



Mingan Archipelago
National Park Reserve

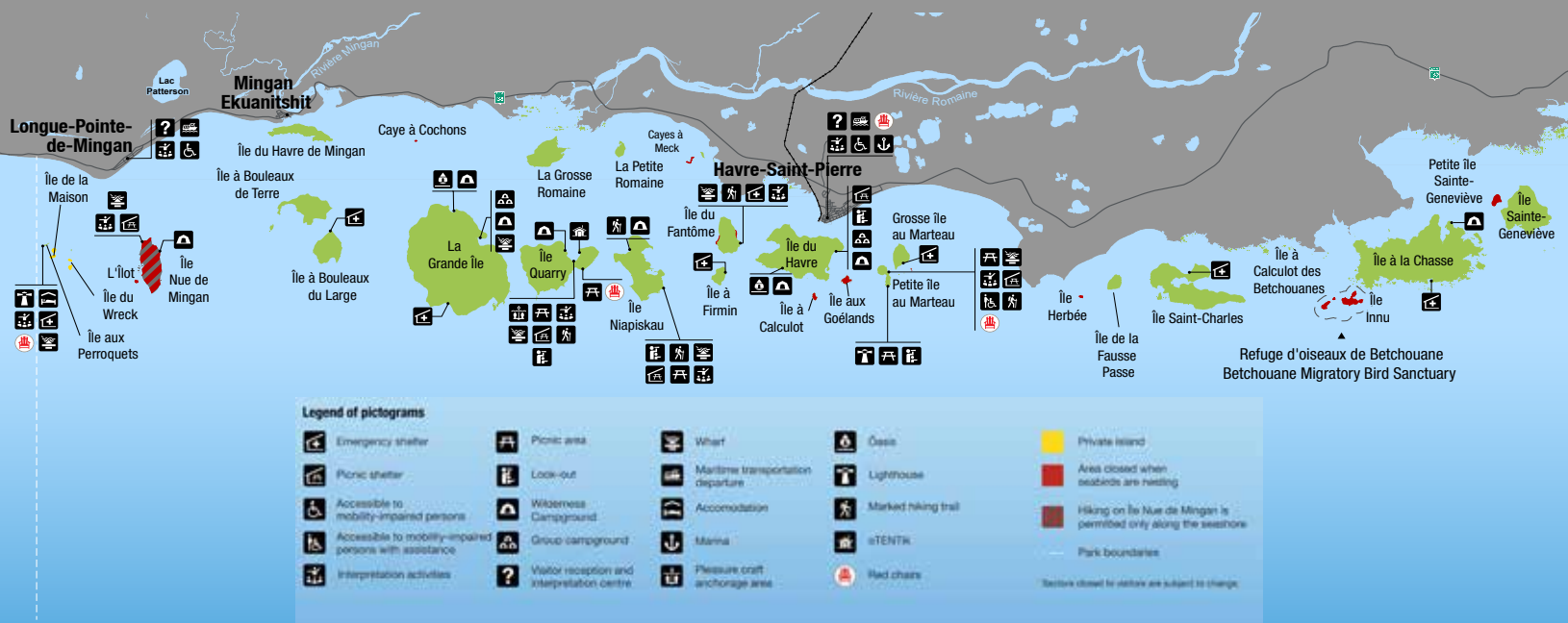
Visitor Guide 2025



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2025 Activities

INTERPRETIVE ACTIVITIES

Activities may be offered in English upon request.

DATES	LOCATION	THEMES	MEETING POINT
Daily From June 9 to September 12	Île aux Perroquets	Une île, un phare, des oiseaux Observe exceptionnal seabirds, spectacular scenery and a historic lighthouse station.	Travel 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 9 to October 3	Île Quarry	Une mosaïque d'habitats Enter a world of diversity as you pass through coastline, forest, barrens, peat bogs and cliffs.	Travel to the island from the Havre-Saint-Pierre marina with local boat operators*
	Île Niapiskau	Ces géants de pierre Let yourself be captivated by the stories behind the formation of monoliths, monuments to the passage of time.	
Daily From June 21 to September 5	Île du Fantôme	Des secrets bien gardés Explore an unusual world in an enchanting setting.	





* See “Boat operators” section

EXHIBITS




LOCATIONS	EXHIBITS
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
Île aux Perroquets	Life on Perroquets

Parks Canada activities and programs

To complement your visit, different Parks Canada activities and programs are at your disposal.

