



Kouchibouguac  
National Park

# VISITOR GUIDE 2019



# 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 2019 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.
<b>Daily</b>				
<b>Summer</b> June 29 - Sept 2 <b>Winter</b> Dec 1 - March 31	\$7.80	\$6.80	Free	\$15.70
<b>Spring</b> April 1 - June 28 <b>Fall</b> Sept 3 - Nov 30	\$3.90	\$3.15	Free	\$7.85
<b>Kouchibouguac Seasonal Pass</b>				
<b>Early Bird</b> April 1 - June 14	\$23.50	\$20.60	Free	\$58.80
<b>Regular Rate</b>	\$39.20	\$34.30	Free	\$78.50
<b>Fall Season</b>	\$23.50	\$20.60	Free	\$47.05



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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

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-  [PC.Kouchibouguac.PC@canada.ca](mailto:PC.Kouchibouguac.PC@canada.ca)
-  **KouchibouguacNP**
-  **@KouchibouguacNP**
-  **#Kouchibouguac**

-  **506.876.2443**
- 1.877.852.3100**  
Parks Canada emergencies  
(Lost person, forest fire, aggressive animal, etc)
- 911**  
All other emergencies
-  **TTY/ATS. 506.876.4205**

# EPTJILITAAG KOUCHIBOUGUAC NATIONAL PARK!

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**Géraldine Arsenault**  
IGANI ALSOSIT

# WELCOME TO KOUCHIBOUGUAC NATIONAL PARK!

In this 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of Kouchibouguac National Park and the International year of Indigenous languages, I am pleased to welcome you. The park will enchant you with its landscapes, natural habitats, and rich human history dating back thousands of years, that you will discover during your visit.

In fact, Kouchibouguac National Park, with its rivers, lagoons, salt marshes, dune systems, peat bogs, and forests, is a place of abundant life and diversity. We provide a home for and protect 15 species at risk, and we play a leadership role in the study of coastal zones in the Atlantic, all the while serving as a laboratory for numerous research partners.

The interpretation activities will amaze you and feed your imagination by sharing information about fauna, flora, and ecosystems of our beautiful area. You will discover the richness of the human history linked to these lands, of the Mi'gmaq, and of the former park residents, who had to leave their lands during the creation of the park, 50 years ago. You might take the opportunity to learn a few Mi'gmaq words and celebrate this language still spoken in the surrounding Indigenous communities.

Kouchibouguac is synonymous with family fun outdoors, whether it be through camping, biking, kayaking, canoeing, or simple hiking. I wish you enjoyable gatherings, and beautiful discoveries... and this year in particular, when you walk around the park, think of all the people who touched the lands before the park was created... and give them thanks.

**Géraldine Arsenault**  
SUPERINTENDENT  
NORTHERN NEW BRUNSWICK FIELD UNIT  
PARKS CANADA

# Top 5 Favourites



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## 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 **12** to plan your perfect beach day.



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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 **10** 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 **8** to make the most out of your dark sky experience.



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## 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 **9** to learn more about our biking network.



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## 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 **14** to **16** to learn more about conservation efforts in Kouchibouguac!



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# VISITOR CENTRE

To commemorate the 50th year of the creation of our Park, immerse yourself in our exhibits and learn about the rich history of the former park residents.

## Exhibits

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

## Audio-Visual Presentation

"Naturally Captivating - the Kouchibouguac Coastal Experience"

*20-minute video*

## HOURS OF OPERATION

### Peak Season

Daily:

8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

June 24 – September 2

### Shoulder Season

Daily:

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

May 16 – June 23

September 3 – October 27

Visitor Centre

506.876.2443

AMICA Gift Shop

506.876.1213

All-terrain wheelchair available here.



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. Make sure to come visit! Amica 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.

506.876.1234 ● [amica@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:amica@nbnet.nb.ca)

# 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 and more. Please visit our website for the complete list.

	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**

For inquiries or hours of operation, please visit our website, 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. We are also offering 5 new OASIS accommodations!



