

The GASPÉ PENINSULA

2023
Vacation
Guide

SAY **YES**
TO NEW
ADVENTURES

The Gaspé **Spec**

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Welcome

The breathtakingly beautiful Gaspé Peninsula awaits you. There is so much to explore and experience! Rain or Shine: an adventure awaits you.

This unspoiled area of over 30,000 square kilometres consists of five geographic areas: the Coast, Land's End, the Chaleur Bay, the Valley, and Upper Gaspé.

Plan to stay for a while to enjoy the natural beauty that abounds – mountains, forests and water. Choose how you will spend your time here, but many visitors change their itinerary once they arrive here and stay longer than they anticipated. There are camping grounds, motels, hotels, and Bed & Breakfast establishments, offered at reasonable rates, that will make you feel comfortable and well rested. The Gaspé offers the perfect destination for solitary travellers, friends and families of all sizes!

You can relax on the beach, swim in the salt or fresh water, or laze all day while enjoying a good book.

Those who prefer a more active experience may choose to fish, go boating or rent a canoe or kayak. Bring your bike and enjoy cycling around the Peninsula. Hiking opportunities exist at different levels of difficulty and in a wide variety of locations.

Highway 132 circles the Peninsula and offers you an almost constant view of the Bay of Chaleur and the Gulf of St. Lawrence. But don't deny yourself the enjoyment of discovering more of the Gaspé, which is a little bit more "off the beaten path." Take your time because the Gaspé is best enjoyed at a leisurely pace.

Some of the residents of the coastal towns and villages along the southern coast are English-speaking and many residents are bilingual. The three main languages spoken are French, English and Mi'gmaq. Many of the English-speakers are the descendants of Scottish, Irish and English immigrants. Acadians also settled here, many around the town of Bonaventure where you may see the distinctive Acadian flag. The residents of the Gaspé Peninsula are a multitude of influences and cultures and its rich and varied history is evident. Names of towns, churches, style of homes and even names of streets are a clear indication that the Gaspé Peninsula is a blend of cultures.

The Gaspé has something for every visitor, young or old. There are opportunities to enjoy the water, whether the salt water of Chaleur Bay and the Gulf of St. Lawrence or the pristine lakes and rivers that abound here. If you are looking for a vacation for total relaxation or a more active holiday, that is up to you! Opportunities to take memorable photos at every corner. Snap a selfie in every location you visit. What memories you will create!



New Brunswick

Bay of Chaleur

WALTER CHARLES WILLETT

A Road Trip Guide to the History, Legends and Attractions

Gaspé
the
Romantique
"Revisited"

Geography and geology make this an unforgettable road trip experience of endless coastal and mountain views, awe-inspiring rock formations, seaside villages, lush river valleys, and four of the world's most spectacular National Parks...

The story of the Gaspé contains elements of our collective ancestry, immigration and commerce, adding to ample legends and folklore hidden from plain view yet nonetheless happily revealing themselves to those with a bit of knowledge and even greater imagination...

My journey in the writing of this book enhanced my own understanding and appreciation of the Gaspé and its pivotal role in the creation of modern Quebec and Canada, while in many respects remaining distanced, isolated, and in some cases oblivious to both...

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Museums, historic sites & Interpretation Centres

Museums on the Gaspé Peninsula are rich in artifacts and information, generally available in French and English. You are likely familiar with names such as Jacques Cartier and Charles Robin. However, names you may not be familiar with, include John LeBoutillier, Pierre Nadon, John Henry Kempffer and René Lévesque. You can learn about these people and so many more at local museums. The museums are all "home-grown," so their exhibits are presented in a way that best demonstrates the history they reflect.

A rich history

Museums and heritage sites are important because they help to preserve local history. Historical documents and artifacts are a concrete way of recording history. Sharing the history of the Gaspé is accomplished effectively by using these venues. Written history provides one way of knowing about your past, but museums and historical sites bring that history alive.

The history of the Gaspé Peninsula did not begin with the arrival of the Europeans, Indigenous people were already here, and though very impactful, the arrival of the cod fishing monopoly is not the only history there is to tell. The area is also rich in other history including: The tragic history of deported Acadians, the influx of immigrants from Scotland, Ireland and England, the blend of English and French cultures, the settling of Portuguese cod fish workers in Paspébiac, the rich history and impact of Robin, Jones and Whitman, and the Channel Islanders who came here in the 18th and 19th century.

As you travel around the Peninsula, there are so many historical venues to choose from.

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Museums, historic sites & Interpretation Centres

Battle of the Restigouche National Historic Site (Pointe-à-la-Croix): For 200 years, the wreck of the Machault, a 26-gun military sailing vessel charged with protecting merchant vessels from the British, has remained under water. At the Battle of the Restigouche National Historic Site, it is now possible to admire the ship's remains and to relive the last naval battle between France and Great Britain for possession of North American territory. It's an extraordinary journey that will take you all the way back to 1760! [More information](#)

Cascapedia River Museum (Cascapedia-St-Jules): The Cascapedia River flows through the village of Cascapedia-St-Jules. If it could talk, it would tell a thousand tales about the lives of the people who lived along its banks and about those who came to experience salmon fishing in its waters. It would recount the local folklore about men who lost their lives in log drives or farmers who had to start again after flood waters receded from their fields. For more than 150 years the river has played a very important role in the development and life of this multicultural community. [More information](#)

Parc national de Miguasha (Nouvelle): At this protected area, fish and plant fossils tell the story of life, recounting the origin of the first earthly vertebrates, some 380 million years ago. The parc is a natural heritage jewel that's sure to impress visitors of all ages. You will discover a vast array of exhibits and family activities. The park's fossil-rich cliff is on the UNESCO World Heritage list, making Miguasha the best place on earth to discover the fish fossil world of the Devonian period. [More information](#)

Pointe Duthie (New Richmond): A place for adventure and exploration, you will experience authentic encounters. The eighty-two-acre site has 18 buildings, a former airstrip and pebble beach at the mouth of the Grand-Cascapedia River. Exhibits and displays range from farm machinery and home furnishings to handmade household utensils. [More information](#)

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A warm welcome awaits you at this motel located in Pointe-à-la-Croix.

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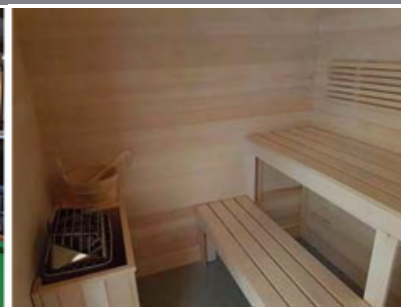
Restaurant service with family menu.

The perfect location for discovering the Chaleur Bay.

This establishment offers everything you need for a memorable stay!