	RED CHAIRS Adirondack-style red chairs are placed in special locations on the islands and on the mainland, allowing you to take time to contemplate nature. Enjoy the exceptional views! <i>#sharethechair</i>
	GEOCACHING You're invited to join the world's largest treasure hunt. Download the Geocaching® app to discover the locations of the geocaches around you. With the help of some hints, find them, sign the logbook and enter your discovery in the app. You will find geocaches on multiple islands in the archipelago.
	VIRGINIA GARDEN Here's your chance to observe beautiful plants such as the Mingan thistle, the Gulf of St. Lawrence dandelion and the sparrow's egg lady's slipper, even if you don't end up going to the islands. Learn more about Brother Marie-Victorin who stayed in Minganie between 1924 and 1928, and discover the ties that connected him to the locals.
	PARKS CANADA SHOP Memories await! Want to bring back some souvenirs of your visit to the Mingan Archipelago? We have many items that are certain to please every member of your family! Visit one of our shops, located in our Reception and Interpretation Centres.

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

	CLUB PARKA Parka, the proud founder of Club Parka, encourages little ones to explore, discover, learn, and have fun! Some activities are for young kids to do on their own, and others they can do with their family and friends. Get more information at our Reception and Interpretation Centres or visit parks.canada.ca/parka for more activities.
	XPLORERS The Xplorers program is an excellent way for kids aged 6 to 11 to discover Parks Canada sites with their families. The content for each booklet uses fun, interactive, and site-specific activities to guide kids to different locations and encourages them to interact with the world around them. Get your booklet at one of our Reception and Interpretation Centres.
	KIDS CORNER - PORTAIL PÉLAGIE CORMIER The kids corner of the Portail Pélagie Cormier includes several activities and indoor games (tent, coloring and others). Youth & adults are welcomed to play the game SOS Thistle. As you play, learn more about the Mingan thistle, a rare plant which is at risk of extinction.

Interpretation activities



Club Parka



Life stories from the Mingan Islands





CAMPING AND ACCOMMODATIONS

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: frontcountry camping, oTENTik tents, Ôasis accommodations or a 4-star inn.

ISLAND	CAMPGROUNDS	NUMBER OF SITES
Île à la Chasse	Havre à Landry ¹	6
Île du Havre	Havre au Sauvage ²	2
	Anse des Noyés	4 Ôasis
Île Niapiskau	Anse du Noroît	4
Île Quarry	Baie de Quarry East	6 oTENTik
	Baie de Quarry West	8
La Grande Île	Havre à Petit-Henri	2 Ôasis
		2
Île Nue de Mingan	Île Nue de Mingan	2

- › Camping permit is **mandatory**.
- › Opening season: June 16 to September 5
However, Baie de Quarry Ouest campground is opened from June 9 to September 30. It may be possible to camp before and after these dates. Contact our Reception and Interpretation Centres.
- › There are outhouses and a wood shelter near the campsites. Firewood is supplied.
- › There are no restaurants on the islands and drinking water is not provided.
- › Campsites are located between 50 m and 1.2 km from the landing site. Visit our [Camping & Accommodation](#) web page for more information.

IMPORTANT:

¹ Havre à Landry: validate transportation rates before booking with Parks Canada.

For information, contact Services Maritimes Boréale at 418-538-2865.

² Havre au Sauvage: no commercial shuttle service is available in this area of the island.

CAMPGROUND

Campsites are equipped with a tent platform, a picnic table and a cooking fireplace.

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 can accommodate up to 6 people. Each tent is also equipped with a barbecue with a side burner (propane included), a picnic table, a cooking fireplace and camping chairs.

ÔASIS ACCOMMODATION

Enjoy a furnished, heated and lit teardrop-shaped 'duplex' equipped with a convertible table/bed on the main level that can accommodate two adults (maximum) as well as a suspended hammock loft above, perfect for two children or one adult (maximum 180 kg). Each site is equipped with a barbecue with a side burner (propane included), a picnic table, a cooking fireplace and camping chairs.

GROUP CAMPING

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





RATES

- › **Camping site:** \$17.50 / night
- › **Group camping:** \$5.50 / person / night (minimum 12 people)
Free for children under 6
- › **oTENTik tent:** \$133.25 / night
- › **Ôasis:** \$133.25 / night
- › **Fire permit:** \$14 / permit / night (mandatory)
- › **Park entrance fees:** see the fees at the back of this document

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.
Reservation 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.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE

- › Book your trip with a boat operator recognized by Parks Canada to plan your access to the islands (additional fees apply).
- › Confirm your departure time to the islands with your boat operator.
- › Visit one of our Reception and Interpretation Centres at least one hour prior to your departure to get your camping permit (mandatory).
- › Arrive at the place of boarding at least 30 to 45 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.

