

# THE GASPÉ PENINSULA

2024 TRAVEL GUIDE

*Memories that will last a lifetime*



*The Gaspé* **Spec**

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# WELCOME

Welcome to the The Gaspé Spec's 2024 Tourist Guide, where we challenge you to make memories that will last a lifetime. As the temperature rises and the days lengthen, you'll find the Gaspé Peninsula has something to offer all types of travellers,

whether you are seeking the calm of crashing waves, the adventure of river rafting, or family fun without the hustle and bustle.

Embrace the cool evening breeze, starry skies, views of endless water and mountain peaks.



Considered one of Canada's top 50 Places of a Lifetime, the Gaspé Peninsula offers a spectacular backdrop with its contrasting mountains and sea.

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### A Trip Not To Be Rushed

If you decide to tour the entire coast, you'll follow Highway 132, which spans approximately 900 kilometres forming a loop from Sainte-Flavie to Gaspé and back to Sainte-Flavie. Most seasoned travellers recommend dedicating about 7 to 10 days to drive the entire loop, allowing enough time to explore.

Travelling the Southern Coast first you'll soon arrive in Matapedia. The area has much to offer the nature enthusiast, with two world-renowned salmon rivers. Other popular activities include canoeing, kayaking, hiking and birdwatching.

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# GASPESIAN

# Culture

BROUGHT  
TO LIFE



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**The Gaspé Peninsula is rich in history. While visiting the many museums, historic sites and interpretation centres you'll certainly come across familiar names such as Jacques Cartier, Charles Robin, Madame Bolduc and René Lévesque.**

## **A land rich in heritage**

Preserving local history is crucial, and museums and heritage sites play a vital role in housing historical documents and artifacts. They bring history to life in a way that written records alone cannot achieve.

The history of the Gaspé Peninsula predates European arrival, with a significant Indigenous presence. Beyond the well-known evolution of the fishing industry and shipbuilding, the region's history includes events such as the deportation of Acadians, immigration from Scotland, Ireland, and England, and the arrival of people from the Channel Islands in the 18th and 19th centuries.

The Gaspé Peninsula has many offerings for the historical enthusiast, whether interested in learning more about the Devonian period, the region's first settlers, the industries that contributed to the economy, or Nazi spies.

## **Arts and Music**

The region is also home to many artists and musicians. You'll notice many private art galleries and studios advertised along Highway 132. Plan ahead and allow yourself the time to explore a few of the galleries, you won't regret it. Not only will you be amazed by the quality and variety of artistic talent, but spending time with a local artist is an excellent way to learn more about the area.

Wondering what to do in the evening? Many communities offer evenings of live music, such as Wednesday night Jam Sessions in New Richmond and Thirsty Thursdays in Shigawake. You'll also discover that many communities host rather extensive music festivals and agricultural fairs. Consult page ?? for a list of events or ask a local (they'll know, if there's live music nearby).

# 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](#)

**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](#)

**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](#)

**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](#)

**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](#)

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The banner features a scenic view of Gaspé with a yellow arrow pointing to a QR code. Below it is a book cover titled 'Gaspé the Romantique' by Walter Charles Willett, with a yellow arrow pointing to another QR code. The website address 'www.gaspeoadtrip.com' is at the bottom.

# Museums, historic sites & Interpretation Centres

## 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](#)

## 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](#)



Photograph Shaw

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# 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 Lebouthillier (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 geocaché 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 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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### Attractions

#### Taylor's Point Park

Canoe, kayak and paddle board rentals  
June 21 to August 25 •  
Everyday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

<b>1 hour:</b>		<b>3 to 6 hours:</b>	
Single kayak	\$20	Single kayak	\$40
Double kayak	\$25	Double kayak	\$45
Canoe	\$25	Canoe	\$45
Paddle board	\$20	Paddle board	\$40
<b>2 hours:</b>		<b>1 day and off site:</b>	
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)  
**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 the 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 or no amenities. Shaded or not shaded sites also available. Open from May 20 to September 25.  
[www.camping.baiedeschaleurs.com](http://www.camping.baiedeschaleurs.com)  
**418-392-5134 #121 or 418-392-2400**



