



Kouchibouguac
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VISITOR GUIDE 2018

FREE ADMISSION
FOR YOUTH 17
AND UNDER!



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Parks Canada emergencies
(Lost person, forest fire, aggressive animal, etc)

911

All other emergencies

ENTRY FEES

Revenue generated from fees is reinvested in park services and facilities such as: maintenance of park roads, trails and day-use areas, public security, safety, rescue, information and interpretation services.

Admission to Parks Canada places for youth 17 and under is free in 2018 and beyond! There's no better time to create lasting memories with the whole family.

FREE ADMISSION FOR YOUTH 17 AND UNDER

	Adult 18-64	Senior 65+	Youth 17 and under	Family ● Group Up to seven people arriving in a single vehicle.
Daily				
Summer ● Winter	\$7.80	\$6.80	Free	\$15.70
Spring ● Fall	\$3.90	\$3.15	Free	\$7.85
Kouchibouguac Seasonal Pass				
Early Bird <i>Before June 14</i>	\$23.50	\$20.60	Free	\$58.80
Regular Rate	\$39.20	\$34.30	Free	\$78.50
Fall Season	\$23.50	\$20.60	Free	\$47.05



Parks Canada Discovery Pass

Enjoy unlimited opportunities at nearly **100 places** charging entry fees.

	Adult 18-64	Senior 65+	Youth 17 and under	Family ● Group Up to seven people arriving in a single vehicle.
	\$67.70	\$57.90	Free	\$136.40

EPTJILITAAG KOUCHIBOUGUAC NATIONAL PARK!

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Oel Migtogoetesg; Ag Migoiteelemitesnen
taan teotji oel migtogoeneg!

Géraldine Arsenault
IGANI ALSOSIT

WELCOME TO KOUCHIBOUGUAC NATIONAL PARK!

We are so pleased that you've decided to pay
us a visit; in 2018, we're offering free admission
to almost all Parks Canada sites to anyone 17 or
younger. Kouchibouguac has so much to discover,
with its coastal habitats, bogs, rivers and forests,
not to mention all the species that make their
homes here.

Our programming will keep you entertained all
season long. Enjoy your stay with special activities
on the campgrounds, presentations at the
outdoor theatre, campfires, activities to celebrate
Indigenous culture and voyageur canoe trips.

Discover the richness of our national historic sites
with their authentic stories that have marked the
area's history and helped build Canada as we know
it. Take a look at pages 28 and 29 to read about
these special sites.

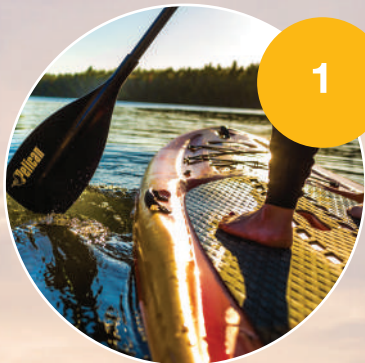
Whether you enjoy biking, hiking, camping or
kayaking, you can explore Kouchibouguac National
Park for an experience you'll never forget!

Have a great visit; I wish you wonderful memories
from your time with us!

Géraldine Arsenault
SUPERINTENDENT
NORTHERN NEW BRUNSWICK FIELD UNIT
PARKS CANADA

Photo: André Audet

Top 5 Favourites



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NAUTICAL ADVENTURES

Discover the park's hidden gems by exploring the many rivers and lagoons by canoe, kayak or paddle board. See page **16** for equipment rental information and more.

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DARK SKY PRESERVE

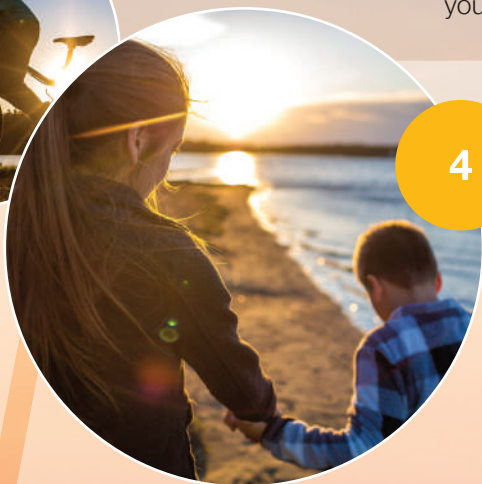
Escape from glaring city lights and enjoy the celestial landscape of our Dark Sky Preserve, one of only three sites in NB designated by the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada. Check out page **13** to make the most out of your dark sky experience.



2

YEAR-ROUND BIKING

Cycle over 60 km of bike trails interconnecting throughout the park to discover the diverse maritime plain ecosystems. The more adventurous will not want to miss the Major Kollock Creek Mountain Bike Trail. Flip to page **17** to learn more about our biking network.



4

BEACH DREAMING

A scenic stroll atop Kellys Beach boardwalk will lead you to golden sand dunes with sea life discoveries and a great time guaranteed. See page **14** to plan your perfect beach day.



5

WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS

Grab your binoculars and head out to observe various species in their natural habitat. Incredible wildlife diversity is a reflection of the wide range of habitats found within the park. Read pages **30** and **31** to learn more about conservation efforts in Kouchibouguac!

VISITOR CENTRE

Let our staff help you plan your trip!

While you're there, be sure to check out:

Audio-Visual Presentation

**"Naturally Captivating
- the Kouchibouguac
Coastal Experience"**

20-minute video

Exhibits

- Memories of Our Communities
- Where Land, Sea, and People Meet
- Discovery Corner

All-terrain wheelchair
available here.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Peak Season

Daily:

8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

June 25 – September 3

Shoulder Season

Daily:

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

May 17 – June 24

September 4 – October 14

Visitor Centre

506.876.2443

AMICA Gift Shop

506.876.1213



Amica, the latin word meaning friends, is a not for profit organization whose mission is to support Kouchibouguac National Park and Parks Canada's mandate. The association operates a gift shop in the Visitor Centre and operates Ryans Convenience Store and Laundromat. Make sure to come visit! Amica also offers ski and snowshoe rentals during the winter months.

Profits from sales and rentals help the association support educational programs, scientific research and other projects in the Park. Visit our Facebook page to learn more about our activities and how you can support the Friends of Kouchibouguac National Park by becoming a member.

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Conversations of Conservation

THE RETURN OF A SPECIES

Bringing back the Gulf of St. Lawrence aster to Kouchibouguac National Park

Every species has intrinsic value. For that reason alone, it deserves to be protected.