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Museums, historic sites & Interpretation Centres

Military Museum (New Richmond): The museum's exhibits explore the military history of the region from its earliest times to the present day. The museum is designed to remember the contributions of Gaspésians in the major conflicts of the 20th century and the impact these conflicts have had on the small communities along the shores of the Gaspé Coast. [More information](#)

Musée acadien (Bonaventure): The Musée Acadien recounts the fascinating story of the Acadians in Quebec. The museum site includes six buildings, each of which imparts a story related to the region's economic and social development. [More information](#)

Kempffer Cultural and Interpretation Centre (New Carlisle): Guided tours of the permanent exhibition, *New Carlisle: A Vibrant Heritage*, which brings to life the history of the town from the arrival of the Loyalists in 1784 to World War II, including the story of a German spy who was captured in 1942. [More information](#)

Espace René-Lévesque (New Carlisle): Composed of a thematic interpretation park and a reception pavilion, the Espace René-Lévesque promotes an approach centered on people, their journey, their thoughts and their actions. An audioguided walk through the garden in the company of René Lévesque at the different stages of his life is available. [More information](#)

Paspebiac National Historic Site (Paspebiac): Learn about the cod fishery by visiting the site's historic buildings. The site is the birthplace of the Robin and Le Boutillier Brothers' companies. In the 19th century, Paspebiac was one of the largest export ports for dried cod in the world! The Le Boutillier warehouse, one of the largest fishing buildings ever built in North America, is a five-storey wooden structure. Since 1766, Paspebiac has been at the heart of the history of commercial fisheries in the Gaspé Peninsula, a tradition that is still alive in this area. There is also a fish market, restaurant, canteen, beach and park at the site. [More information](#)

Maison LeGrand (Port Daniel-Gascons): With its Second Empire architecture, the century-old Maison LeGrand is a jewel among the heritage buildings of Port-Daniel-Gascons. Today, it houses the town hall, the library and a micro-museum presenting the history of the house and the LeGrand family. The grounds include a park with information panels devoted to local history. [More information](#)

Circuit des bâtisseurs (Chandler): A historical route that covers the period of the French regime of Bourg de Pabos until the closing of the Gaspésia paper mill. It is an open-air museum crossed by a pedestrian and cycling path. Halfway through, a telescope allows for bird watching. The longest aluminum pedestrian and cycling bridge in the world will allow you to cross the barachois of the Grand Pabos Bay to get to the historical and archaeological site of the Parc du Bourg de Pabos. [More information](#)

La Vieille Usine (L'Anse-à-Beaufils): This former cod-fishing plant is located on the wharf. It is now a bistro-style café, venue and art gallery. Enjoy a drink on the terrace as you admire the view of the nearby fishing boats. [More information](#)

Parc national de l'Île-Bonaventure-et-du-Rocher-Percé (Percé): The park is rich in natural, historical and geological heritage. Sculpted by time and the sea, the park includes Bonaventure Island and Percé Rock. It is famous for its colony of northern gannets. The park has 15 kilometres of hiking trails and several restored houses. Note: Bonaventure Island is only accessible by boat. [More information](#)

Le Chafaud – Discovery and Visitors Centre (Percé): Located near the Percé wharf, this large red and white warehouse is one of the most typical buildings of the cod-fishing era. Today, the building houses a discovery centre. In the 1870s, the Charles Robin Company had nearly 40 buildings in Percé that were used for the cod-fishing trade. Nearby you will discover several of those buildings still standing (La Saline, La Neigère and the General Store). [More information](#)

Museums, historic sites & Interpretation Centres

Birthplace of Canada (Gaspé): A reconstruction of the village of Gaspé as it was in the 1900s. Visit the buildings and interact with guides in period costumes. The site includes a heritage house, warehouse, naval base, general store, monuments, a playground and a public market. [More information](#)

Manoir Leboutillier (Gaspé): Here you will learn more about the culture and history of the Gaspé Peninsula. Built around 1850-1860, Manoir Le Boutillier served multiple purposes at the time — fishing station, manager's house, general store and lodging for the hired men. In addition to the interpretation centre there is also a tea room and geocache activities. [More information](#)


Musée de la Gaspésie (Gaspé): Discover the history of the Gaspé Peninsula as you have never seen it before! Travel to the heart of the history of the Gaspé, from 380 million years ago until modern society. Discover various key moments in the history of the peninsula. Take a selfie with a replica of the cross, bearing the crest of the King of France, that was planted by Jacques Cartier in 1534. [More information](#)

Site d'interprétation Micmac de Gespeg: Come live the Mi'kmaq experience in Gaspé! Here you will discover Gespeg's presence in the Gaspé region, its history, and its culture. Visit the realistic recreation of a traditional village circa the 17th century. [More information](#)


Le Centre culturel Le Griffon (Gaspé): Visit a former cold-storage warehouse. this cultural centre is an important element of local maritime heritage due to its location near the harbour as well as its history and architecture. On site you will discover exhibitions and a café with an incredible view of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. [More information](#)

Forillon National Parc (Forillon): Interpretive activities focused on the area's natural and historical heritage. The park's heritage sites, include a historic general store, a typical fisherman farmer's house and World War II fortifications. [More information](#)





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Gaspé

August 17-20

Shigawake Agricultural Fair and
Music Festival
Shigawake

August 15-20

Les Percéides - International Film
and Art Festival
Percé

August 24-27

New Richmond Agricultural Fair
New Richmond

August 30-September 3

Bluegrass Festival
New Richmond

October 6-8

Fall Fest
Cascapedia-St-Jules

Carleton, which includes the town of Saint-Omer since 2000, derives much of its economy from tourism. In fact, almost $\frac{3}{4}$ of the population is employed in tourism and the services which support it. With a population of about 4,000, Carleton has a great deal to offer tourists. Dining, thalassotherapy, unique stores and a beautiful waterfront all add to the lovely vacation experience to be enjoyed in Carleton and the area. For those who love activity, the awesome beach offers kite surfing and a sailing school. To conclude a day of water fun, sleep in a yurt and be lulled to sleep by the sound of the waves.



CATHERINE BLOUIN

**MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
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**ASSEMBLÉE
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As you travel eastward you will pass through Maria and then Gesgapegiag. **Maria** was historically the site of summer settlement for Mi'gmaq families. Then in the 1770s the area was settled by Scottish, Irish and Loyalists. Gesgapegiag is one of three First Nations communities found on the Peninsula.

Dining with a view!

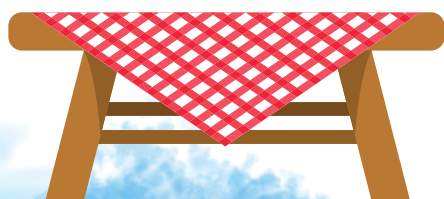
After a fun-filled day spent enjoying nature, take advantage of one of the many picnicking sites along Highway 132. Whether ordering at a nearby canteen (try a poutine or a lobster club), shopping at a local fish market or packing your own picnic, you won't regret it; the view is priceless.

