making the rounds of the net (Activity offered in French).

Parc national du Fjord-du-Saguenay Tel: 418 272-1556 sepaq.com/pq/sag

9. FESTIVAL DES OISEAUX MIGRANTES DE LA CÔTE-NORD NORD (NORTH SHORE MIGRATORY BIRD FESTIVAL)

During the 3rd weekend of September, experienced birdwatchers and nature lovers are invited to participate in the following activities: bird-watching excursions (pelagic birds and shorebirds), bird banding, and conferences open to the general public.

festivalmigrateurs.com

10. THE ST. LAWRENCE BELUGA WHALE IS ENDANGERED

Beluga whales were historically abundant in the waters of the St. Lawrence. There were between 7,800 and 10,000 individuals at the end of the 19th century. Unfortunately, intensive commercial whaling in the early 20th century very nearly wiped them out. The St. Lawrence beluga whale population has not recovered, despite a whaling ban that has been in place since 1979. The population is presently thought to be in decline. There are only an estimated 889 belugas remaining in the St. Lawrence.

The need to protect beluga whales is a major part of their summer habitat. To protect the St. Lawrence Marine Park, the marine environment discovery centre proposes a tour through the Saguenay-St. Lawrence Marine Park with a park guard. Follow divers as they perform a night dive. Gaze in wonder at the St. Lawrence’s underwater seascapes. Attend 3D screenings and follow divers as they perform a night dive. You’ll be amazed by the marine life on display! Photo contest and underwater treasure hunt. Details available on our Facebook page!


INCREASED AWARENESS:

• Tour boat captains and the sea kayaking guides participate in annual training courses. If you embark with them, you will benefit from their knowledge.

• By visiting Discovery Network sites you will explore various facets of the Marine Park while gaining access to information about beluga whales.

• You may encounter one of the teams dedicated to research, awareness or monitoring who ply the waters of the Marine Park aboard a Parks Canada or a Parcs Québec boat.

PARTNERSHIP:

• We are working with Fisheries and Oceans Canada to education recreational boaters and kayakers to take care of beluga whales by keeping their distance.

• Marine excursion companies Parks Canada, Parcs Québec and the Group for Research and Education on Marine Mammals (GRÈMM), came together to form the Eco-Whale Alliance in order to improve visitor experience and whale-watching practices within the Marine Park.

• We work in consultation with maritime transport specialists in order to reduce the risk of collisions with whales and to limit disturbances.

ACTIVITIES MANAGEMENT:

• The Marine Activities in the Saguenay–St. Lawrence Marine Park Regulations were developed in collaboration with marine excursion companies. Parks Canada park wardens oversee the application of these Regulations.

RESEARCH:

• In addition to contributing to a number of studies, our teams study the distribution and abundance of beluga whale prey and vessel movements of within its habitat.

Our efforts supplement those of a large number of stakeholders. Protecting the St. Lawrence beluga whale is everyone’s business. Without your help, we will not be able to achieve this worthwhile goal.
NEED MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE MARINE PARK?

Saguenay–St. Lawrence Marine Park
info.parcc Marin@pc.gc.ca | marinepark.qc.ca |
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VISIT ONE OF THESE INFORMATION OFFICES:

La Malbaie (Saint-Fidèle sector)
VISITOR CENTRE
2820, boul. Malcom-Fraser
418 434-2299

Rivière-du-Loup
TOURIST INFORMATION OFFICE
189, boulevard de l’Hôtel-de-Ville
418 862-1981

Baie-Sainte-Catherine
BAIE-SAINTE-CATHERINE WHARF
151, route 138

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Tel.: 418 867-1272 • 1 800 563-5268
bassaintlaurent.ca

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tourisme-charlevoix.com

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Tel.: 418 543-9778 • 1 877 BLÉUETS (253-8387)
saguenaylacsaaintjean.ca

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traversierdl.com

Baie-Sainte-Catherine / Tadoussac
Tel.: 418 235-4395
traversiers.gouv.qc.ca

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VHF Channel 16 (156.8 MHZ)
Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
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Concerning a marine mammal that is either wounded or in trouble 1 877 722-5346

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