Gulf of St. Lawrence aster
(*Symphyotrichum laurentianum*)

The Gulf of St. Lawrence aster (GSLA) isn't found anywhere else in the world other than in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Quebec's Magdalen Islands. The plant is a salt marsh specialist whose numbers have declined due to habitat loss from shoreline development, increased erosion caused by climate change (sea level rise), artificial changes to hydrological processes, disturbances associated with recreational activities (trampling, all-terrain vehicles) and competition from invasive species. Kouchibouguac National Park had two areas where the plant could be found. However, in 2000, a storm dumped so much sand over the salt marsh that all the seeds were buried under with no possibility to germinate. The Gulf of St. Lawrence aster had not been seen again at the park since last summer.

The natural germination of this species within park limits was re-established during the summer of 2017, following a successful two-year Conservation and Restoration (CoRe) project in collaboration with botanists from the University of Prince Edward Island and the Atlantic Canada Conservation Data Centre. During the summers of 2016 and 2017, a total of 800 greenhouse-grown plantlets were transplanted at 14 different sites, in addition to scattering more than 30 000 seeds in 31 additional sites. Thirteen of these combined 45 sites produced a total of 1330 mature plants, which represents the first time in over 12 years that this plant had regenerated naturally in the park! The restored sites will continue to be monitored for productivity for years to come, but the threat of climate change and sea level rise will continue to render this rare species extremely fragile.



STAYING THE NIGHT? We've got you covered.




RESERVATION.PC.GC.CA

1-877-RESERVE

SOUTH KOUCHIBOUGUAC CAMPGROUND

Located only two kilometers from popular Kellys Beach, South Kouchibouguac is the park's main campground. On site, you will find shelters with washrooms and showers and nearby, a laundromat, a general store and a canteen.

EQUIPPED CAMPSITES are supplied with: Prospector tent, 3 cot bunk beds, bug tent, stove, lantern, dishes, cooking and cleaning supplies. Price includes site rental.

oTENTiks have a spacious blend of tent and rustic cabin equipped with beds and furniture on a raised floor. Sleeps up to 6 people. They are supplied with BBQ, propane, dishes for 4, cooking and cleaning supplies.

	WATER, SEWAGE & ELECTRICITY	ELECTRICITY	UNSERVICED	EQUIPPED CAMPSITES	oTENTiks
AVAILABLE SITES	128	59	96	3	25
PEAK SEASON	\$38.20	\$32.30	\$27.40	\$70	\$100
SHOULDER SEASON	\$35.30	\$29.40	\$21.50	\$70	\$90

**RYANS LANDING
 CONVENIENCE STORE**
506.876.4558

Peak Season
 Daily
 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. (June 25 – August 5)
 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (August 6 – September 3)

Shoulder Season
 Saturday/Sunday
 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (May 18 - June 24)
 Closed (Sept. 4)

Laudromat open daily during camping season. For hours of operation, contact the Visitor Centre or South Kouchibouguac Campground Kiosk.

CÔTE-À-FABIEN CAMPGROUND

The Côte-à-Fabien semi-primitive campground offers the most breathtaking view. It is located outside of the park's busy hub. Imagine waking up to the sound of the waves and the birds, then quietly sipping your coffee while looking at the water... The horizon seems never ending. 32 campsites are available, including 11 that have direct access to the beach.

	DRIVE-IN	WALK-IN
AVAILABLE SITES	21	11
PEAK SEASON	\$15.70	\$15.70
SHOULDER SEASON	Closed	Closed

 [RESERVATION.PC.GC.CA](https://reservation.pc.gc.ca)
 1-877-RESERVE



SLEEPING UNDER THE STARS

Experience a different side of Kouchibouguac. Come equipped, as we only offer limited services in these isolated areas. Try one of our three back-country camping locations.

Campers must register at the Visitor Center before departure.

RESERVATIONS
506.876.2443

POINTE-À-MAXIME

Located on the edge of the Kouchibouguac River, this site can easily be used as a departure point to visit the seals in the nearby Blacklands gully. Watch for tides and strong currents.

SIPU

Located along the Kouchibouguac River, this site is accessible by canoe/ kayak or on foot.

PETIT-LARGE

Open year round, this campsite surrounded by forest is located close to the Major Kollock Creek trailhead.

OVERNIGHT

ANNUAL

\$9.80 per person

\$68.70 per person

CAMPING ETIQUETTE



RESPECT THE POSTED SPEED LIMITS

- 20 km/h in campgrounds
- 60 km/h on the Parkway

Please slow down and have a **safe** visit!

Don't move firewood!

Because of the potential impact of the Brown Spruce Longhorn Beetle on NB forests, it is prohibited to import firewood at Kouchibouguac National Park.



For your safety, well water is tested regularly. Ask park attendants about the water quality.