	DRIVE-IN	WALK-IN
AVAILABLE SITES	21	11
PEAK SEASON	\$15.70	\$15.70
NEW OFFER AVAILABLE "OASIS"	Not available	\$120


[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  
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### 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

\$9.80 per person

#### ANNUAL

\$68.70 per person

# DARK SKY PRESERVE

## 2019 nocturnal programming and stargazing activities

**June 7-8**  
Spring Star Fest

**June 15, July 19,  
August 23**  
Dune Moonlight Walk  
(Storytelling in English)

**June 14, July 12 &  
August 9**  
Marche au clair de lune  
(Storytelling in French)

**September 27-28**  
Fall Star Fest

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. 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 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.

**SEPTEMBER 14**

10k Under  
10 Million Stars



## DARK SKY VIEWING TIPS

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

Bring 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.



# 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  
PC.Kouchibouguac.PC@canada.ca



**OPEN  
YEAR-ROUND!**  
Check out our website  
for winter fat biking  
information.



# 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 22 and 23 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.



## 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.

## WE RENT EQUIPMENT!

New canoes, kayaks and paddle boards are available for rent.

**RYANS EQUIPMENT RENTAL**

Visit [pc.gc.ca/kouchibouguac](http://pc.gc.ca/kouchibouguac) for schedule.



# 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

<b>Annual General Fishing Permit</b>	<b>\$34.30</b>
<b>Daily General Fishing Permit</b>	<b>\$9.80</b>

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

# 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 CANTEN

506.876.4567

#### HOURS OF OPERATION

**Peak Season** Daily

9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (June 24 – Aug 11)

9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Aug 12 – Sept 2)

**Shoulder Season** Saturday/Sunday

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (May 18 – June 23)

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Sept 3 – Oct 14)

Including Victoria Day (May 20) and Thanksgiving Day (Oct 14)

#### NATURE EXHIBITS AND ACTIVITIES

These 10 to 15 minute informal presentations feature a variety of species of Kouchibouguac. Meet at the big yellow umbrella on Kellys Beach boardwalk. To find out more about all the activities offered at Kellys Beach, please visit our website or refer to the Event Calendar available at the Visitor Center.

Please respect the fenced/closed areas protecting piping plover nesting sites and fragile 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.



# A CLOSER LOOK AT OUR SPECIES AT RISK

If nature were to take its course, one species would disappear about every 1,000 years. However, current global loss of species is estimated at two to three species extinctions every hour! The major cause of the acceleration of species loss is habitat loss. Thankfully, for more than 35 years, Kouchibouguac National Park has been committed to the conservation and recovery of species at risk and their habitats.

## Piping Plover | Jijiukate'j

A SPECIES AT RISK : *CHARADRIUS MELODUS*

SARA Status: **Endangered**

In the spring, this small shorebird nests along the park's golden sand dunes. After finding the perfect place, the piping plover makes a modest nest by digging a simple depression in the sand and camouflages its clutch (of four eggs) among gravel and pieces of shells.

### CONSERVATION EFFORTS

Since the piping plover nests and clutches are vulnerable, the park prohibits access to certain sections of the beaches and prohibits pets along barrier islands in the hopes of reducing disturbances and increasing the species reproductive success rate.

### LEND A HAND

By picking up trash at the beach, even biodegradable items (apple cores and fruit peels), you help reduce the risk of artificially attracting the shorebirds' natural predators such as seagulls and crows who love snacking on the **piping plover's** vulnerable eggs.

### FUN FACT

**Bats** are the main natural predators of flying insects and they can devour more than 50% of their total body weight in moths, beetles and mosquitoes in one night!



## Little Brown Bat and Northern Long-eared Bat | Na'jipuktaq'nej

A SPECIES AT RISK: *MYOTIS LUCIFUGUS* AND *MYOTIS SEPTENTRIONALIS*

SARA Status: **Endangered**

Bats are nocturnal mammals that emit short clicking sounds (ultrasounds inaudible to the human ear) which bounce off objects like an echo, guiding them to avoid predators or catch prey during flight. This phenomenon is called echolocation. Today, the province's hibernating bat species face important threats such as pesticide use in agriculture and the rapid spread of the White-Nose Syndrome.