Picnics: Having your own cooler will help to transport the picnic and keep the food and drinks cold. Food safety is important.

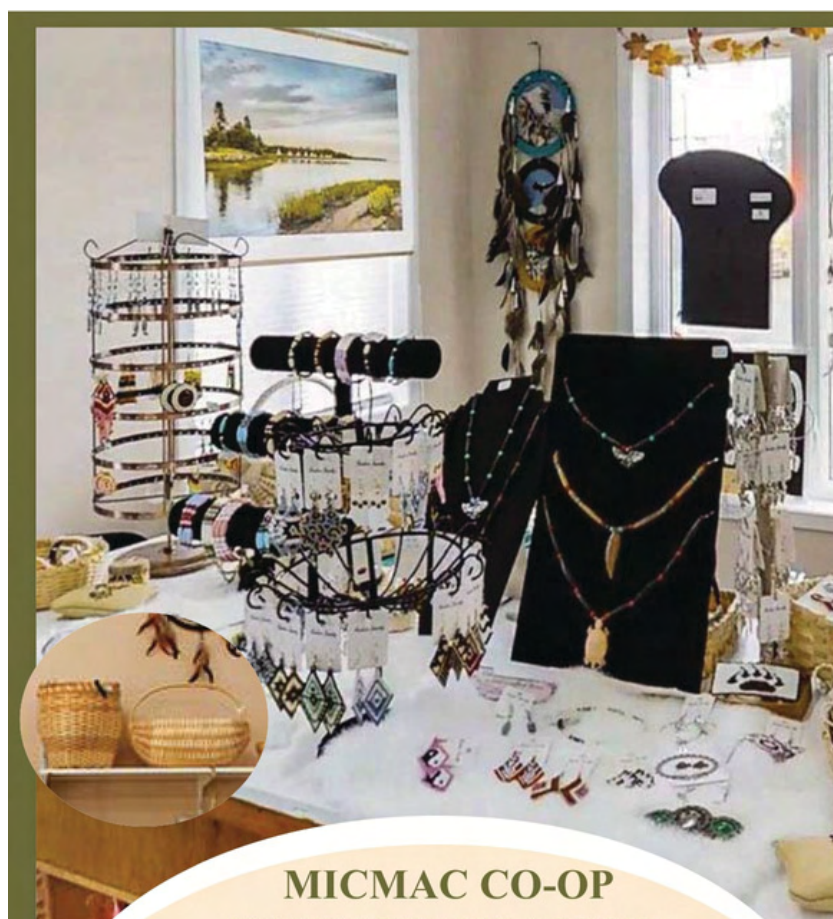
There are other items to tuck into the basket or cooler that will make the day more successful. These may include hand wipes or sanitizing gel, a bag for any garbage, small packets of salt and pepper, an opener if needed, and a tablecloth or blanket to lay on the ground or picnic table.

Beverages are critical for a successful picnic. Water is a smart choice and even a thermos of tea or coffee for the adults who like to sit afterwards and relax. A bottle of local strawberry or honey wine is also a great choice.

Nothing stirs up an appetite like fresh air, so pack lots of delicious food. You may want to have sandwiches, chicken or even little quiches. Salads are great and there are so many kinds to choose from. You may want to cut up a container of munchable veggies such as carrot sticks, peppers, cucumbers and radishes and take along hummus for dipping. A perfect ending for the meal could be fruit kebabs. You could also add cookies or squares. Other popular picnic foods include devilled eggs, frozen grapes, roast beef, cheese and lettuce rollups, tea biscuits, muffins and watermelon.



When in **Gesgapegiag** be sure to visit the church whose style resembles a traditional teepee dwelling. Various events are held at Gesgapegiag including musical evenings, bingo and traditional powwows. Canoe rentals are available during the summer months. Have a look in the handicraft shop for traditional native goods, such as baskets, dream catchers, carvings and jewelry. There is also a great spot for picnics and a fish market.



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Take a slight detour from Highway 132 to visit **Cascapedia-St-Jules**, an area which boasts some of the best hunting and fishing experiences anywhere. The area is famous for its historical lodges which host visitors from all over the world who want to fish Atlantic Salmon in a catch and release zone. The community hosts an annual Fall Festival which offers a great family experience during the day and music and camaraderie in the evenings. A strong community spirit is evident and many family friendly events are held in Cascapedia-St-Jules. A visit to the Cascapedia River Museum is a wonderful way to spend an afternoon learning about the history of salmon fishing in the area.



Darlene Dimock



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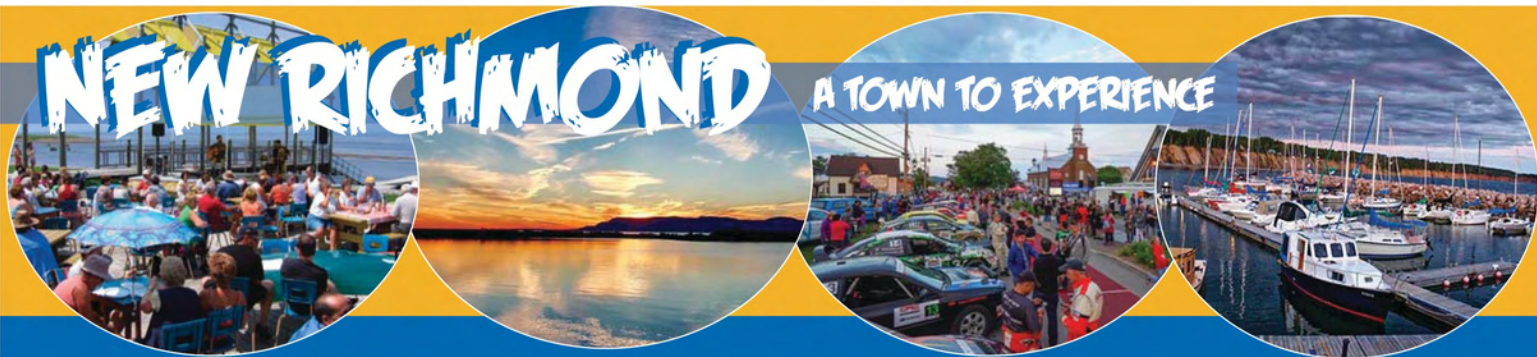
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NEW RICHMOND

A TOWN TO EXPERIENCE



ATTRACTIONS

TAYLOR'S POINT PARK

RENTAL OF CANOES AND KAYAKS AND PADDLE BOARDS

1 hour:		3 to 6 hours:	
Single kayak	\$20	Single kayak	\$40
Double kayak	\$25	Double kayak	\$45
Canoe	\$25	Canoe	\$45
Paddle board	\$20	Paddle Board	\$40
2 hours:		1 day and off site	
Single kayak	\$30	Single kayak	\$60
Double kayak	\$35	Double kayak	\$65
Canoe	\$35	Canoe	\$65
Paddle Board	\$30		

- **Desjardins Track** (walking and roller blades)
- **Rotary Cascapedia Trail** (walking and biking)
- **Playground, picnic area**
- **Food services nearby**
- **Kite shop**
- The **"Bay Gardens Tour"** (artistic gardens).
Information: **418 392-7722**

TAYLOR'S POINT CAMPGROUND

The Taylor's Point Campground is located at the mouth of the Little Cascapedia River and along the shore of Chaleur Bay. Right by the sea, the campground offers an exceptional location for participating in a great number of summer fun activities. 125 campsites with full, partial and no amenities, shaded and non-shaded sites also available. Open from May 20 to September 25, 2023.

