



Mingan Archipelago
National Park Reserve

Visitor Guide 2021



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2021 Activities

INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES

Interpretive activities are presented in short capsules.

DATES	LOCATION	THEMES	MEETING POINT
Daily From June 7 to September 17	Île aux Perroquets	Une île, un phare, des oiseaux Find out more about the history of the island's lighthouse keepers and the seabirds that kept them company.	Journey to the island from the Longue-Pointe-de-Mingan beach with local boat operators*
	Île Nue de Mingan	Au-delà des apparences, une île riche Immerse yourself in the human and natural history of this island.	
Daily From June 14 to September 30	Île Quarry	Une mosaïque d'habitats Enter a mosaic of habitats (seashore, forest, barrens, bogs and cliffs).	Journey to the island from the Havre-Saint-Pierre marina with local boat operators*
	Île Niapiskau	La formation des monolithes Discover the origin of the ancient monoliths.	

* See Boat Operators section

DISCOVERY ACTIVITIES

Innu culture activity

Mingan Archipelago: Witness to a Great Nation

Discover Innu culture during this special activity that blends the wonders of the natural world with the rich heritage of the Innu. You will be accompanied by one of our Heritage Presenters and by members of the Ekuanitshit community.

Schedule: every Wednesday afternoon from July 21 to August 18.

Reservation mandatory with Parks Canada

Capailloux Theatrical Activity

Under the "light" of Marteau

Step back in time and join a theatrical activity in which you will play a part! At dusk, follow the path to the lighthouse and meet characters that once lived on the island. Don't forget your "capailloux" (homemade lantern) to light your way back.

Schedule: every Saturday evening from July 17 to August 14.

Reservation mandatory with Parks Canada





EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES

Legend of pictograms

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



RED CHAIRS

Adirondack-style red chairs were placed at a few special locations on the islands and on the mainland to allow you to take some time to get closer to nature. Enjoy these exceptional views!

#sharethechair

PARKS CANADA SHOP

Memories await! Would you like to bring back some souvenirs of your stay at the Mingan Archipelago? Visit one of our shops, located in our Visitor Centres.

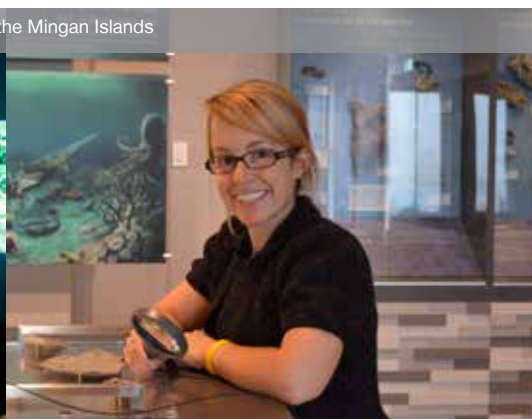


EXHIBITS

LOCATION	TITLE
Havre-Saint-Pierre Reception and Interpretation Centre (Portail Pélagie-Cormier)	Life stories from the Mingan Islands
Longue-Pointe-de-Mingan Reception and Interpretation Centre	Islands in the sea



Life stories from the Mingan Islands



Islands in the sea





CAMPING AND ACCOMMODATION

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

ISLANDS	CAMPGROUNDS	NUMBER OF SITES
Île à la Chasse	Havre à Landry	6
Île du Havre	Havre au Sauvage	2
	Anse des Noyés	3 Ôasis
Île Niapiskau	Anse du Noroît	6
Île Quarry	Baie de Quarry Est	6 oTENTik tents
	Baie de Quarry Ouest	8
Grande Île	Havre à Petit-Henri	4
	Barachois à Montpetit	4
Île Nue de Mingan	Île Nue de Mingan	2

- › Opening season: Mid-June to Mid-September.
- › Camping permit mandatory.
- › Please note that you may have some distance to walk from the wharf to get to the campgrounds. Contact our visitor centres for more information.
- › There are outhouses and wood shelter near the campsites. Firewood supplied.
- › There are no restaurants or water sources on the islands.