#### 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 grams, 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 mount. Fatbikes are available for rental. This resort is situated 15 minutes from the centre of the Town of New Richmond.  
[www.pinrouge.com/en](http://www.pinrouge.com/en)  
**418-392-5134 #121 or toll free 1-866-992-5134**

#### 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. Don't miss the farmer's market on September 16. Local products and artwork are featured

**Marché public de New Richmond**

#### ZEC Petite Cascapedia

Fishing enthusiasts can discover our beautiful salmon rivers, lakes, and brooks. Outfitting services are available.  
**418-392-4105 or toll free 1-877-392-4105**  
[www.zecpetitecascapedia.com](http://www.zecpetitecascapedia.com)

#### 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 centre of the Town of Richmond.

### Events

#### Rallye Baie-des-Chaleurs

June 30 to July 2, 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.  
[www.rallyebdc.com](http://www.rallyebdc.com)  
[info@rallyebdc.com](mailto:info@rallyebdc.com)  
**418-392-3544**

#### Québec National Day - June 24

Taylor's Point Park, beginning at 9:30 a.m. there will be show for children "Gillantine a Forillon", canteen service and inflatable games! Music will be provided by 132 Est! [www.villeneuve-richmond.com](http://www.villeneuve-richmond.com)

#### Bluegrass Festival

Bluegrass and folk music festival, with more than 40 shows performed on 2 stages from August 30 to September 3. Duthie Point Camping opens on August 26.  
[www.newrichmondbluegrass.com](http://www.newrichmondbluegrass.com)  
**418-391-6907**

#### 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 Soc. Inc.

**June 29:** Gymkhana with la Grande chevauchée  
**July 28 & 29:** Gymkhana  
**August 24-27:** Agricultural Fair

**New Richmond Agricultural Society-  
Société Agricole de New Richmond**

#### Tourist Information Office

Open from June to September

**418-392-7075**

Located at intersection of Routes 299 and 132



Ville de New Richmond



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Plan the ultimate beach

# SCAVENGER HUNT



- Agate
- Rock with a white ring
- Driftwood
- Litter
- Empty seashell
- Starfish
- Seaweed
- Rope
- A perfect skipping rock
- Black feather
- White feather
- Crab or lobster shell
- Beach toy
- Fishing Net
- Sea urchin
- Green seaglass
- White or blue seaglass
- Brown seaglass

Don't forget to bring along a bucket or basket to collect your treasures. Another option is to take a selfie with each item.



# The magic of BONFIRE NIGHTS

## Fun campfire songs

JOHN JACOB JINGLEHEIMER SCHMIDT

My Bonnie lies over the ocean

Oh Susanna

She'll be coming around the mountain

I've Been Working on the Railroad

Donkey riding

Down by the bay

Looby Loo

Going on a bear hunt.

## Bonfire packing list:

Lighter or matches

Musical instruments

Camp chairs

Beverages and snacks

Graham crackers, chocolate and  
marshmallows for smores

Roasting sticks

IF YOU'VE EVER HAD A BONFIRE NIGHT, YOU'LL AGREE THEY ARE MAGICAL AND A SUREFIRE WAY TO MAKE MEMORIES THAT LAST A LIFETIME.

TO MAKE YOUR EVENING EXTRA FUN, BRING ALONG YOUR GUITAR AND SOME WOODEN SPOONS. IT'S THE PERFECT TIME TO TEACH THE CHILDREN IN YOUR GROUP SOME CAMPFIRE SONGS. BE SURE TO PACK SHAKER EGGS, THEY ARE INEXPENSIVE AND ARE A GREAT INSTRUMENT FOR YOUNG CHILDREN.

TO WIND DOWN, STRETCH OUT, GAZE UP AT THE NIGHT SKY AND TRY TO SPOT A CONSTELLATION OR PLANET.

STARGAZING WILL DO YOUR MIND AND SOUL A WORLD OF GOOD. ALLOW YOUR THOUGHTS TO SLOW DOWN AND TAKE A FEW MOMENTS FOR YOURSELF, MEMORIZE THAT FEELING!



To extinguish your fire Pour lots of water on the fire. Drown ALL embers, not just the red ones. Pour until the hissing sound stops.

It is essential to verify with SOPFEU to determine if fires are permitted.





# UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 6**  
Mawiomi  
**Micmac Nation of Gespeg**

**July 25-27**  
Festi Plage  
Cap d'Espoir

**July 19-21**  
Rock "n" Ride  
Port-Daniel

**July 20&21**  
30th Annual Mawiomi  
POW-WOW  
Gesgapegiag

**July 25- August 3**  
Festival en chason  
Petite Valée

**August 3&4**  
Traditional POW-WOW  
Listuguj

**August 8-11**  
Festival Musique du Bout  
du Monde  
Gaspé

**August 15-18**  
Shigawake Agricultural  
Fair and Music Festival  
Shigawake

**August 19-25**  
Les Percéides -  
International Film and Art  
Festival  
Percé

**August 22-25**  
New Richmond  
Agricultural Fair  
New Richmond

**August 28-September 1**  
Bluegrass Festival  
New Richmond


**October 5&6**  
Fall Fest  
Cascapedia-St-Jules

**October 11 to 13**  
Festival la Virée Trad  
Carleton-sur-mer

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 Nancy Coulombe

# 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  
**Councillors:** Clyde Flowers, Brent Hocquard,  
Cathy Lise Belisle, Cindy Carney,  
Stephen Leberre, Robert Benwell

## NATURAL BEAUTY

Sandy beach-lined coast, two picturesque lakes at the end of Christie's Lane. Hiking to unique rock formation at Christie's Rock. Fascinating bird watching at Jean Paul Dubé Bird Sanctuary.

## SPORTS & LEISURE

Parks, playgrounds, tennis court, arena and ball field, basketball and walking trails.

## MUNICIPAL BEACH

Enjoy a stroll on the beautiful new boardwalk and discover our sculpture.

## HERITAGE TOUR

Leaving the Kempffer House and featuring the Thompson House, Hamilton Manor, Rene-Lévesque House, René-Lévesque Statue and numerous others.

For more information, please  
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[www.new-carlisle.ca](http://www.new-carlisle.ca)

# the Gaspesian way

DISCOVER OUR COAST

## PLAN YOUR TRIP

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Committee for  
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The Committee for Anglophone Social Action, established in 1975, is a non-profit community organization dedicated to serving the English-speaking population of the Gaspé Coast by representing the community's interests and designing and delivering programs that respond to its needs.

The entire CASA team would like to wish you a memorable vacation. If you are in town, drop by our friendly office for a warm welcome to our beautiful area!

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# Connect with nature

This is your chance to relax. Indulge in serenity: inhale the sea breeze, bask in sunshine and let a calmness wash over you. Nature has so much to offer, let your senses take over, smell the sweetgrass, listen to the waves crashing, and feel the sand between your toes.



Perce Rock



Parc de la Gaspésie

The region's beaches are not the only places to connect with nature, you'll discover the National and provincial parks offer incomparable up-close-to-nature experiences. Although activities differ from park to park, you'll find there's something for everyone.

## Parks and nature

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](#)

**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](#)

**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](#)







**Forillon National Park:** A vast 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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**Possibility of chartering both boats for private groups or other projects**