Information :

www.campingbaiedeschaleurs.com

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THE PIN ROUGE TOURIST STATION

Open year-round, this resort is renowned for the beauty of its surroundings and its rich cultural heritage. Mountain biking, hiking, ATV trails, access to the Little Cascapedia River, canoes and kayaks (close by), swimming pool, water games, terrace, exterior games,

basketball, volleyball, activities for children and deer watching. This picturesque village composed of 32 chalets that offer excellent accommodations is located at the base of the mountain. Fatbikes are available for rental. This resort is situated 15 minutes from the center of the Town of New Richmond.

Information: www.pinrouge.com/en

Call: **418-392-5134 #121**

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DUTHIE POINT

Walk to Duthie Point and explore this enchanting site with forestry trails and a magnificent view of the Bay. Our pebble beach is perfect for a picnic.

NEW RICHMOND PUBLIC MARKET

The New Richmond public market is open every Saturday throughout the summer from July 8 to September 9, 2023. Don't miss the farmer's market on September 16. Local products and artwork are featured.



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HENDERSON BEACH

An unsupervised municipal beach, open from the end of June to mid-September, located in the scenic Black Cape area, to the east of the center of the Town of New Richmond.

EVENTS

RALLYE BAIE-DES-CHALEURS

June 30 to July 2, 2023. This world renowned rally is a key segment of the Canadian Rally Championship as well as the North American

Rally Cup. A challenging course, skilled drivers, awesome cars, amazing crowds, a spectacular show and a festive atmosphere make this an excellent event to kick off the summer. Don't miss the family day on June 30 in front of the Town Hall from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Information: www.rallyebdc.com

info@rallyebdc.com or **418-392-3544**

QUÉBEC NATIONAL DAY - JUNE 24, 2023

Taylor's Point Park, beginning at 9:30 a.m. There will be a show for children entitled, Gallantine à Forillon, canteen services and inflatable games! Music will be provided by 132 Est! For more information about the regional program,

www.villeneuve-richmond.com

BLUE GRASS FESTIVAL

Bluegrass and folk music festival, with more than 40 shows performed on 2 stages from August 30 to September 3, 2023.

Duthie Pointe Camping opens on August 26.

Information:

www.newrichmondbluegrass.com

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HAPPY HOUR EVENTS

July 13: music with Hall at Taylor's Point Park

July 27: music with Francis Plourde in front of the Town Hall

August 10: music with Nash Stanley in front of the Town Hall

Bar and canteen on site

NEW RICHMOND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY INC.

June 29: Gymkhana with la Grande chevauchée

July 28 & 29: Gymkhana

August 24 to 27: the Agricultural Fair

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Ville de New Richmond

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Located at the intersection of

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NEW RICHMOND



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New Richmond is found between Gesgapegiag and Caplan. The town also includes the smaller communities of Black Cape and St. Edgar. The first Europeans who settled here were from Scotland in the mid-1770s. It still has a large English-speaking population. **Adventure awaits you in New Richmond!**

There is a heritage village at Duthie's Point, which offers a military museum, shops and historical exhibitions, forest trails, scenic picnic areas and accommodations. The town boasts a shopping centre and, of course, a gorgeous waterfront.

Your fun day at Taylor's Point Park can include a picnic, as well as paddle boarding, canoeing or kayaking (rentals available). There are tracks for roller-blading, walking and cycling. Make your adventure last and stay at the site's campground.

Another option is to visit the Pin Rouge Tourist Station and stay in one of their colourful chalets. Mountain bike, hiking and ATV trails are available. Here you can also canoe or kayak on the Little Cascapedia River or enjoy a swim in the site's swimming pool.

During the summer on Saturdays, a Farmers' Market offers local products for sale.

A variety of places to eat and shop are available in New Richmond.



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Parks and nature

Parc national de la Gaspésie: Created in 1937 in order to permanently protect the park's woodland caribou and the beauty of Mont Albert and the McGerrigle Mountains, as well as the Rivière Sainte-Anne salmon. The park is now recognized as a mecca for hiking. The altitude of the mountains influences the climate. Nature enthusiasts can go hiking, backpacking, trail running, cycling, fishing, canoeing, kayaking and pedal boating at this park. For those seeking a greater adventure, try the whitewater canoeing and kayaking options or a backcountry expedition. Accommodations, dining, a pool and spa are on site. [More information](#)