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

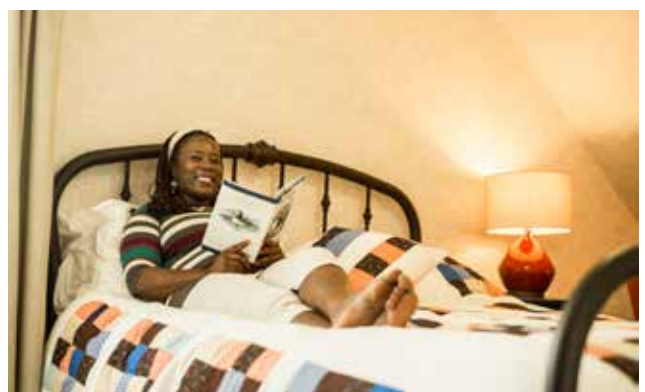
- › Food and drinking water for at least two extra days (we recommend 2 litres per day per person).
- › Your kitchenware, cutlery and dishes.
- › A good sleeping bag, warm waterproof clothes and hiking boots.
- › A small axe and some matches.
- › An adequate communication device and a first aid kit.

4-STAR ACCOMMODATION IN A LIGHTHOUSE

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
418 949-0005 or 1 855 717-7657
info@ileauxperroquets.ca
www.ileauxperroquets.ca






HIKING AND SELF-GUIDED VISITS

The Mingan Archipelago has 80 km of trails on nine islands. Step by step, on the trails or along the beaches, soak in the moment and discover intriguing natural sculptures while admiring the exceptionnal landscape!

[Leaflets](#) for self-guided tours as well as [tide tables](#) are available at our Reception and Interpretation Centres.


Trail	Island	Length / Approximate duration	Type	Level
Shoreline hike	Grosse île au Marteau ¹	4.1 km / 1 hour 30 minutes	loop	intermediate
La Lumière Trail	Petite île au Marteau	1 km / 30 minutes	linear	easy 
Shoreline hike	Île du Havre	16.1 km / 7 hours	loop	intermediate
Campanules Trail	Île du Fantôme	0.7 km / 20 minutes	linear	easy
Poète Jomphe Trail	Île Niapiskau	0.3 km / 15 minutes	loop	easy
Samuel Trail	Île Niapiskau	4.1 km / 1 hour 30 minutes	linear	intermediate
Les Falaises Trail	Île Quarry	1.2 km / 45 minutes	linear	easy
Le Petit Percé hike	Île Quarry	3.8 km / 1 hour 30 minutes	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	24 km / 10 hours	loop	intermediate
Shoreline hike	Île Nue de Mingan ²	7.8 km / 4 hours	loop	easy
Trail hike	Île aux Perroquets ²	0.3 km / 10 minutes	linear	easy

¹ As of July 1st only.


² Book now with boat operators as the number of authorized hikers is limited.

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.



Admire the rock formations from the trails or the coastline. Climbing on the monoliths is dangerous and prohibited.



Transportation and Nautical Activities



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. These companies are committed to providing quality services that respect Parks Canada's entire mandate.

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: The islands are accessible by personal watercraft. However, it is prohibited to access the park with private 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 maritime conditions before your departure (recommended).

PRACTICING NAUTICAL ACTIVITIES BY YOURSELF? - BE INFORMED!

Before setting out to enjoy sea activities 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.



Boat operators

DEPARTURES FROM HAVRE-SAINT-PIERRE

Services Maritimes Boréale

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

Boats :

Marsouin III (Zodiac style. 12 passengers)
Capitaine Yockell (Zodiac style cabin boat, 47 passengers)
Le Perroquet de mer (Cabin boat, 47 passengers)
Le Calculot (Cabin boat, 47 passengers)

Operation dates: from June 2 to October 11

Cruises or excursions

The tours are animated, the duration varies according to the itinerary chosen and departures take place at fixed, established times.

See [detailed schedule](#) online.