### CONSERVATION EFFORTS

In 2015 and 2016, machines capable of recording ultrasounds emitted by bats were installed at 25 observation sites in the park. Monitoring confirms the presence of bats in the area, as well as their levels of activity within park boundaries. Our staff will be able to determine whether local bat populations are in decline, if they are stable or if they have increased throughout the years.



**DID YOU KNOW?**

The **Gulf of St. Lawrence aster** is found nowhere else in the world other than New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Quebec's Magdalen Islands.

**Gulf of St. Lawrence Aster**

**A SPECIES AT RISK: SYMPHYOTRICHUM LAURENTIANUM**

SARA Status: **Threatened**

The Gulf of St. Lawrence Aster is small and fragile salt marsh plant, the number of which has declined due to habitat loss. This is mainly due to shoreline development and increased erosion caused by climate change (including sea level rise).

**CONSERVATION EFFORTS**

The natural germination of this species within the park's boundaries has been restored, for the first time in 12 years, in the summer of 2017!

This regeneration took place through a successful two-year Conservation and Restoration (CoRe) project in collaboration with University of Prince Edward Island botanists and the Atlantic Canada Conservation Data Centre.



**Wood Turtle | Mikjikj**

**A SPECIES AT RISK: GLYPTEMYS INSCULPTA**

SARA Status: **Threatened**

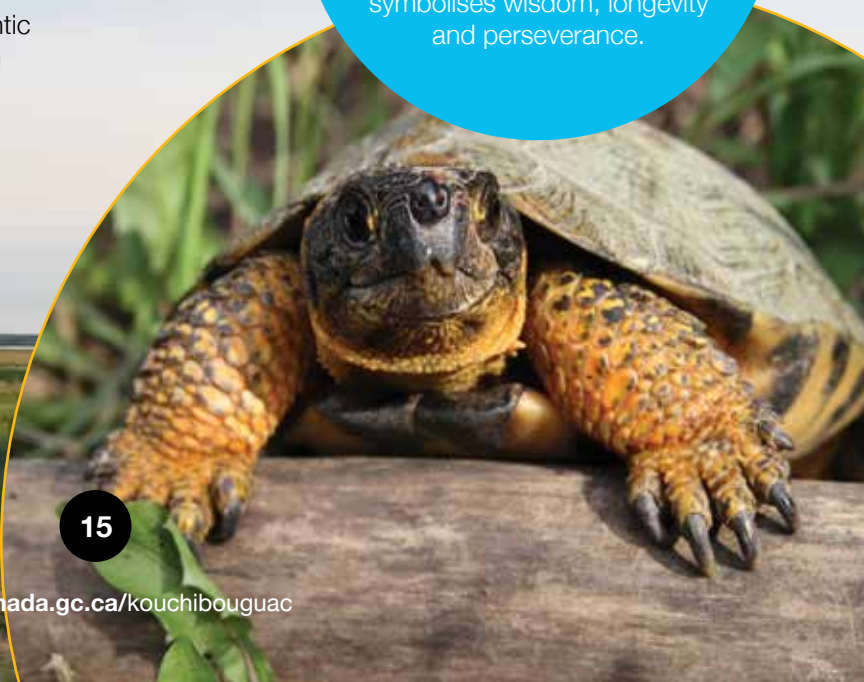
The wood turtle is an omnivorous, semi-aquatic reptile that lives year-round in watersheds of healthy winding rivers and streams. The species' life cycle and reproductive success depend greatly on the interconnectivity of its different habitats, which are becoming increasingly scarce and fragmented.

**CONSERVATION EFFORTS**

In 2015 and 2016, four ecological passages were installed underneath the park's main highway to reduce the number of collisions between vehicles and wildlife. These underpasses help keep various habitats interconnected and are beneficial not only for turtles, but also for amphibians and small to medium-sized mammals.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The **turtle** has been greatly valued and respected among Indigenous Peoples — such as the Mi'gmaq — for millennia. According to their mythology, the turtle represents Mother Earth and symbolises wisdom, longevity and perseverance.