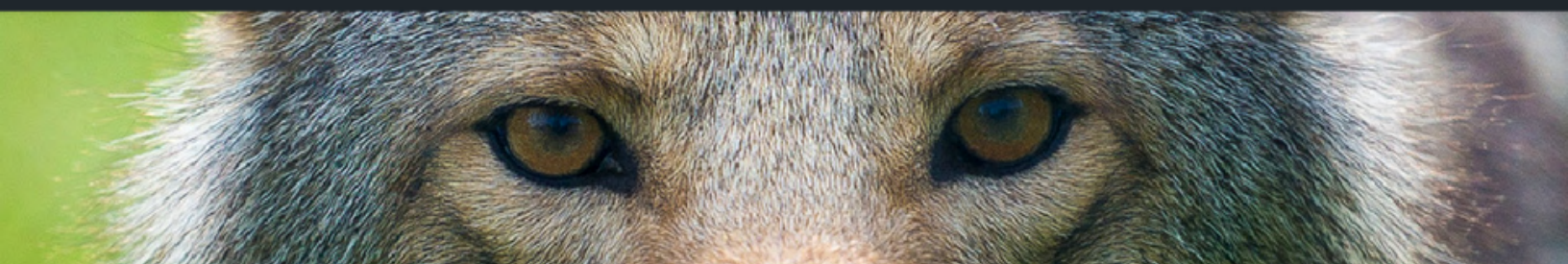
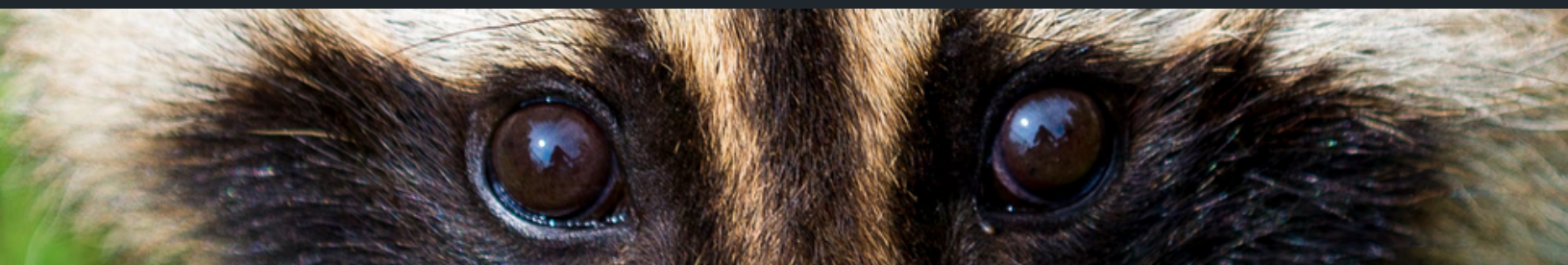
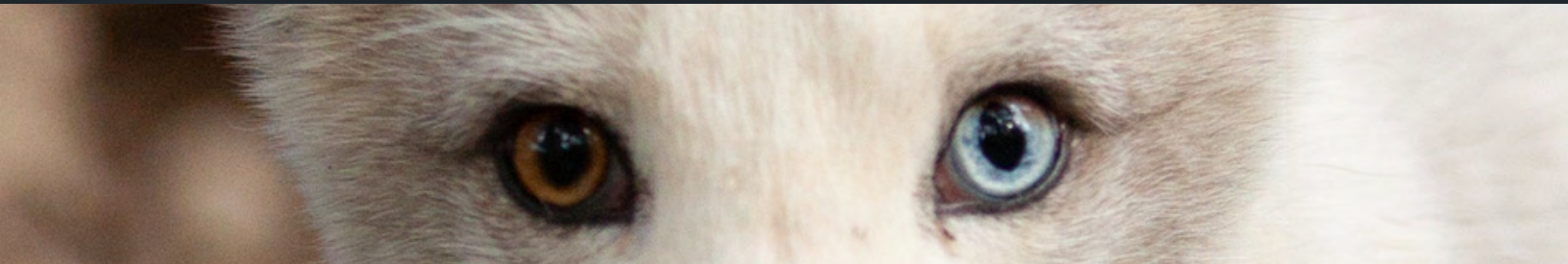
Réserve faunique de Port-Daniel: This park has 25 lakes chockfull of trout and a river with salmon galore. The wildlife diversity is astounding. Activities include fishing, hiking, berry and mushroom picking and moth observations. Chalets and campground available. [More information](#)

Forillon National Park: A vaste array of activities are available for nature lovers at Forillon National Park. In the Penouille and Fort Peninsula area activities include hiking, cycling, paddling, kite surfing, guided discovery activities. If you're travelling with children, be sure to pick up the Xplorers booklet. There is a playground, accessible beach, picnic area and equipment rentals. In the North Area there are camping facilities, boat excursions, a discovery centre, geocaching, as well as hiking and cycling trails. In the South Area, adventure seekers can enjoy a whale watching cruise, scuba diving, wharf fishing and kayaking. In this area you can also participate in discovery activities, hike, cycle, go geocaching or visit the pool.



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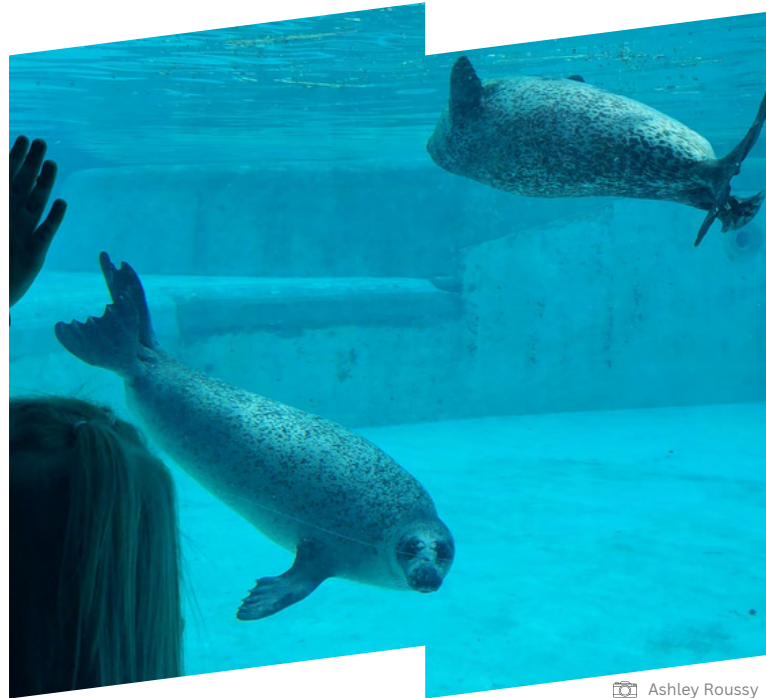
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Bonaventure offers many lovely attractions and events. Located at the mouth of the Bonaventure River, Bonaventure provides a perfect opportunity for making memories for vacationers, whether couples, groups or families. The Musée Acadien du Québec has a variety of exhibits to enjoy. The many stores include unique local handicrafts and jewelry, bakery, poissonerie (fish store) and pharmacy. The waterfront is a busy place all summer long, with swimmers and boaters. A visit to Cime aventure will be a day you will not forget. Choose from kayaking, canoeing or rafting. Be sure to check out their eco-lodges, yurts and teepees.