To the Centre sector

With Parks Canada Heritage Presenter

- › Île Niapiskau
- › Île Quarry
- › Île du Fantôme

To the East sector

Interpretation by the company

- › Petite île au Marteau
- › Betchouane Migratory Bird Sanctuary - no stopover
- › Île Saint-Charles and Île de la Fausse Passe - no stopover



Transportation for campers

- › Île à la Chasse
- › Île du Havre (Anse des Noyés sector)
- › Île Niapiskau
- › Île Quarry
- › La Grande Île

Transportation for hikers

- › Grosse Île au Marteau
- › Petite Île au Marteau
- › Île du Havre
- › Île Niapiskau
- › Île Quarry

Transportation for divers

Departure: depending on the availability of the boat

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



Croisières du Capitaine Richard

Havre-Saint-Pierre marina
Havre-Saint-Pierre
Phone: 418 538-3375 or 418 566-3112
f Croisières du Capitaine Richard

Boat :

La Mariner V (12 passengers)

Tailor-made cruise with stopovers on 3 or 4 islands

Destinations: Île Quarry, Île Niapiskau, Île du Fantôme,
Petite Île au Marteau

From June 1 to September 3

Departure: 9 a.m.

Duration: all day long

Interpretation with Parks Canada Heritage Presenter or by the company




Boat operators

DEPARTURES FROM LONGUE-POINTE-DE-MINGAN

Entreprises touristiques Loiselle

207 de la Mer St.
Longue-Pointe-de-Mingan

Phone: 418-949-2307 or 1-866-949-2307 (toll free)

 @entrepriseloiselle
www.tourisme-loiselle.com

Operation dates: from June 1st to September 15

Excursions

The tours are animated either with a Parks Canada Heritage Presenter or with the company, last 3 hours and 30 minutes, and departures take place at fixed, established times.¹

To the West sector

- › Île aux Perroquets
- › Île Nue de Mingan

Transportation for campers

- › Île Nue de Mingan
- › La Grande Île
- › Île Quarry

Transportation for hikers

- › Île aux Perroquets
- › Île Nue de Mingan

Boats:

Le Macareux
Le Perroquet
Le Loup-marin
(open boats, 12 passengers each)



Excursions du Phare

126 de la Mer St.
Longue-Pointe-de-Mingan

Phone: 418-949-2302 or 1-877-949-2302 (toll free)

 Excursion aux îles Mingan
www.minganie.info

Operation dates: from June 1st to September 19

Excursions

The tours are animated either with a Parks Canada Heritage Presenter or with the company, the duration varies according to the itinerary chosen and departures take place at fixed, established times.¹

To the West sector

- › Île aux Perroquets
- › Île Nue de Mingan
- › La Grande Île

Transportation for campers

- › Île Nue de Mingan
- › La Grande Île
- › Île Quarry

Transportation for hikers

- › Île aux Perroquets
- › Île Nue de Mingan
- › La Grande Île

Boats:

Le Phare I
Le Phare II
Le Phare III
(open boats, 12 passengers each)



¹For more information on itineraries, schedules and fees, please contact the companies directly.
[Detailed schedules](#) are available online and at Parks Canada Visitor and Interpretation Centres.


Nautical Activities

SEA KAYAKING

Noryak Aventures

10 road 138
Longue-Pointe-de-Mingan

Phone: 418-949-2707

 @Noryakaventures
www.noryak.ca

Full-day excursion departing from Havre-Saint-Pierre

Île du Havre and île du Fantôme

From June to August

Departure: 9 a.m. | Duration: 6 to 8 hours

La Grande Île

From June to August

Departure: 9 a.m. | Duration: 8 to 9 hours

* Round-trip transportation by boat

Base camp excursion on La Grande Île

Between June 23 and August 28 (beginning on Mondays)

Departure: 9 a.m. | Duration: 4 days / 3 nights

* Round-trip transportation by boat from Havre-Saint-Pierre

Full-day excursion departing from Longue-Pointe-de-Mingan

Île aux Perroquets


From June 1st to August 15, on Wednesdays
(more dates on request)

Departure: 9 a.m. | Duration: 6 to 8 hours

Quatre natures

Quebec City

Phone: 418-271-7234

 @quatrenatures
www.quatrenatures.com

7-day travel packages (departing from Québec City or Montreal)

From August 10 to 16

5-day sea kayaking excursion in the Mingan Archipelago
including camping overnights.

Destinations :


**Petite Île au Marteau, Île du Havre, Île du Fantôme, Île
Niapiskau, Île Quarry, La Grande Île**

STAND-UP PADDLEBOARDING / FREEDIVING

Les Vagues - Loisirs marins

1740 de l'Anse St.
Havre-Saint-Pierre

Phone: 418-553-3849

 @lesvagueshsp
www.lesvagues.ca

Operation dates: June 13 to September 14

Excursion SUP Marteau

Departure: between 6:30 a.m. to 7 a.m. | Duration: 5 hours

* Depending on weather conditions, changes in departure time
and transportation by boat may be necessary.