A FEW GUIDELINES

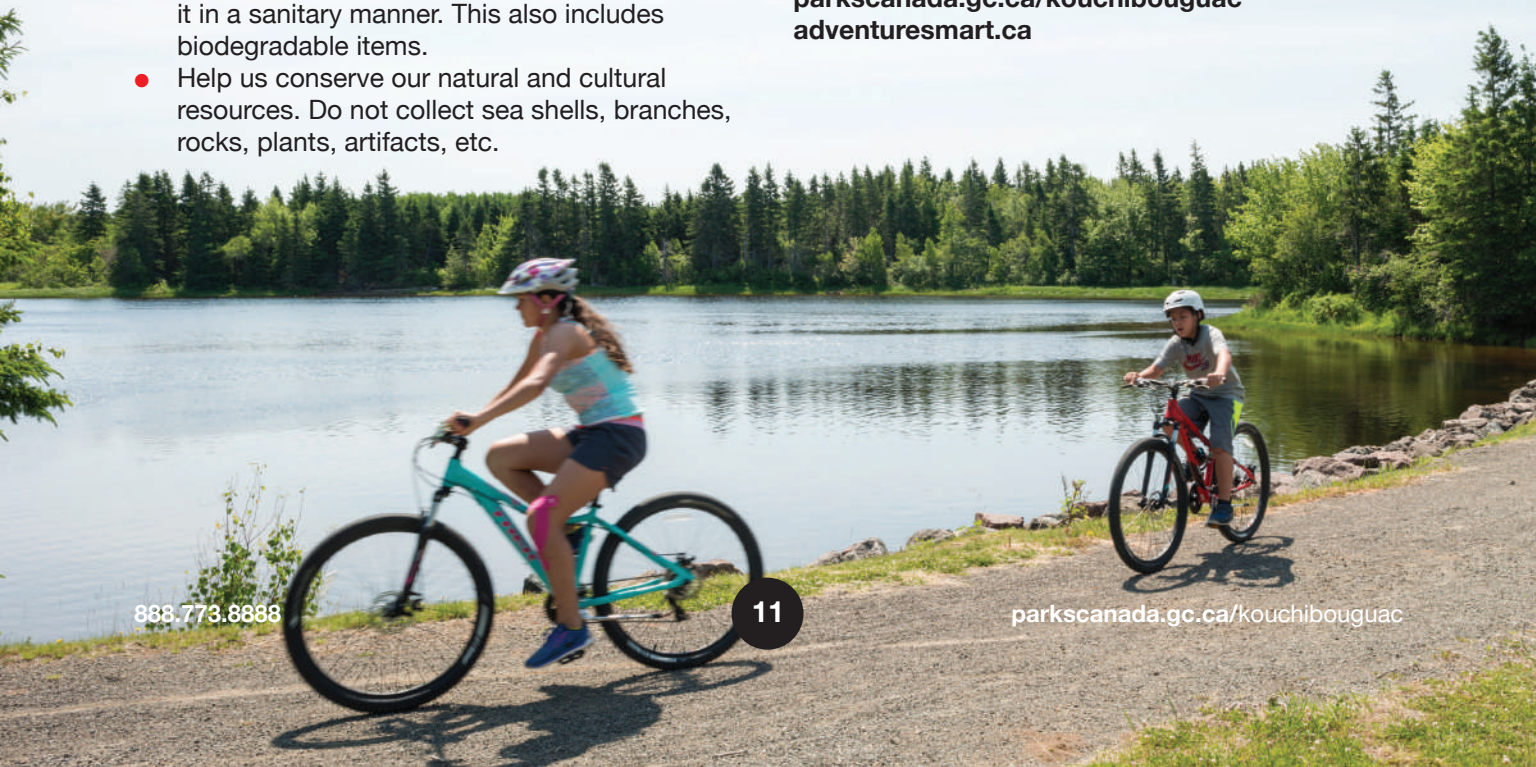
- Excessive noise will not be tolerated, day or night.
- Quiet time is from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- Never feed wild animals. This activity is illegal and can create visitor safety issues.
- Always keep your pet on a leash and scoop their poop. Dogs are permitted everywhere in the park except on barrier islands and Kellys Beach boardwalk.
- Do not approach wildlife – observe it from a safe distance (i.e. at least 100 meters).
- Store all food in closed and secured containers (preferably in your vehicle).
- Always pick up your trash and dispose of it in a sanitary manner. This also includes biodegradable items.
- Help us conserve our natural and cultural resources. Do not collect sea shells, branches, rocks, plants, artifacts, etc.

TIPS FROM EXPERIENCED VISITORS

- Plan your outing carefully.
- Check the weather.
- Wear proper footwear and clothing suitable for the weather conditions.
- Take along food and water.
- Take along your cell phone.
- Take along a first aid kit.
- Don't go out on the ice.
- Avoid going out on your own but if you must, share your itinerary with someone you know.

*More safety information available on our website or AdventureSmart.

parkscanada.gc.ca/kouchibouguac
adventuresmart.ca



Conversations of Conservation

THE GREEN CRAB

The green crab (*Carcinus maenas*), also known as the European green crab, is native to the coastal regions of Europe and arrived in North America around 1800. It appeared in the Gulf of St. Lawrence in 1994 and was observed in Kouchibouguac National Park for the first time in 2011.

In Canada, the green crab is considered an invasive alien species. It generally feeds on molluscs and crustaceans, making it a major competitor of our native species, such as the rock crab (*Cancer irroratus*).

This exotic species has a considerable impact on our estuarine ecosystems. For example, it affects softshell clam populations and eelgrass, an aquatic plant that grows in estuaries and provides an important habitat for a number of mollusc, crustacean and fish species. This is one of the reasons why we have observed a decrease in biodiversity everywhere it is found.

In order to put measures in place to control the species and conserve our estuaries for the future, the park's resource conservation team, in collaboration with Dr Gilles Miron of the University of Moncton, are conducting a two-year study on the population dynamics and abundance of green crab in the estuaries of Kouchibouguac National Park.



Green crab
(*Carcinus maenas*)



Green crab
(*Carcinus maenas*)

DARK SKY PRESERVE

2018 nighttime programming and stargazing activities

June 15-16

Spring Star Fest

**June 30, July 27,
August 24**

Dune Moonlight Walk
(English)

**June 29, July 20 &
August 17**

Marche au clair de lune
(French)

September 14-15

Fall Star Fest

September 22

10k Under 10 Million Stars

On your next visit to Kouchibouguac, keep in mind that a spectacular sunset is just the prelude to the wonders of the night sky. On a clear night, Kouchibouguac's dreamy dome reveals a cavalcade of thousands of stars.

Kouchibouguac was designated as a Dark Sky Preserve (DSP) in 2009 by the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada as part of their Dark Sky Preserve Program. As a DSP, Kouchibouguac is committed to protecting the nighttime environment from the effects of artificial lighting. The designation was the first in New Brunswick.

Protecting the dark skylscapes of Kouchibouguac benefits stargazers as well as wildlife. Studies have shown that many of the biological and behavioural activities of plants, animals and insects that rely on night darkness to forage, breed and navigate are adversely affected by light pollution.

As a Dark Sky Preserve, Kouchibouguac gives present and future generations a chance to gaze upon the same stars seen by the Mi'gmaq, European explorers, and early settlers.

Experience it for yourself and take part in some of the various astronomy activities Kouchibouguac offers throughout the year.

DARK SKY VIEWING TIPS

La Source, Kellys Beach and Callanders Beach are some of the best spots for a dark sky gazing experience.

Take along a star chart or download a star gazing app, and a pair of binoculars, or telescope.

Use red cellophane over your flashlight. Red light is less obtrusive than traditional white light, and helps to retain your night vision.

BEACH DREAMING

Kellys Beach



The perfect spot to relax, swim and build a sand castle. Begin your adventure with a scenic stroll atop Kellys Beach 1-km boardwalk, wandering above salt marsh grass toward lagoons brimming with life.



Dogs are not permitted on the boardwalk or on the barrier islands of the park.



KELLYS BEACH CANTEEN

506.876.4567

HOURS OF OPERATION

Peak Season Daily

9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (June 25 – Aug 12)

9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Aug 13 – Sept 3)

Shoulder Season Saturday/Sunday

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (May 18 – June 24)

Closed for Renovations (from Sept. 4)

NATURE EXHIBITS

These 10 to 15 minute informal presentations feature a variety of animals or plants of Kouchibouguac. Meet at the big yellow umbrella on Kellys Beach boardwalk.

Please respect the fenced/ closed areas set to protect piping plover nesting sites and the vegetation.

Callanders Beach



Wade in the warm waters of the lagoon. The large field here is an excellent spot to fly a kite or host family picnics. The entrance to the Migmag - Cedar Trail (0.9 km) can be found at Callanders Beach. Here, you'll learn how Mi'gmaq people value the cedar tree and nature.