Attractions

Children of all ages absolutely love the **Bioparc** located in **Bonaventure** and situated on the banks of the Bonaventure River estuary where visitors and locals delight in the antics of local fauna such as river otters, seals, raccoons, bears and bobcats. Enquire about feeding times as some of the more timid creatures put on quite a show! The site also boasts a playground, as well as a small petting zoo which is very popular with toddlers. Bring a lunch and have a picnic on site. [More information](#)



 Ashley Roussy

Located at the Bourg de Pabos site in **Chandler** embark on a mythical voyage between the Earth and sky at **Nova Lumina**. The trail is 1.5 km and will take about 60 minutes to complete. A specialized seahorse wheelchair is available upon reservation to facilitate access to the trails. Also at the Bourg de Pabos site is Ura. **Ura** will immerse you in an adventure where the power of water will take on a new meaning. A mysterious woman will give you the keys of eight stations placed here and there, along your way. Inside these stations, you will live amazing experiences. Never again, will you see the water in the same way. [More information](#)



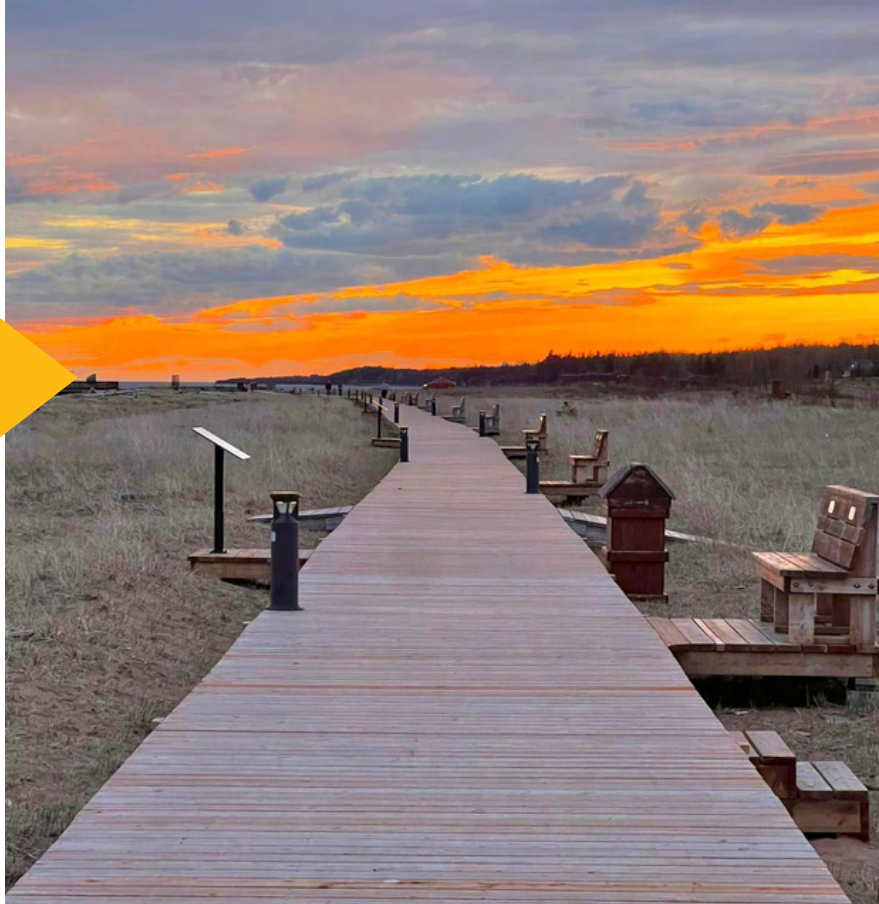
THE NEXT STOP along Highway 132 is **New Carlisle**, which is known for its beautiful tree-lined streets. The Kempffer Cultural and Interpretation Centre and Espace René Lévesque are located in New Carlisle.

On Saturday mornings be sure to visit the Local Market in the centre of town for a variety of locally-grown and locally-made goods.

If you enjoy fishing, this might be the place for you. Try saltwater fishing in the Bay of Chaleur or catch fresh water trout in the many lakes and streams.

Accessing the beach by Green Street will lead you to not only a lovely beach, nature walk, bird sanctuary and playground, but you will also often find locals enjoying a game of softball or listening to live music.

New Carlisle offers several options for accommodations, as well as canteens and a café.



Nancy Coulombe

Birdwatching

Birdwatching opportunities abound here, and it is estimated that over 350 species of birds can be sighted. If you take this interest seriously, bring binoculars to enrich the experience. The Gaspé is surrounded by water, so the shorebird and seabird species are plentiful.

You may spot northern gannets, black-legged kittiwakes, gulls, cormorants, great blue herons, harlequin ducks, sandpipers and more. Other birds that abound include robins, wrens, swallows, sparrows, grosbeaks, jays, ravens, crows, eagles, woodpeckers, owls, hummingbirds, grouse, pheasants and Canada Geese.

Bring a copy of the book *Birds of Eastern Canada* and keep a log of the birds you and your children have spotted.



Patricia Ste-Croix Annett



- Tourist Information for New Carlisle and surrounding areas
 - Heritage Tours
 - Rest stop - Picnic area
 - Boutique with local artwork and souvenirs
 - Library with many titles
 - Ancestry research (paper format, Régistres de la Gaspésie)

Come and explore with us and learn something old or new!

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


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The Gaspésie



Everyone loves a fun day at the beach! Think of the beaches of the Gaspé as your playground with so much fun waiting to be had. Pick your spot, put down your blanket or chairs and your day begins. Don't forget a picnic, sunscreen and sand toys. Don't worry about getting wet. Accept that you will find a wee bit of sand here or there on your blanket or in your bathing suit. You can set the pace for the day of sun, sand and water. The day can be active or restful. It's up to you. Ask a local if you're not sure which beach is best for fishing, swimming or treasure hunting.

Your fun day can include:

-  Hunting for shells and sea glass
-  Collecting driftwood
-  Building a sandcastle.
-  Writing your name in the sand
-  Bird-watching.
-  Taking lots of photos.
-  Swimming, splashing
-  Tubing
-  Reading.
-  Enjoying a picnic.
-  Enjoy the sounds of the waves
-  A treasure hunt
-  Fishing
-  Flying a kite
-  Skipping stones



New Carlisle

Situated midpoint on the south side of the Gaspé Peninsula, this tree-lined community was founded by the United Empire Loyalists in 1784. New Carlisle today boasts a harmonious mix of both French and English cultures. An important administrative center in the 19th century, New Carlisle is also well-known as the hometown of René Lévesque, an influential politician in Quebec and Premier of the province from 1976 to 1985.

The mayor, councillors, and employees of the municipality, together with the residents, extend a warm welcome and sincerely hope your stay with us will be one of the highlights of your summer!



Mayor: David Thibault
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Stephen Leberre, Robert Benwell

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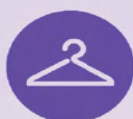
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Paspébiac is a historically significant town which boasts the Banc de Paspébiac which is the home of a historic fishing centre established by people from the Channel Islands, the most prominent being Charles Robin. Paspébiac was Quebec's first cod fishing centre. You may notice that the accent of the French is distinctive to Paspébiac. The early Europeans came from Portugal and the Basque region and their language's influence can still be detected in the area today. This site has been officially recognized as a National Historic Site of Canada. Currently a very busy wharf and fishing plant are located here. Come during fishing season to see the boats unload their precious cargo. There is a store open to the public where you can purchase freshly caught crab, lobster, herring and more! A scenic boardwalk provides a lovely environment for walks, gazing at the water, watching the seabirds and smelling the fresh salt air. On summer evenings you may fish off the wharf while enjoying the sights and sounds of the beach. The town also offers a motel, an auberge, several restaurants, pharmacies and shopping. The town hosts several music festivals and a crab festival in August. The magnificent Catholic church has a Casavant organ and offers evenings of music there.