WILDERNESS CAMPGROUND

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

OTENTIK TENT

Enjoy a furnished, heated and lit accommodation, a cross between a tent and a rustic cabin. Built on a raised floor and attached to a small patio, the oTENTik tent is also equipped with a barbecue with a side burner (propane included). Each unit can accommodate up to 6 people. You must bring your own kitchenware, cutlery and dishes.

GROUP CAMPING

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

ÔASIS

Make it a memorable family experience or couple's getaway in a teardrop-shaped 'duplex'. Each unit is equipped with a convertible table/bed on the main level as well as a suspended hammock loft above. It can accommodate up to 4 people (2 adults and 2 small children). You must bring your own kitchenware, cutlery and dishes.





BEFORE YOU LEAVE

- › Book your trip with a boat operator recognized by Parks Canada (additional fees apply).
- › Get your camping permit (mandatory).
- › Visit our Reception and Interpretation Centre located in Havre-Saint-Pierre or Longue-Pointe-de-Mingan at least one hour prior to your departure.
- › Arrive at the dock or beach at least 30 minutes prior to your departure time.
- › Make sure you know when and where the boat will pick you up on the day of your return to the mainland.

RATES*

- › **Camping site:** \$16.05 / night
- › **Group camping:** \$5.01 / person / night (minimum 12 people)
Free for children under 6
- › **oTENTik tent:** \$122.64 / night
- › **Ôasis:** \$122.64 / night
- › **Fire permit:** \$8.80 / permit / night (mandatory)
- › **Park entrance fees:** See the fee schedule at the back of this document

** Fees shown are subject to change.*

CAMPING RESERVATION POLICY

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

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

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

4-STAR ACCOMMODATION

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

Information or reservation:

Corporation de l'île aux Perroquets

Phone: 418-949-0005 or 1-855-717-7657

Email: info@ileauxperroquets.ca

Website: www.ileauxperroquets.ca




CORPORATION DE
l'île aux Perroquets



HIKING

In total, 80 km of trails spread over 9 different islands will allow you to discover the life by the sea, the heart of the islands, the forest, the barrens and the peat bogs. Step by step, on the trails or along the beaches, soak in the moments and discover intriguing natural sculptures while admiring this exceptional setting!

Leaflets for self-guided tours as well as **tide tables** are available at our reception centres and from boat operators.

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

* From July 1st only. Book in advance with boat operators as the number of authorized hikers is limited.

** If you are using a boat operator recognized by Parks Canada, an overnight stay is necessary if you want to hike on this island.

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FOR YOUR SAFETY

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



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



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



Climbing on the monoliths is dangerous and prohibited.



Boat Operators

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

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

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

Note: It is prohibited to access the park with boat operators who do not hold a business license issued by Parks Canada.

NOTICE

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

Parks Canada is not responsible for accidents or incidents that may occur during activities outside the park boundaries. Contact the boat operator to learn more about current maritime conditions (recommended).

BE INFORMED!

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

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



Excursions

DEPARTURES FROM HAVRE-SAINT-PIERRE

Services Maritimes Boréale

Richard Family, owners
1010 Promenade des Anciens
Havre-Saint-Pierre
Phone: 418-538-2865 or 1-866-538-2865 (toll free)
www.smboreale.com

Boats:

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

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

From June 7 to October 2
Departure: 10:30 am | Duration: 4 hours
From June 21 to October 2
Departure: 11:45 am | Duration: 4 hours

Cruise / sea excursion with stopover on Île Niapiskau

From June 7 to October 2
Departure: 8:00 am | Duration: 2 hours
From June 7 to September 10
Departure: 3:00 pm | Duration: 2 hours

Cruise / sea excursion with stopover on Île Quarry

From June 21 to September 10
Departure: 9:30 am | Duration: 4 hours

Sea excursion with stopovers on Île du Fantôme, Île Niapiskau and Île Quarry

From June 21 to August 22
Departure: 8:30 am | Duration: 6 hours

Water taxi for campers and/or hikers

Destination: **Grande Île, Île Niapiskau and Île Quarry**

From June 14 to June 21
Departure: 12:30 pm

Destination: **Grande Île only**

From June 21 to September 10
Departure: 9:30 am

Destination: **Île Quarry and Île Niapiskau**

From June 21 to September 10
Departure: 12:30 pm

Destination: **Petite Île au Marteau Grosse Île au Marteau and Île du Havre**

From June 14 to June 21 (**Île du Havre only**)
Departure: 5:15 pm

From June 21 to September 10
Departure: 8:00 am, 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm



Croisières du Capitaine Richard

Mr Louis Richard, owner
Havre-Saint-Pierre marina
Havre-Saint-Pierre
Phone: 418-538-3375 or 418-566-3312

Boat:

La Mariner V (12 passengers)

Cruise with stopovers at Île Quarry and Île Niapiskau (Petite Île au Marteau may be offered as an extra)

From June 14 to September 30
Departure: 8:30 am | Duration: all day long

Cruise with stopover at Île Quarry

From July 16 to August 22
Departure: 12:00 pm | Duration: approximately 7 hours

Boat rental with crew for a tailor-made excursion



Excursions

DEPARTURES FROM LONGUE-POINTE-DE-MINGAN

Excursions du Phare

Vibert Family, owners
126 de la Mer St.
Longue-Pointe-de-Mingan
Phone: 418-949-2302 or 1-877-949-2302 (toll free)
www.minganie.info

Boats:

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

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

Departures: 8:00 am, 11:45 am and 3:30 pm
Duration: 3 hours 30 minutes

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

Departure: 8:00 am | Duration: 5 hours 45 minutes

Water taxi for campers and/or hikers

Destination: Île aux Perroquets (hikers only), Île Nue de Mingan, occasionally Grande Île and Île Quarry

Departures: Flexible hours



Entreprises touristiques Loiselle

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

Boats:

Le Macareux and Le Perroquet (12 passengers each)

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

Departures: 8:00 am, 11:30 am and 3:30 pm
Duration: 3 hours 30 minutes

Water taxi for campers and/or hikers

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

Departures: Flexible hours



Nautical Activities

SEA KAYAKING

Noryak Aventures

Mr Mathieu Bourdon, owner
Route 138, Km 1201 (Auberge de la Minganie)
Havre-Saint-Pierre
Phone: 418-949-2707
www.noryak.ca

* Guided hikes, gourmet meals and interpretation

Every day from July 1st to late September
Upon request from May to late October

Full-day excursion - Romaine river bay

Departure: 9:00 am | Duration: 6 hours

Full-day excursion - Île aux Perroquets

Departure: flexible hours | Duration: 6 to 8 hours

4-day base camp excursion - Grande Île

Includes: Training, equipment, guiding service, camping equipment and meals.

Departures: June 28, July 11 and 26, August 2 and 23
Duration: 4 days and 3 nights

6-day base camp excursion - Grande Île (partnered with Karavaniers)

Includes: Training, equipment, guiding service, camping equipment and meals.

Departures: June 20, July 4 and 18, August 8, 16 and 29
Duration: 6 days and 5 nights

Quatre natures (departure from Quebec City and Montreal)

Mr Yohann Moucheboeuf, President-Founder
825 de Claire-Fontaine St. #2
Quebec (Quebec) G1R 3A6
Phone: 418-271-7234
www.quatrenatures.com

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

Departure: July 24

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

Includes: Coaching, camping and kayaking equipment, kayak clothing, hotels and camping, meals and transportation to and from Quebec City or Montreal.



STAND-UP PADDLEBOARDING

Les vagues - Loisirs marins

Ms Jane-Anne Cormier and Mr Johny Cormier, owners
1740, de l'Anse St.
Havre-Saint-Pierre
Phone: 418-553-3849
www.lesvagues.ca

** Equipment available for rent from June to September

Excursion to Grosse Île au Marteau. Other possibilities: Petite Île au Marteau, Île du Havre and Île Quarry

From June to September

Departure and duration: flexible

Return trip by boat possible depending on weather conditions

Excursion SUP Marteau

Departure: 6:00 am, depending on weather conditions
Duration: approximately 4 hours

Return trip by boat possible depending on weather conditions

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Includes: equipment, workshops, activities, healthy meals and snacks, transportation and three nights in an oTENTik or a campsite.