Dogs are welcome at Callanders Beach. However, they must be kept on a leash at all times. Please scoop and dispose of your pets' waste in a sanitary manner.



NAUTICAL ADVENTURES

Discover the park's hidden gems by exploring the many rivers and lagoons by canoe, kayak or paddle board.

See the park like you've never seen it before! Major Kollock parking, Callanders Beach or Côte-à-Fabien are excellent spots to launch your equipment and start your paddling adventure! Check out the trail guide on page **19** for more detailed route options.

PRO TIP

Plan your excursion early morning or a few hours before sunset for calm waters. There is nothing quite like a sunset paddle.



WE RENT EQUIPMENT!

Canoes, kayaks and paddle boards are available for rent.

RYANS EQUIPMENT RENTAL

Visit pc.gc.ca/kouchibouguac for schedule.

SAFETY FIRST



- Always wear your lifejacket.
- Always keep a safe distance between yourself and recreational & commercial fishing boats.
- Paddle within your abilities to avoid injury and exhaustion.

365 DAYS OF BIKING

Equal parts active and relaxing, this is some of Atlantic Canada's finest riding.

Kouchibouguac's 60 kilometres of bicycle paths are ideal for gentle exploration. Pedal along well-maintained gravel-topped trails that lead past striking fields of wildflowers, saltwater lagoons and grand Acadian woodland.

Fat Bike Experience

Fat biking is a fast growing sport that allows beginner to advanced cyclists to bike on a variety of terrain. Fat bikes are a special type of bike that accommodate a much wider tire, ranging from 3.5 to 5 inches in width.

Imagine riding your fat bike through the Major Kollock mountain bike trail - what a ride!

A FEW GUIDELINES

- Fat bikes are not permitted on the beach, dunes or coastal areas (beach, lagoons and rivers).
- Fat bikers must stay on the bike trails.
- If you are renting a fat bike, we recommend that you use a bike rack on your vehicle for safe transportation.

WE RENT EQUIPMENT!

Want to try out a fat bike?
Rent your gear at Ryans
Equipement Rental.

FAT BIKE RENTALS

\$10/hour
\$25/half day
\$45/full day

Information
506.876.2443
kouch.info@pc.gc.ca



**OPEN
YEAR-ROUND!**
Check out page 22
for winter fat biking
information.



TRAIL GUIDE

- Easy
- Medium
- Wheelchair accessible
- Flat terrain
- Relatively flat terrain
- Rugged terrain
- Shallow waters

WALKING	Difficulty	Length	Type	Description
Pines	● ●	0.9 km	Loop, self-guided	Immerse yourself in this mature part of the Acadian forest where you'll see majestic white pines, some of which are over 100 years old. Find out why these trees were of great value to the British settlers.
Beaver	● ●	1.4 km	Loop, self-guided	Discover why beavers are considered to be ecosystem engineers while taking the time to observe one of their abandoned huts. Here, you will be in the heart of the Acadian forest and will be able to learn more about the birds and mammals who live in this habitat.
Migmag-Cedar	● ●	0.9 km	Loop	This trail begins at the end of the large field at Callanders Beach. Near the shore, the trail offers a splendid view of lagoons and sand dunes. Exceptionally, the interpretation panels of the trail will be absent for the 2018 season, due to new updates.
Salt Marsh	● ●	0.9 km	Loop, self-guided	Find out why the salt marsh is considered to be the most biologically productive coastal habitat. Discover the cordgrass' special adaptations and keep an eye out for all sorts of birds. TIP: Apply lots of insect repellent!
Kellys Beach Boardwalk	● ●	1.2 km	Linear, one-way	In addition to leading to Kellys Beach, this trail illustrates the evolution of the dunes. Discover the importance of marram grass, and learn about the piping plover, a species at risk protected at the park. You will be amazed at how vibrant life is in this fragile habitat.
Bog	● ●	1.8 km	Linear, one-way	The first part of the trail passes through the forest to reach the bog's edge where an eight-meter spiral staircase tower offers a spectacular view of the peat bog. The trail then continues on the bog where you can observe carnivorous plants among the humid world of mosses.
Tweedie	● ●	1.1 km	Loop	This trail offers views of the Kouchibouguac River, fields, forest and marshes while the river banks are ideal places for picnicking. TIP: Stay on the marked trail and watch for poison ivy along the path near the river.
Kouchibouguac River	● ●	11.3 km	Linear, one-way	When going east from Patterson to La Source and then towards South Kouchibouguac campground, admire the spectacular geological phenomena of sandstone rock in addition to the famous leaning pine overlooking the river. The fields along the river give visitors a chance to see fauna and in some places, benches offer a panoramic view of the river.
Osprey	● ●	5.3 km	Loop	Access to the trail is located at the entrance of Côte-à-Fabien campground (i.e. at the end of Loggicroft Road). In some places, the trail runs along the coast and offers a view of the estuary. At the end of the cul-de-sac, a beautiful scene awaits. Here, keep an eye out as you could see ospreys and bald eagles fishing for their next meal.
Claire Fontaine	● ●	3.3 km	Loop	Access to the trail is located just before the Black River bridge on Route 117. The trail follows Rankin Brook, Black River and the Kouchibouguac Lagoon in addition to crossing different forest stands. In the fall, several waterfowl species can be found feeding in adjacent rich waters.

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- Medium
- Wheelchair accessible
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- Relatively flat terrain
- Rugged terrain
- Shallow waters

BIKING	Difficulty	Length	Type	Description
Major Kollock Creek	● ●	6.3 km	Linear, one way mountain biking	The trail starts near the Petit Large shelter. The more adventurous will enjoy the Major Kollock Creek mountain bike trail as it offers 6 kilometers of adventure on rugged terrain that winds the forest and the creek. Perfect for mountain biking and fat biking.
Biking trail network	● ●	60 km	Linear or loop (depending on the route chosen)	Kouchibouguac's 60 kilometres of bicycle paths are ideal for gentle exploration. Pedal along well-maintained gravel-topped trails that lead past striking fields of wildflowers, saltwater lagoons and grand Acadian woodland. Equal parts active and relaxing, this is some of Atlantic Canada's finest riding.