Excursion SUP Quarry

Departure: 7:00 a.m. | Duration: 7 hours

* Transportation by boat from Havre-Saint-Pierre

Equipment available for rent

During business hours: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Freediving

Departures: 7 a.m. and 1 p.m. | Duration: 3 hours

Destination: Petite Île au Marteau

Departure: 7 a.m. | Duration: 5 hours

Destination: Île Quarry

Day camp « Le camp des petits marins »

A week full of exciting nautical activities.

For youth between 8 and 12 years old

Dates: From July 7 to 11 | From July 28 to August 1st
From August 11 to 15



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

MINGAN THISTLE

The Mingan thistle, an endangered species in Canada, is the core of conservation efforts at Mingan Archipelago National Park Reserve. Between 2017 and 2021, conservation actions were intensified: more than 11,000 seeds and 500 seedlings were transplanted, in addition to numerous interventions aimed at restoring its habitat. Although the population has grown from 444 plants in 2017 to 3,652 individuals in 2021, the species remains in a precarious situation today. In 2025, the conservation team will embark on a second phase of intervention, scheduled to run until 2028, the main objectives of which will be to restore damaged habitats and preserve the species' genetic diversity.

The Jardin Virginia, located near the Havre-Saint-Pierre marina, offers a unique opportunity to observe this rare thistle and learn more about its history and beauty.



STUDYING INSECT BIODIVERSITY

A decline in insect populations has been observed worldwide for almost twenty years, but remains poorly documented in Quebec and Canada. In collaboration with the Canadian Forest Service, ten national parks in eastern Canada, including the Mingan Archipelago, have been participating since 2023 in a study aimed at filling this gap. "Malaise" traps, installed along the Île Quarry trail, will again capture insects throughout the summer of 2025. Samples will be analyzed in the laboratory using DNA extraction techniques. The data collected between 2023 and 2025 will document the inter-annual variation in insect populations and detect any long-term changes by comparing them with the results of an inventory carried out in 2012 in the same parks.

The current epidemic of spruce budworm and hemlock looper, which has been raging in the archipelago for several years, will inevitably transform the islands' forest landscape.



COMMON EIDER AND GULL MONITORING ON THE BARRENS

The park reserve is home to large populations of common eiders and herring and great black-backed gulls, whose nesting on the barrens reflects the health of the ecosystem. An inventory carried out every ten years, from Île aux Perroquets to Île à la Chasse, tracks the evolution of these species. In 2015, over 3,000 eider nests and almost 2,000 gull nests were counted. The results of this monitoring suggest that eider populations nesting in the archipelago are doing well and increasing over time. However, herring and great black-backed gull populations have been in steady decline since 1990. The 2025 survey, led by the conservation team, will document variations in nesting populations, likely to be influenced by a variety of environmental factors, including predation, food availability and climate change.



THANK YOU FOR RESPECTING THIS FRAGILE AREA:

- › Use only established trails, 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.
- › Do not feed the wildlife.
- › Leave your drone at home.



PRESENCE OF SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS

Surveillance cameras are used in this national park reserve 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!

OPENING 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 9 to 15 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. June 16 to September 5 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. September 6 to October 5 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.		Aguanish 250 Jacques-Cartier Road Phone: 418-533-2228 June 1 to 21 (Closed on Fridays) 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. June 22 to August 16 (Opened 7 days / week) 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. August 17 to September 27 (Closed on weekends) 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Longue-Pointe-de-Mingan 625 Centre St. Phone: 418-949-2126 June 16 to August 23 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. August 24 to September 5 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.		Baie-Johan-Beetz Phone: 418-539-0125 Email: info@baiejohanbeetz.qc.ca

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parks.canada.ca/mingan

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and search up "Mingan Archipelago
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FEES

Entry fees	Daily	Seasonal Pass (before June 30 th)	Seasonal Pass	Parks Canada Discovery Pass
Adult	\$6.50	\$16.50	\$33	\$75.25
Senior (65 and over)	\$5.50	\$13.75	\$27.50	\$64.50
Youth (17 and under)	Free	Free	Free	Free
Family / Group (max. 7 persons)	\$13.50	\$41	\$65.50	\$151.25

- › 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 : 1 888 762-1422

EMERGENCY : 1 888 762-1422