# BIOLOGIST FOR A DAY

Ever dream of protecting and conserving an endangered species or even becoming a marine biologist? Join the resource conservation team for a day and make a difference!

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## DUNES AND FEATHERS

Be a part of the protection and conservation of the piping plover, an endangered shorebird. You will have the chance to accompany our resource conservation team on the sand dunes to closely follow and survey the piping plover population (nest detection, chick hatching, etc.). Your day spent with the scientists of the park will allow you to live an exceptional experience! **Outings offered from May to July, 2019.**

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## SHELLS AND SCALES

Embark in the inventory of the soft shell clam population while monitoring the green crab, an exotic invasive species. Accompanied by a member of the Resource Conservation Team, you will have the opportunity to explore our beautiful estuary by boat while collecting data on the clam and green crab populations. Your day as a marine biologist will be unforgettable! **Outings offered from June to September, 2019.**

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## ALIEN INVASIONS

Contribute to the eradication of six exotic invasive plant species along the sides of the roads, in the forest and on the sand dunes of the park. This project will involve the mechanical destruction of exotic invasive plants and the restoration of the environment to prevent the future germination of the species. During this outing, you'll learn the role humans play on the propagation of these harmful species. Your contribution will improve the ecological integrity of the Acadian forest of the park. **Outings offered from July to October, 2019.**

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## THE RETURN OF THE KING

Assist in the restoration of the Atlantic wild salmon population in the watersheds of the park. This project includes the analysis of salmon habitat along the waterways of the park, the installation of hatching enclosures, and the counting and marking of adult salmon. Your contribution will surely help the full strength return of the king of the fish. **Outings offered from July to November 2019.**



**Space is limited**

Reserve yours by calling (506) 876-2443  
\$93.60/person - Ages 14 and up



# DAY TRIPS FROM KOUCHIBOUGUAC

## Boishébert and Beaubears Island Shipbuilding National Historic Sites



**2019 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.

## Monument-Lefebvre National Historic Site

**2019 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.



## 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).

**2019 operating dates:**

June 22 - September 2

**Contact information:**

pc.gc.ca/beausejour ● 506.364.5080

● 111 Fort Beauséjour Rd, Aulac, NB  
E4L 2W5

INDIGENOUS CULTURAL EVENT

# Mawiommi

Kouchibouguac National Park, Callanders Beach

**Friday, August 16 - 10 am to 5 pm**

Rain or Shine

Spirit • Traditional Songs, Drumming & Dances • Music  
• Artists & Artisans • Storytelling • Food • Indigenous Games

For more information, please call (506) 876-2443 or visit our website  
[pc.gc.ca/kouchibouguac](http://pc.gc.ca/kouchibouguac).

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DURING THE  
**CONGRÈS  
MONDIAL  
ACADIEN  
FESTIVITIES**

# 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.**



## Did you know?

Indigenous languages hold the key to irreplaceable worldviews, intimate understandings about the environment, intergenerational education, and Canada's history.

They also hold priceless insight into interspecies symbiosis and ecological knowledge.



# INTERPRETATION PROGRAMS

Schedule subject to change. Please visit our website for more information.

Fun for the whole family and offered from June 27 to September 1.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
MORNING	<b>VOYAGEUR CANOE ADVENTURE</b> (English) - Cap Saint-Louis Wharf 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	<b>VOYAGEUR CANOE ADVENTURE</b> (French) - Cap Saint-Louis Wharf 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	
		<b>WIGWAM GATHERINGS</b> (English) - Wigwam at Callanders Beach 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	
AFTERNOON		<b>NATURE EXHIBITS</b> (Bilingual) – Kellys Beach Boardwalk 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	<b>NATURE EXHIBITS</b> (Bilingual) – Kellys Beach Boardwalk 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
	<b>CITIZEN'S SCIENCE PROGRAM</b> (Bilingual) – Ryans Landing 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.	<b>GUIDED WALK</b> (French) – Kellys Beach White Tent near canteen. 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.	
EVENING	<b>LEGENDS OF THE NIGHT</b> (English) – Wigwam at Callanders Beach 8 p.m. (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, sterns, 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 and important information.



