

General regulation concerning recreational fishing in La Mauricie National Park

Reservation

All fishing permits are for one day use and reservable only through the Parks Canada reservation service. Unless stated otherwise, it is possible to cancel with a full refund at least five (5) days before the scheduled fishing date (less non-refundable reservation and cancellation fees). For further details, please see:

parcs.canada.ca/pn-np/qc/mauricie/activ/peche-fishing

Catch and Possession Limits:

- The daily catch limit is five fish, all species included, with no more than two lake trout or three northern pike caught and kept. Possession limits are identical to catch limits. It is forbidden to continue fishing after one of these limits has been reached.
- Catch limits are applicable to each angler holding a permit and not to the group as a whole.
- All smallmouth bass accidentally caught before the opening date (June 24) must be released while taking the appropriate precautions to ensure the survival of the fish.
- It is prohibited to catch and release a fish of the following species caught during an angling activity in La Mauricie National Park: Brook trout (speckled trout) and lake trout.

Permit:

- The permit is only valid if signed by the permit holder.
- The fishing permit must be always kept on you during your travels throughout the park.
- The daily fishing permit specifies which lakes you are entitled to fish in. You are only entitled to fish in one lake per day.
- Youth of 16 and under may fish on the same permit as an adult on the condition that they are accompanied by that adult. Note that the catch limit applies to the permit and not to the number of people on the permit.
- Once issued, the permit is non-refundable and non-transferable.

Counts:

- Every person who has obtained a fishing permit must report to one of the inventory stations, during opening hours, to record the number of fish captured and establish the fishing effort, regardless of whether or not the person fished and whether or not any fish were caught.

Other regulations:

It is forbidden to:

- Fish in park waters by any method other than angling;
- Fish on a lake other than that specified on your fishing permit ;
- Allow a fish suitable for human consumption who has been caught in park waters to spoil or otherwise be wasted ;
- Use:

- a) more than one fishing line;
- b) a fishing line having more than one artificial fly or other type of bait;
- c) a fishing line having an artificial fly to which is attached any live or dead natural bait;
- d) a fishing line having any combination of hooks capable of catching more than one fish at a time;
- e) a fishing line having more than one type of lure;
- f) a lure having more than
 - (i) two single hooks,
 - (ii) two gang-hooks, or
 - (iii) one single hook and one gang-hook;
- (g) a gang-hook having more than three hooks;
- h) an illegal hook ;
- i) a lead sinker or lead jig that weighs less than 50 g.

- Propel a boat using a gasoline or electric motor ;
- To use equipment that is able to detect fish (sonar) ;
- Leave a fishing line unattended ;
- Have in one's possession or use live or dead bait (except earthworms), pieces of fish, leeches, or fish eggs ;
- Have in one's possession fishing equipment in La Mauricie National Park unless one holds a valid fishing permit or keeps the fishing equipment inside a motor vehicle ;
- Fish between one hour after sundown and one hour before sunrise ;
- Dump dead fish or fish waste in park waters ;
- Access to Français Lake and the portion of the Baie-des-Onze-Îles commonly called Baie Verte (from one point to the other of the westernmost bay of Baie-des-Onze-Îles) ;
- To stop off or dock on the islands.

Note: This is a summary of the regulations. For more information, please visit this web page:

https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/C.R.C.%2C_c._1120