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GO FLY A KITE!

We have wind! The Gaspé experiences a lot of windy weather. That is part of our maritime climate and many visitors love to experience it. Whether you find the wind breezy, blustery, brisk or wild, enjoy it as part of your Gaspesian experience. Make the wind part of your fulfilled days while on vacation. Buy a kite and fly it, especially near the shoreline. This is such a beautiful sight and kids will love it. Cloud watching will allow you to see how fast the wind is travelling, you could even visit a wind turbine up close. Creating your own windsock on your trip to one of our numerous beaches will be loads of fun for people of all ages.

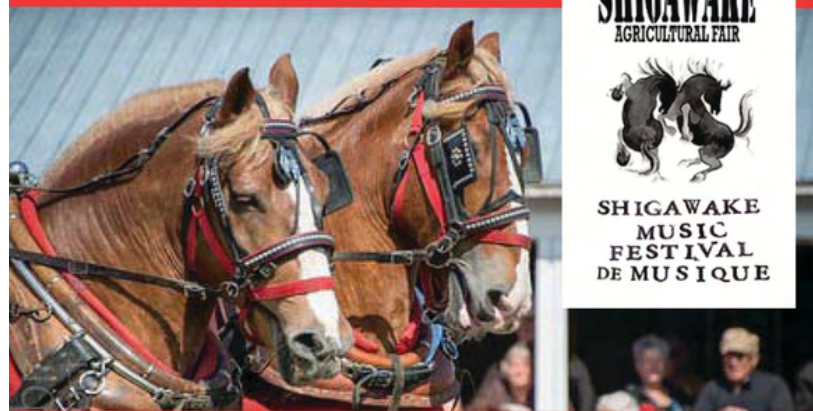
Take a long walk and let your hair blow in the wind. Make a simple parachute from a square of plastic or piece of cotton, throw it up into the air and watch what happens. You could even spend your nights being lulled to sleep while listening to the wind as it gusts and howls.

As you travel eastward you come to the municipality of **Hope** where you'll discover a lovely family-friendly park which offers mini-golf and tennis courts. Watching a game of softball will be a great evening of family fun. The locals fish for sea bass in the evenings. Enjoy a hike along the bank, if you have young children, a stroller or wagon is recommended. The municipality of Hope also offers a canteen located conveniently beside its outdoor park and well as Bed and Breakfast accommodations

The municipality of **Hope Town**, which is just east of Hope, has a large campground with a beautiful view, an inground pool and a very busy canteen! There is also a municipal park, a birdwatching trail along the barachois, geocaching opportunities and a sandy beach. Hope Town derives its name from Henry Hope, born in Scotland around 1750. He was a Lieutenant Governor of Quebec. The first European to settle there was Duncan McRae, a soldier from Scotland.



Holly Smith



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As you travel eastward you will pass through Saint-Godefroi, Shigawake and Port Daniel - Gascons. Each town is unique, and all offer a variety of interesting experiences for travellers.

Saint-Godefroi is a predominately French-speaking town with a population of about 400 people. It has a scenic harbour and you might be able to watch fishing boats come and go. The wharf is a great spot to sports fish. At the north end of the harbour there is a sandy beach that is a popular spot with locals. You can buy fresh fish at the local fish store. For those who would like to explore Saint-Godefroi a little longer, a scenic campground is available there as well.



Shigawake is a small, vibrant community that takes its name from the Mi'gmaq word meaning "land of the rising sun" or "white water." The oldest farmhouse, from the early 1800s, on the Gaspé that was continuously inhabited by one family is located in Shigawake. The agricultural component of the annual Shigawake Agricultural Fair and Music Festival has been running for over 100 years. The event draws huge crowds for the agricultural activities and the eclectic, always enjoyable Music Festival. The fair component features traditional contests, animal judging, handicrafts and lawn tractor races. There are also a large number of artisans.

Shigawake also has a small fishing and pleasure craft harbour. The "Fraggle Rock" beach is an absolute hidden gem. The lupine-lined ditches are the perfect backdrop for a romantic drive. The local canteen is recognized provincially for its lobster guédille (lobster roll), but also features a great fish and chips.



Lyndsay Alyssa Benwell



Municipality of Shigawake

Shigawake is a farming and fishing community, settled in the 1800s by mostly Irish and Scottish people. To this day the majority of its residents are English-speaking, living in harmony with their francophone neighbours cultivating the land and harvesting the sea.

This lovely little pastoral village gets its name from the Micmac Chigouac, meaning "land of the rising sun". Indeed, the sun rises right out of Chaleur Bay here, turning the local sandstone cliffs a brilliant red.

Mayor: Rolande Beebe

Councillors:

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Seat #2 Nancy Skene
Seat #3 Georgette Chapados
Seat #4 Michael Hayes
Seat #5 Heather Imhoff
Seat #6 Jeffrey Vautier

Director General:
Maria Marroquin

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The municipal hall in **Port Daniel-Gascons** has very interesting architecture and provides great photo opportunities, as does most of the Gaspé Peninsula. The cement plant is easily visible when driving along Highway 132 and is an important industrial project for the region. Here the calcium-rich rock, particularly limestone, is crushed and heated to make material producing cement. You can often spot vessels or a tug boat in the water near the cement plant.

The rest stop near the harbour is a popular stop. If you're looking for an activity the entire family can enjoy, Port Daniel-Gascons boasts an impressive 18 geocaches.

The town hosts a beach party every Friday afternoon. For sports enthusiasts the beach is a popular volleyball and yoga location. The town also has tennis facilities.

At the Parc du Colborne you will find hiking trails, scuba diving and an unsupervised kayaking site, and a gazebo. This commemorative park is named after the ship that wrecked on the rocks at Pointe-aux-Maquereaux on the night of October 16, 1838. A 10-kilometre walking trail leads to fossils, cliffs and the Colborne shipwreck site. Chalet rentals are available at this location as well.

With several beaches, lakes, rivers and a wildlife reserve, Port-Daniel-Gascons is one of the best kept secrets of the Gaspé Peninsula, that is located just one hour from Percé. It's a vacation paradise!



Miranda Fitzgerald

Port-Daniel-Gascons

...welcomes you to stop and enjoy the many attractions in their community.

Visit the beautiful beach at McInnis Cove, Wildlife Reserve, belvedere, Colborn Park, St-Philip's Anglican Church and many other attractions.

Ask at the kiosk for information regarding: rest areas, gas stations, restaurants, dépanneurs, canteens, B&B and motels.