## 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.  
*Activity offered in French only.*



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



THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	<b>VOYAGEUR CANOE ADVENTURE</b> (French) - Cap Saint-Louis Wharf 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	<b>VOYAGEUR CANOE ADVENTURE</b> (English) - Cap Saint-Louis Wharf 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	
<b>GUIDED BIKE OUTING</b> (French) - Ryans Landing 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.			<b>WIGWAM GATHERINGS</b> (Bilingual) - Wigwam at Callanders Beach 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
<b>NATURE EXHIBITS</b> (Bilingual) - Kellys Beach Boardwalk 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	<b>NATURE EXHIBITS</b> (Bilingual) - Kellys Beach Boardwalk 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	<b>NATURE EXHIBITS</b> (Bilingual) - Kellys Beach Boardwalk 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	<b>NATURE EXHIBITS</b> (Bilingual) - Kellys Beach Boardwalk 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
		<b>LAGOON LIFE</b> (English) - Kellys Beach 2:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.	<b>LAGOON LIFE</b> (French) - Kellys Beach 2:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.
<b>CAMPFIRE</b> (French) - Trail between Kellys and Ryans 8 p.m. (June-July) 7 p.m. (August)		<b>OUTDOOR THEATRE</b> (French) - Between South Kouchibouguac Campground and Ryans 8 p.m. - 9 p.m.	<b>OUTDOOR THEATRE</b> (English) - Between South Kouchibouguac Campground and Ryans 8 p.m. - 9 p.m.

## 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.

## CAMPFIRE

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.

# TRAIL GUIDE

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WALKING	Difficulty	Length	Type	Description
1 Pines	<span style="color: #90EE90;">●</span> <span style="color: #FF8C00;">●</span>	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.
2 Beaver	<span style="color: #90EE90;">●</span> <span style="color: #FF8C00;">●</span>	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.
3 Migmag-Cedar	<span style="color: #90EE90;">●</span> <span style="color: #FF8C00;">●</span>	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 2019 season, due to new updates.
4 Salt Marsh	<span style="color: #90EE90;">●</span> <span style="color: #FF8C00;">●</span>	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. <b>TIP: Apply lots of insect repellent!</b>
5 Kellys Beach Boardwalk	<span style="color: #90EE90;">●</span> <span style="color: black;">●</span>	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.
6 Bog	<span style="color: #90EE90;">●</span> <span style="color: #FF8C00;">●</span>	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.
7 Kouchibouguac River	<span style="color: #4682B4;">●</span> <span style="color: #9370DB;">●</span>	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.
8 Osprey	<span style="color: #90EE90;">●</span> <span style="color: #9370DB;">●</span>	5.3 km	Loop	Access to the trail is located at the entrance of Côte-à-Fabien campground (i.e. at the end of Loggiecroft 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.
9 Claire Fontaine	<span style="color: #90EE90;">●</span> <span style="color: #9370DB;">●</span>	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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BIKING	Difficulty	Length	Type	Description
<b>10 Major Kollock Creek</b>	<span style="color: #000080;">●</span> <span style="color: #800000;">●</span>	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.
<b>Biking trail network</b>	<span style="color: #90EE90;">●</span> <span style="color: #FF8C00;">●</span>	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
<b>Callanders to Blacklands Gully</b>	<span style="color: #90EE90;">●</span> <span style="color: #00B0F0;">●</span>	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).
<b>Saint-Louis Cape Wharf to Blacklands Gully</b>	<span style="color: #90EE90;">●</span> <span style="color: #00B0F0;">●</span>	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).
<b>Ryans to the famous leaning red pine</b>	<span style="color: #90EE90;">●</span> <span style="color: #00B0F0;">●</span>	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).