Duration: 4 days

Departure: September 9 | Île Quarry



SCUBA DIVING

Services Maritimes Boréale

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

Water taxi for scuba divers

From June 7 to October 2 - Marsouin III

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

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

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

SAVING THE MINGAN THISTLE, ENCOURAGING RESULTS

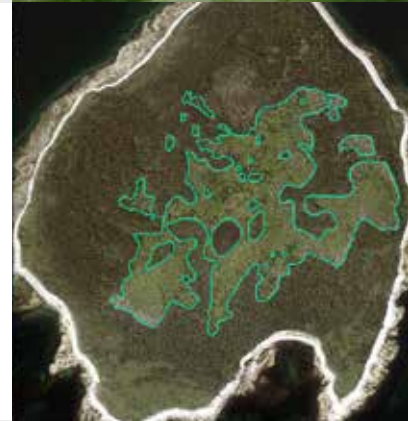
Good weather conditions, the absence of major storms and the recovery efforts over the last few years have made it possible to achieve Mingan thistle population numbers that have not been seen since their monitoring began in 1995. In fact, more than 2,000 plants were counted in 2020 compared to only 444 in 2017.

Last year, more than 3,000 seeds were sown and 183 plants, produced by the Montreal Biodome and GRIPP (Gosling Research Institute for Plant Preservation), were transplanted in the archipelago - a record! The three colonies created in 2019 are doing well; the germination and survival rate of transplanted seedlings was good. Results have been encouraging and recovery efforts will continue in 2021 in order to promote the long-term survival of this threatened species that is emblematic of the region.



MONITORING THE CORMORANT COLONIES WITH REMOTE SENSING

In 2019, the Mingan Archipelago National Park Reserve acquired new aerial photographs covering the entire park. These high-resolution photos provide an important source of information on our ecosystems and make it possible to assess their health. Cormorant nesting in the boreal forest is an example of a natural disturbance that can have a profound impact on forests in the park reserve. This year, photo-interpretation using a series of historical photos – dating from 1933 to 2019 – and analyses on Lidar data will make it possible to measure the surface area of the forests disturbed by cormorants in order to track the evolution of the phenomenon over time and to better understand the long-term impact on forest regeneration.



COMMON EIDERS IN THE FOREST UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

Eiders are sea ducks that frequent the coastal areas of Quebec. On the islands of the Mingan Archipelago National Park Reserve, the forests and barrens offer this species the conditions needed for nesting. But how is the population of forest-nesting common eiders in the Mingan Archipelago doing? The Conservation Team is conducting an inventory in early June, performed every 5 years, to answer this question. To achieve this, teams of several people roam the entire nesting habitat to find and count eider nests. This monitoring will let park staff know if the population of eiders nesting in the forest is still trending upwards so they can assess the health of the ecosystems in the park reserve.



THANK YOU FOR RESPECTING THIS FRAGILE AREA:

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



PRESENCE OF SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS

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




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

BUSINESS HOURS

Reception and Interpretation Centres Parks Canada Shops		Reception Centres	
Havre-Saint-Pierre 1010 Promenade des Anciens Portail Pélagie-Cormier Phone: 418-538-3285 June 7 to 13: 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm June 14 to 20: 7:30 am to 5:00 pm June 21 to August 22: 7:30 am to 7:30 pm August 23 to Sept. 30: 8:30 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm		Aguanish 250 Jacques-Cartier Road Phone: 418-533-2228 June 21 to Sept. 11: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm	
Longue-Pointe-de-Mingan 625 Centre St. Phone: 418-949-2126 June 10 to 16: 8:30 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm June 17 to August 23: 8:30 am to 5:30 pm August 24 to Sept. 8: 8:30 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm		Baie-Johan-Beetz 16 Tanguay St. Phone: 418-539-0243 June 12 to Sept. 6: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm	

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FEES

Entrance fees	Daily	Seasonal (before June 30)	Seasonal
Adult	\$5.90	\$15.02	\$30.05
Senior (65 and over)	\$5.00	\$12.47	\$25.04
Youth (17 and under)	Free	Free	Free
Family / Group (max. 7 persons)	\$12.00	\$37.61	\$60.20

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

Toll-free information services: 1-888-773-8888

Report violations: 1-888-862-1422

EMERGENCY: 1-888-762-1422