PADDLING	Difficulty	Length	Type	Description
Callanders to Blacklands Gully	● ●	5.4 km	Lagoon	Depart from Callanders Beach and make your way to Blacklands Gully – you'll most likely see grey seals and Canada's largest common tern colony along the way (45-60 min one way).
Saint-Louis Cape Wharf to Blacklands Gully	● ●	5.4 km	Lagoon	Depart from Saint-Louis Cape Wharf, a beautiful lesser known part of the park and go down the Kouchibouguac River to make your way to Blacklands Gully – you'll most likely see grey seals and Canada's largest Common tern colony along the way (45-60 min one way).
Ryans to the famous leaning red pine	● ●	1.5 km	Lagoon	Make your way up the Kouchibouguac River. The best way to really appreciate the view of this "bonsai tree" is from the water. The tree, which grows out of a sandstone outcropping, stretches itself horizontally over the river while its roots stay firmly planted in the stone (approx. 45 minutes return).

Photo: André Audet

FISHING

FISHING/ANGLING

Kouchibouguac National Park is an excellent place to try fishing.

A Kouchibouguac National Park fishing permit is required to fish in all waters within the park boundary. Fishing regulations apply.

PERMITS

Annual General Fishing Permit

\$34.30

Daily General Fishing Permit

\$9.80

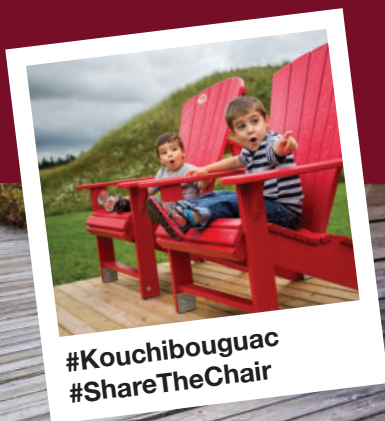
Please see one of our officers or contact the park for more information.

THE RED CHAIR EXPERIENCE

SHARE YOUR PHOTOS WITH US!

Will you find all **8 sets of red chairs** throughout the park?

Don't forget to tag us or share your picture with us!



Red Adirondack chairs are placed in the most picturesque areas of Kouchibouguac National Park for YOU to DISCOVER. Some are easy to find, while others require more of an adventure.

Photo: Doug Currie



GEOCACHING

Looking for a fun outdoor activity to do during your stay? **Geocaching is an interactive treasure hunt conducted with a GPS unit and it is a great way to discover the park.**

To prevent geocaches from becoming wildlife attractants, trade items are not permitted.

GEOCACHING EVENT

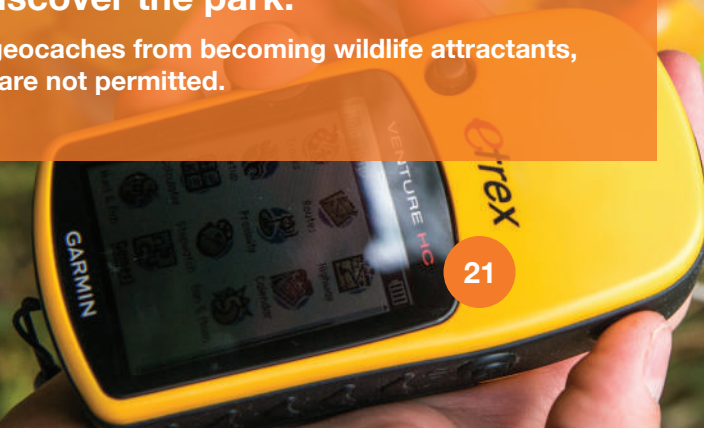
September 1

Parks Canada and CacheUp NB invite you to an unforgettable geocaching experience in the park. The first 400 participants to complete their Cacheport will receive a geocoin!

888.773.8888

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parksCanada.gc.ca/kouchibouguac



WINTER ACTIVITIES

Kouchibouguac National Park is your winter destination — we are open year-round!

NEW!

Have you tried our newest snowshoeing trails? They now connect Pijeboogwek to Patterson and Petit-Large. Two other trails are also specifically marked for snowshoeing: Kouchibouguac River Trail and the Osprey.

-  **30 km of snowshoe trails**
-  **20 km of ski trails**
-  **16 km of fat bike trails**
-  **5 km of walking trails**
-  **3 rustic shelters**
-  **Birdwatching**
-  **Sledding at Patterson Shelter**
-  **Geocaching**
-  **Backcountry winter camping**

Follow us for our winter events schedule!

-  KouchibouguacNP
-  @KouchibouguacNP

WE RENT EQUIPMENT!

Fat bike equipment, cross-country ski equipment, snowshoes, headlamps and anti-slip soles.

Information

506.876.2443
kouch.info@pc.gc.ca

WINTER FAT BIKING

16 kilometres of winding fat bike trails are groomed in winter. Explore the Acadian forest as you pedal to Petit-Large and La Source or to Patterson.

A FEW GUIDELINES

- Ride on designated trails only. Cycling off-road and on the other trails belonging to the winter trail network is not permitted. (It is permitted to cross the ski trail when indicated.)
- Yield for snowshoers and cross-country skiers at intersections (they do not have brakes).
- Avoid blocking your rear tire (skid).

WINTER ACCOMMODATIONS

Looking for a unique winter experience? Spend the night in a rustic shelter, or for the more adventurous, try out winter camping!

WINTER CAMPING AT PETIT-LARGE

8 primitive campsites are available with dry toilet, fire pit, wood, and snow shovel.

OVERNIGHT	ANNUAL
\$9.80 per person	\$68.70 per person

RUSTIC SHELTERS AT SOUTH KOUCHIBOUGUAC

November 1 - March 31

Accessible by ski (10 km), by snowshoe (9-12 km) and by foot or bicycle – conditions permitting.

PER NIGHT
\$70 (up to 6 people)

Park entry fees are not included in the prices displayed. Please check our cancellation policy.

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 506.876.2443



Marilyn's Legacy

Marilyn Simon-Ingram has been working at Kouchibouguac National Park for more than 17 years. Having started as an interpreter, she soon realized visitors were very interested in learning about Mi'gmaq people and their culture. She began to incorporate more of these cultural elements such as teachings about medicine and traditions as well as storytelling into her program with great success. As a residential school survivor who had been forbidden to talk about and practice her culture, she also feels it's important to keep these stories alive and pass them on to future generations.

"I feel a lot of excitement to share what I have learned from my ancestors, the teachings they gave me" she says. "I like to share with other people and also learn about their culture. I do my work here for the children so they can understand each other."

The Mawioimi event at Callanders Beach on this sacred ground for the Mi'gmaq had long been Marilyn's vision and it was made a reality for the first time last year: "When I looked at the people coming, the Mi'gmaq dancers and singers, I felt so happy. And I could see that our people were so proud."

Learn more about this rich culture first-hand by participating in our Mi'gmaq interpretation programs.