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Chandler is the second largest town on the Gaspé, after the town of Gaspé, with a population of 7,700. This area is one of the first areas settled on the Gaspé Coast. It was destroyed in 1758 by General James Wolfe and rebuilt by 1860. In 1912 Percy Chandler built the first pulp and paper mill on the Gaspé.

Chandler has a magnificent church, as do most Gaspesian towns. The Catholic churches tend to be large stone churches, while the English churches, such as Anglican and United are more modest architecturally, but just as beautiful and charming.

A shopping mall and many restaurants are located in Chandler. Visit the Bourg de Pabos site for a multitude of unique experiences.



Geocaching adventure

If you are not familiar with geocaching, that's because it is relatively new, just over 20 years. An opportunity to play "hide and seek" while enjoying the great outdoors of the Gaspé. The goal is to find the geocache and put your name in it.

Geocaching is a type of treasure hunting where you use your phone (or GPS) to look for "caches" or hidden containers using geographical coordinates. You will need a cell phone, a pen and a piece of paper so that you can leave your name and date to record that you found the geo-cache.



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Percé has been chosen as one of the *Most Beautiful Villages of Quebec*.

In addition to **Percé** itself, the town's territory also includes the communities of **Barachois, Belle-Anse, Bougainville, Bridgeville, Cap-d'Espoir, Cannes-de-Roches, Coin-du-Banc, L'Anse-à-Beaufils, Pointe-Saint-Pierre, Rameau, Saint-Georges-de-Malbaie, and Val-d'Espoir**.

No vacation to the Gaspé Peninsula is complete without a visit to, and many photos of, Percé Rock. A visit by boat to Bonaventure Island and around "The Rock" will provide beautiful memories and photo opportunities of your vacation to the Gaspé. Another renowned attraction is the Percé Geoparc (UNESCO).

Many lovely and quaint shops, restaurants and bird-watching opportunities offer a full day in the Town of Percé. Wear comfortable shoes. You will be doing a lot of walking! Be sure to visit the Corner of the Beach Historical Museum in the former St. Luke's Anglican Church.

Attractions

For outdoor enthusiasts, a visit to the **Percé Geoparc** is recommended. If you crave adventure, you will find it at the Percé Geoparc as you discover 500 million years of Earth's history.

The **Tektonik**, a fun and immersive multimedia experience will provide you with an overview of the geological and heritage features of Percé, and introduce visitors to 23 geosites.

There is a network of 18 kilometres of trails. Guided hikes are also available.

The site also features a suspended glass platform. Thrill seekers can soak up breathtaking views of Percé and the surrounding area from an altitude of 200 metres (660 feet). The zipline departs from this location, however it is not available during the 2023 tourist season.

The Geopark site also features a campground and ready-to-camp tents. [More information](#)



Paula Dicaire

The **Town of Gaspé** is divided in several sectors. The **Gaspé Bay South** sector consists of **Prevel, Douglastown, Haldimand** and **Gaspé Centre**.

Douglastown, located just 15 minutes southeast of the town of Gaspé, is the home of many musical events. Check in The Gaspé Spec newspaper for upcoming shows and music festivals in many areas that you will visit. Douglastown has one of the largest Irish Catholic communities in the Gaspé region. A festival celebrating the Irish heritage is held every August. Stop for a coffee at the local café, there's sure to be someone to chat with.

Haldimand Beach is a beautiful place to spend a day, or more. Don't forget to take a picnic lunch!

Adventure seekers can chance seeing a whale on a thrilling Zodiak ride.

In this sector you will discover a variety of heritage and cultural activities, including the Gespeg Micmac Interpretation Centre, the Birthplace of Canada site, the Jacques Cartier monument and several art galleries.

The **Gaspé Bay North** sector consists of **Fontenelle, Saint-Majorique, Penouille, Cap-aux-Os** and **Grande-Grève**.

In this sector cultural and heritage highlights are Fort-Péninsule, the Grande-Grève heritage site and the Cap-Gaspé lighthouse.

For adventure seekers the possibilities are almost endless:



kayaking, paddle boarding, whale watching and horseback riding.

Continuing along, next comes the **Coastal sector**. This sector consists of **Cap Gaspé, Cap-des Rosiers, Anse-au-Griffon, Rivière-au-Renard, Petit-Cap, Saint-Maurice-de-l'Échouerie, Pointe-Jaune** and **L'Anse-à-Valleau**.

In this sector those wanting to learn more about Gaspesian heritage can visit the Centre culturel Le Griffon, Manoir Le Boutillier, Site historique de Pointe-à-la-Renommée and Site historique maritime du phare de Cap-des-Rosiers. There are several artisan boutiques and galleries in this sector as well.

Sea excursions, marine life observations and fishing excursions are some of the more popular activities found in this part of Gaspé.



The **Murdochville** sector features many activities for outdoor enthusiasts including rafting, kayaking and mountain biking.



Stéphane Sainte-Croix
Député de Gaspé



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As you embark on your Gaspesian adventure, we encourage you to embrace the spirit of exploration and embrace the natural wonders that surround you. Let the serenity of the landscape and the warmth of our communities create memories that will last a lifetime.



Sean Costello

The Town of Gaspé features a variety of restaurants both family-oriented and speciality.

Pick up a locally-made gin or beer at a nearby distillery or microbrewery to enjoy it with your picnic.

There are a variety of choices when it comes to accommodations: rustic camping, yurts, chalets and motels.

Gaspé is blessed with three magnificent salmon rivers: York River, St-Jean River and the Dartmouth River. The first salmon pools are just 15 minutes away from downtown.

Dry and wet fly fishing are equally possible in Gaspé.

Golf Courses

Club de golf Carleton-sur-mer - Cradled by the sea to the south and protected by the mountains to the north, this 18-hole golf course is very picturesque. [More info](#)

Golf Fauvel (Bonaventure) - An 18-hole (72 par) golf course which can accommodate the whole family for a fun round or challenge seasoned golfers. It consists of several bodies of water, sand traps and beautiful vegetation. [More info](#)

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Club de Golf Murdochville - Murdochville Golf Club offers a 9-hole, 3,210-yard course in the heart of the Gaspé Peninsula. [More info](#)



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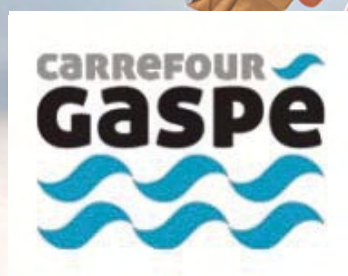
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Robert Benwell

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Children of all ages love animals and there are many animal species that make the Gaspé their home.

You and your family can also keep an eye out for wild animals as you travel along the peninsula. Point out to the children the many signs alerting drivers about deer crossing the highway! Animals that are native to the Gaspé include moose, white-tail deer, bobcat, lynx, beaver, coyote, red fox, skunk, raccoon, river otter and harbour seals.

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