MI'GMAQ CULTURAL PROGRAMS

Wigwam Gatherings

Join a First Nations interpreter for an outstanding Mi'gmaq cultural experience. Create your own friendship necklace and learn many aspects of First Nations' spiritual beliefs and their connection with mammals. **Meet at the Wigwam at Callanders Beach.**



Legends of the Night

"Legends of the Night" is a program where the legend telling has actual history and/or predictions hidden within the legend. **Meet at the Wigwam at Callanders Beach.**

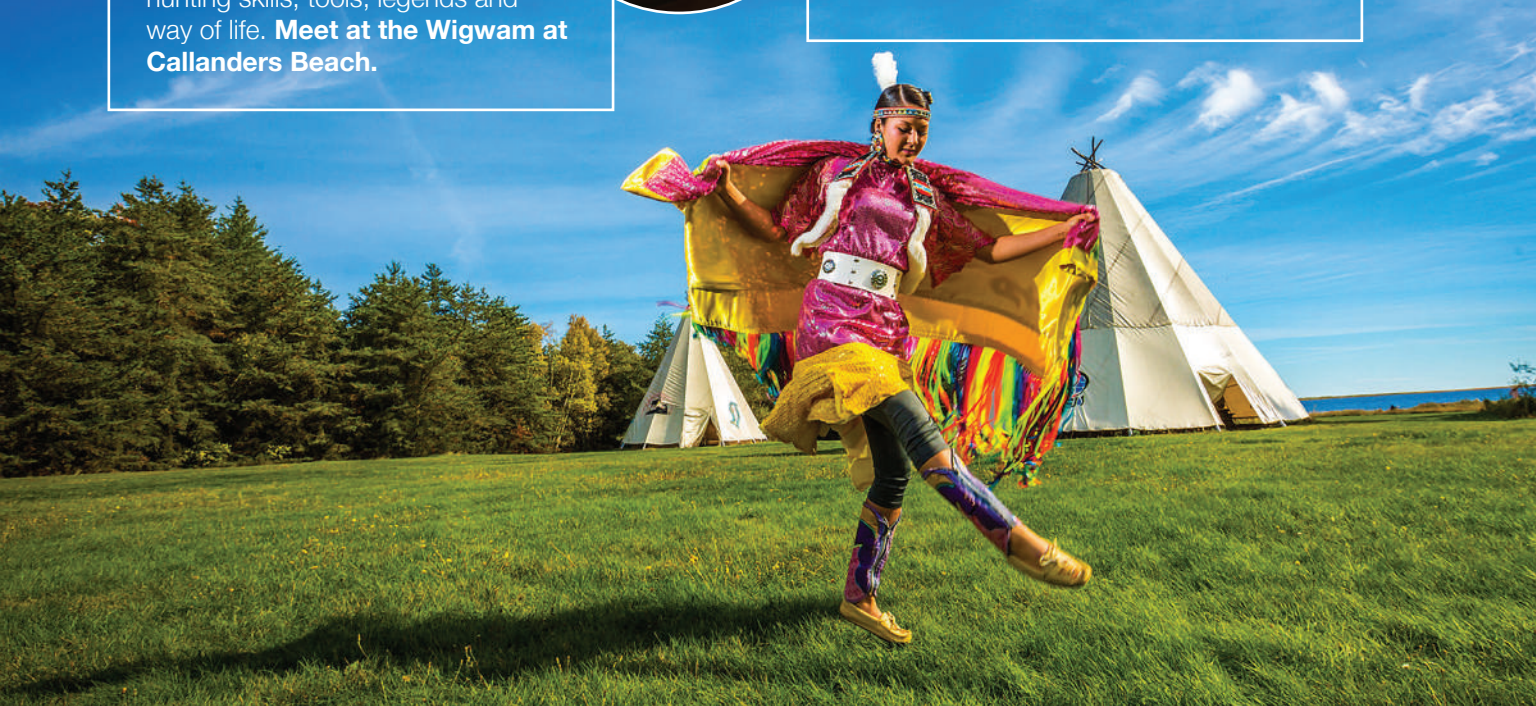
Mi'gmaq Cultural Discoveries

Join a First Nations interpreter for an experience where you will discover the richness of the Mi'gmaq First Nations culture: hunting skills, tools, legends and way of life. **Meet at the Wigwam at Callanders Beach.**



Mi'gmaq Ceremonial Dances

Immerse yourself into the Mi'gmaq First Nation Ceremonial Dances. **Meet at the Wigwam at Callanders Beach.**



INTERPRETATION PROGRAMS

Fun for the whole family and offered from June 28 to September 2.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
MORNING		AVENTURE EN CANOT VOYAGEUR (French) - Cap Saint-Louis Wharf 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	VOYAGEUR CANOE ADVENTURE (English) - Cap Saint-Louis Wharf 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
	MI'GMAQ CULTURAL DISCOVERIES** (English) - Wigwam at Callanders Beach 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.		WIGWAM GATHERINGS** (Bilingual) - Wigwam at Callanders Beach 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
AFTERNOON	NATURE EXHIBITS (Bilingual) - Kellys Beach Boardwalk 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.		NATURE EXHIBITS (Bilingual) - Kellys Beach Boardwalk 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
		RANDONÉE GUIDÉE EN VÉLO (French) - Ryans Landing 2:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.	GUIDED BIKE OUTING (English) - Ryans Landing 2:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.
EVENING	THÉÂTRE EN PLEIN AIR (French) - Between South Kouchibouguac Campground and Ryans 8 p.m. - 9 p.m.	LEGENDS OF THE NIGHT** (English) - Wigwam at Callanders Beach 8 p.m. (June-July) 7 p.m. (August)	

VOYAGEUR CANOE ADVENTURE

Paddle to the sandy barrier islands with other adventurers on board of our Voyageur Canoe. Be on the lookout for seals, terns, ospreys, bald eagles and more. Meet at Cap Saint-Louis Wharf Canoe departs at 8 a.m. (weather permitting)

Per person (age 6+) \$29.40
Reservations: 506.876.2443
Payment upon reservation.
Please check our cancelation policy.



GUIDED BIKE OUTING

Meet at Ryans for a relaxing one-hour guided bike tour where little secrets will be discovered. We will make a special stop at the "Sandstone Garden", a peaceful place where from the belvedere, we can admire the Kouchibouguac River and the famous leaning pine tree.



WE OFFER SPECIAL EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!
Check out the schedule online or pick up a copy at the Visitor Centre.



THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
AVENTURE EN CANOT VOYAGEUR (French) - Cap Saint-Louis Wharf 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	VOYAGEUR CANOE ADVENTURE (English) - Cap Saint-Louis Wharf 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	AVENTURE EN CANOT VOYAGEUR (French) - Cap Saint-Louis Wharf 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	
MI'GMAQ CEREMONIAL DANCES** (English) - Wigwam at Callanders Beach 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.			WIGWAM GATHERINGS** (English) - Wigwam at Callanders Beach 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
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	L'EXPLORATION DES LAGUNES (French) – Kellys Beach 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.	MI'GMAQ CEREMONIAL DANCES** (English) - Wigwam at Callanders Beach 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	LAGOON LIFE (English) – Kellys Beach 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.
FEU DE CAMP (French) – Trail between Kellys and Ryans 8 p.m. (June-July) 7 p.m. (August)		OUTDOOR THEATRE (English) – Between South Kouchibouguac Campground and Ryans 8 p.m. – 9 p.m.	THÉÂTRE EN PLEIN AIR (French) – Between South Kouchibouguac Campground and Ryans 8 p.m. – 9 p.m.

***see page 25 for product description.*

LAGOON LIFE



Follow a park interpreter into Kouchibouguac's shallow saltwater lagoons and wade through seawater on a fascinating, immersive sea-life discovery program. It's summertime fun for families and the young-at-heart. Meet at the white tent next to Kellys Beach canteen.

FEU DE CAMP

Enjoy an unforgettable evening of storytelling and fiddle music with Sementy. Activity offered in French only. Meet at the campfire circle, along the bike trail between Ryans and Kellys.



OUTDOOR THEATRE

Finish the day at the outdoor theatre for an hour of skits, stories and an audio-visual presentation that highlights the park's special places. Located between South Kouchibouguac campground and Ryans.

DAY TRIPS FROM KOUCHIBOUGUAC

Boishébert and Beaubears Island Shipbuilding National Historic Sites



Distance: 54.5 km (one way)

Time spent at destination: 60-90 minutes

2018 operating dates: June 11 - Sept 29

Contact information: beaubearsisland.com

● pc.gc.ca/boishebert ● 506.622.8526

35 St. Patrick's Drive, Miramichi, NB E1N 4P6

Things to do

- Take the shuttle service to the island and wander through 6 km of walking trails surrounded by a lush forest of century old pines.
- Check out the interpretive centre and book a guided tour with historic characters that bring you in a journey through time.
- Paddle around the archaeological site by guided voyageur canoe experience or kayak.

Looking to venture outside the park for a little adventure?

There's no better way to discover the area than with a roadtrip! Check out these suggested routes for historic discoveries at nearby Parks Canada places that would make a great day trip from Kouchibouguac National Park.

Monument-Lefebvre National Historic Site

Distance: 112 km (one way)
Time spent at destination: 45-60 minutes
2018 operating dates: Open year-round
Contact information: pc.gc.ca/lefebvre
● monumentlefebvre.ca ● 506.758.9808
480, rue Centrale, Memramcook, NB E4K 3S6



Things to do

- Full Spotlight on l'Acadie: Discover the heritage building's secret nooks and history dating back to 1896 with a guided visit.
- Catch live performances in the theatre known for its outstanding acoustics, outdoor musical events, and summer speaker's series.
- Browse the boutique's extraordinary collection of Acadian-themed books, music and souvenirs.



Fort Beauséjour – Fort Cumberland National Historic Site

Things to do

- Tour the ruins of an 18th-century star-shaped fort where the future of Acadie and North America once hung in the balance.
- Experience rustic 18th-century equipped camping within the fort walls (please contact the fort for more information).
- Panoramic views of the Bay of Fundy and surrounding countryside are perfect for bird watching, photography, or a picnic.

Distance: 138 km (one way)
Time spent at destination: 60-120 minutes
2018 operating dates: June 23 - September 3
Contact information: pc.gc.ca/beausejour ● 506.364.5080
● 111 Fort Beauséjour Rd, Aulac, NB E4L 2W5

WHILE YOU'RE IN THE AREA, CHECK OUT THESE NEARBY SITES:

Fort Gaspareaux National Historic Site

This archeological landscape contains traces of the French Fort with 9 graves of Provincial soldiers killed dating back to 1756.

Contact information: 506.364.5080
Fort Moncton Road, Westmorland, NB E4M 1G5

Beaubassin and Fort Lawrence National Historic Sites

Take in the sights of the view park which include a shelter, interpretive panels, benches, and trails. A great place to picnic!

Contact information: 506.364.5080
Fort Lawrence, Amherst, NS B4H 3Y5

RESOURCE CONSERVATION



Ponds built at every culvert for fish and amphibians.

Eastern red-backed salamander
(*Plethodon cinereus*)

Rehabilitation of Highway 117: an update

Highway 117 is a provincial highway with a 24-kilometre section through Kouchibouguac National Park. In 2015, this entire area was rebuilt.

In total, four underground tunnels were installed underneath the northern section of the highway to reduce the number of wildlife road mortalities. In 2016, a 3.2-kilometre fencing system was installed along this section, which interconnects the tunnels. This addition was crucial, as it guides travelling animals under and not over the road. Today, this infrastructure project is considered one of the largest amphibian and reptile conservation projects in Canada.

In 2017, researchers from the Université Laval launched a study to analyze the efficiency of the new highway. So far, preliminary results have shown that the new tunnels are being used by a wide variety of species, such as green frogs, wood frogs, American toads, spotted salamanders, and common garter snakes. Many species of mammals have also been observed to pass through the tunnels, like raccoons, skunks, hares, ermines, mice, shrews, marmots, beavers, and even bears.

BIOLOGIST FOR A DAY

Ever dream of protecting and conserving an endangered species or even becoming a marine biologist? This summer, join the resource conservation team in our Biologist for A Day Program. Make a difference!

Available upon request. Some restrictions may apply.
For more information:
506.876.2443



Conversations of Conservation

ALIENS ARE INVADING



Japanese knotweed
(*Fallopia japonica*)



Reed canary grass
(*Phalaris arundinacea*)



Manitoba maple
(*Acer negundo*)



Purple loosestrife
(*Lythrum salicaria*)

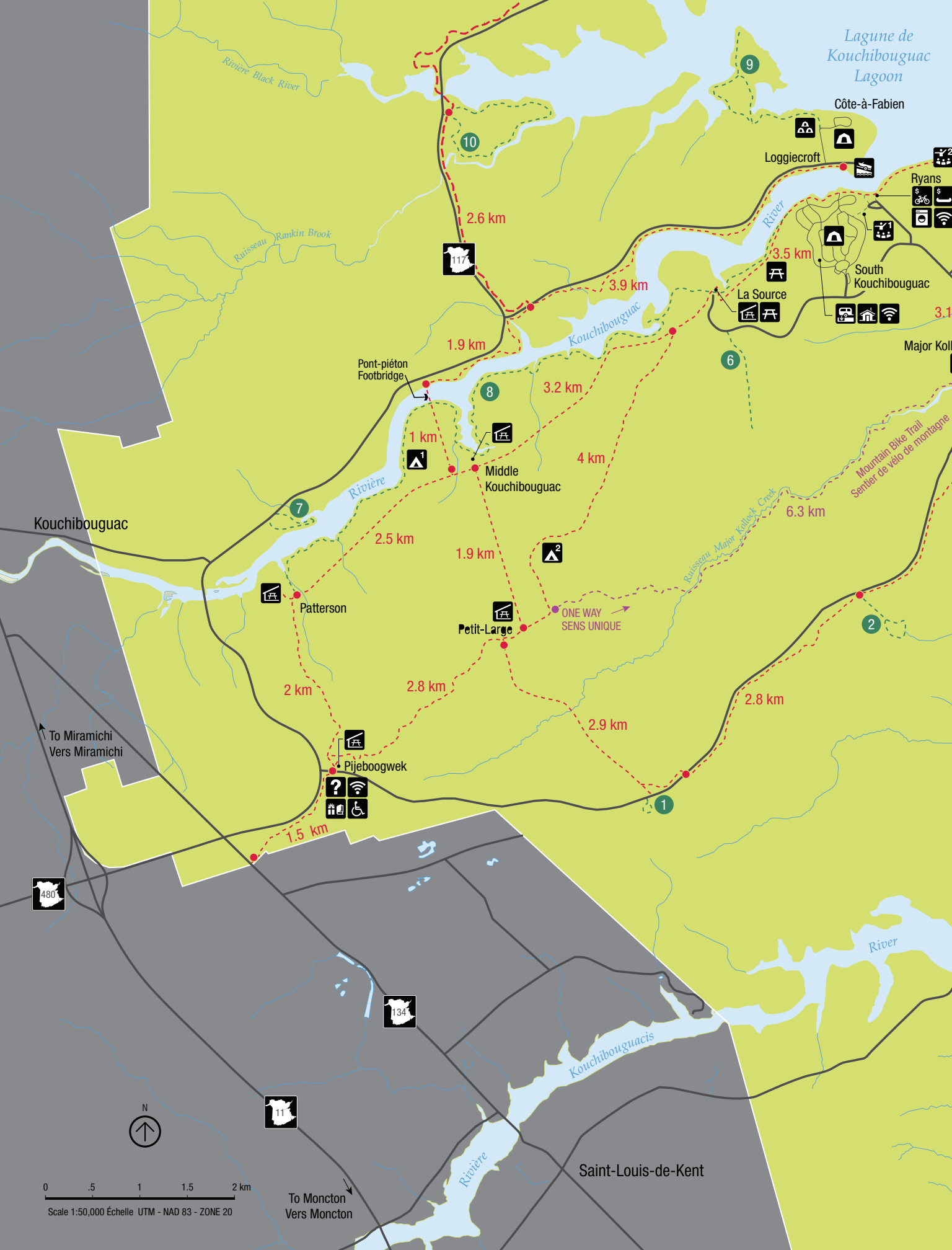


Norway maple
(*Acer platanoides*)



Rugosa rose
(*Rosa rugosa*)

This summer, the resource conservation team will initiate a 5-year restoration project to eradicate six exotic invasive plant species detected throughout the park in human-disturbed areas such as trails, roads, campgrounds, buildings or facilities, and recreational areas. The species identified as priorities for eradication are the Japanese knotweed, Norway maple, Manitoba maple, purple loosestrife, reed canary grass, and rugosa rose. These non-native species were introduced within park boundaries due to past or present human activities and are problematic to our natural protected areas as they colonize and outcompete native species for resources due to their fast growth, rapid reproduction, high dispersal ability, as well as high tolerance to a wide range of environmental conditions; which in turn reduces the ecological integrity of forest ecosystems. Control measures for eradication will include several manual methods such as cutting stems or trees, digging roots, and tarping patches, followed by site restoration or natural regeneration. If you are interested in the experience, join us as part of our Biologist for a Day program!



Lagune de Kouchibouguac
Lagoon

Côte-à-Fabien

Loggicroft

Ryans

La Source

South Kouchibouguac

Major Koll

Pont-piéton
Footbridge

Kouchibouguac

To Miramichi
Vers Miramichi

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To Moncton
Vers Moncton

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Saint-Louis-de-Kent

117

Ruisseau Rankin Brook

Rivière

Kouchibouguac

Ruisseau Major Kouchick Creek

Mountain Bike Trail
Sentier de vélo de montagne

Patterson

Petit-Large

Middle Kouchibouguac

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Rivière Black River

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Hiking Trails / Sentiers de randonnée

1	Pines	Les Pins	0.9 km	6	Bog	La Tourbière	1.8 km
2	Beaver	Le Castor	1.4 km	7	Tweedie	Tweedie	1.1 km
3	Migmag – Cedar	Migmag – Les cèdres	0.9 km	8	Kouchibouguac River	Rivière Kouchibouguac	11.3 km
4	Salt Marsh	Le Marais Salé	0.9 km	9	Osprey	Le Balbuzard	5.3 km
5	Kellys Beach	Plage Kellys	1.2 km	10	Claire Fontaine	Claire Fontaine	3.3 km

Services and Facilities / Services et installations

	Information	Renseignements		Supervised Swimming	Baignade surveillée
	Camping Area	Aire de camping		Shower	Douche
	Group Camping	Camping de groupe		Boat Launching Ramp	Rampe de mise à l'eau
	Interpretation	Interprétation		Bicycle Rental	Location de vélos
	Picnic Area	Aire de pique-nique		Canoe Rental	Location de canots
	Picnic Shelter	Abri de pique-nique		Kayak Rental	Location de kayaks
	No Dogs Access	Interdit aux chiens		Food Services	Services alimentaires
	Wheelchair Access	Accessible en fauteuil roulant		Gift Shop	Boutique de cadeaux
	Portage	Portage		WiFi	WiFi
	Dumping Station	Poste de vidange		General Store	Dépanneur
	Laundry	Buandrie		oTENTik	oTENTik

Interpretation Venue / Lieu de l'interprétation

	Outdoor Theatre	Théâtre en plein air		Wigwam Gathering	Rassemblement du Wigwam
	Campfire	Feux de camp		Voyageur Canoe	Canot voyageur

Back-country Camping / Camping en arrière-pays

	Sipu		Petit-Large		Pointe-à-Maxime
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	Two-Way Road	Route à deux sens		Hiking Trail	Sentier de randonnée
	One-Way Road	Route à sens unique		Bike Trail	Sentier de vélo
	Park Boundary	Frontière du parc		Mountain Bike Trail	Sentier de vélo de montagne
	Area Closed April-August	Zone fermée avril-août		Area Closed April-September	Zone fermée avril-septembre