## WHALE - WATCHING CRUISE

Forillon  
National Park

Grande-Grave  
Harbor

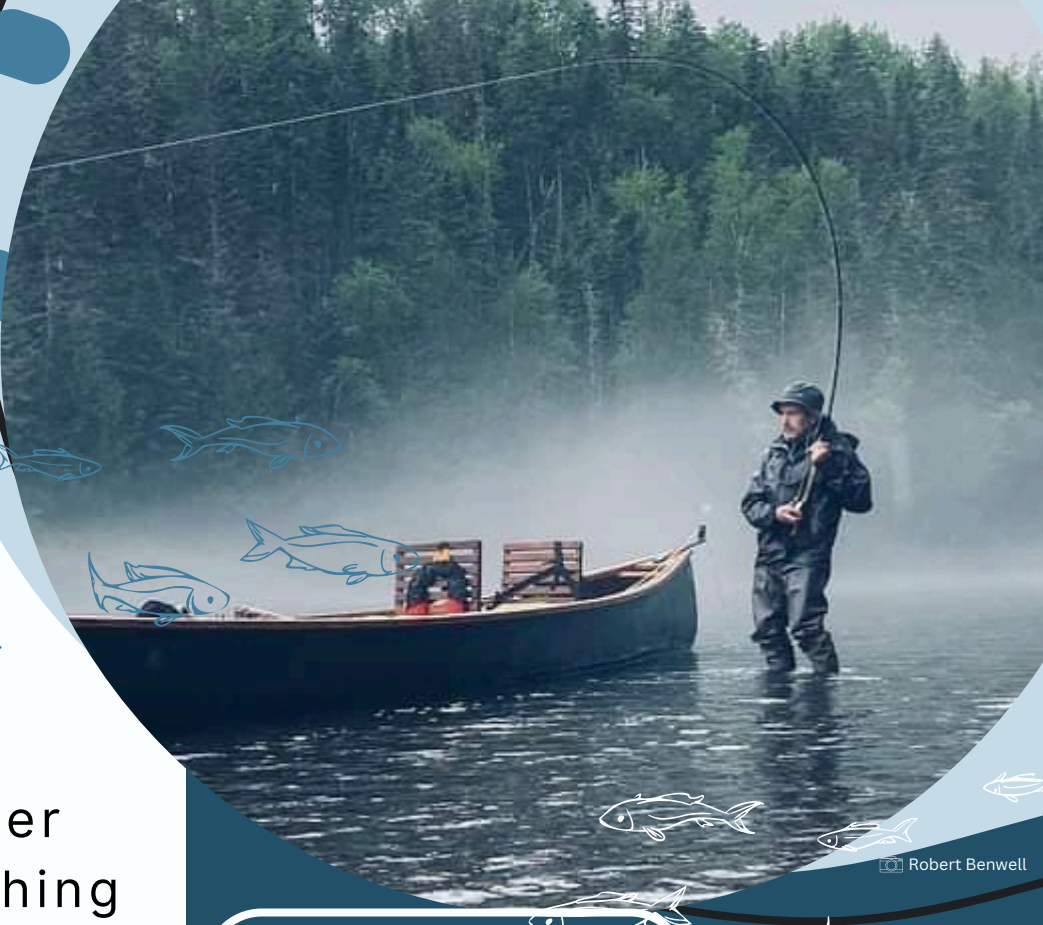
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# YOUR NEXT CATCH



Robert Benwell

The waters of the Gaspé Peninsula offer an abundance of fishing opportunities. Depending on your budget there is something for everyone.

## Salmon

[Listing of rivers and regulations](#)



## Char (artic char, brook trout)

Limit 10 in all with at most 2 artic char – Angling only  
May 15 - September 10



## Lake Trout and Splake Trout

Limit 2 in all – Angling only  
May 15 - September 10



## LOCALS KNOW...

If you take a drive or walk to one of the many wharves along the coast in the summer months, you're likely to encounter locals enjoying one of their favourite pastimes fishing flounder or striped bass. Don't miss out on the opportunity to strike a conversation with them. They might even give some advice on how to reel in a striped bass. All you need is a sturdy rod, heavy line and an artificial lure (license not required). If you succeed in snagging a , it's a thrill you'll be eager to repeat on your next trip to the Gaspé.

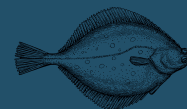
## Striped bass

Limit 3 per day  
50-65 cm inclusively  
Angling only with a single hook (max 3 hooks on the line)  
No natural bait



## Flounder

Limit 15 per day  
June 24 to July 8, 2024 and from July 17 to August 7, 2024.



## Mackerel

Limit 20 per day  
Max. 5 lines with a max of 6 hooks each  
Minimum possession size of 26.8 cm.



Regulations vary if fishing more than 50 metres from shore. More info

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE COST OF A FISHING LICENSE AND WHERE TO BUY YOUR LICENSE: [CLICK HERE](#)

TO CONSULT DETAILED REGULATIONS, ZONE MAPS AND FISHING EXCEPTIONS: [CLICK HERE](#)

YOU CAN ALSO FIND FISHING PACKAGES AND MANY OF THE NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL PARKS



# SANDCASTLE FUN

Building sandcastles on the beach is both enjoyable and artistic. Below, you'll find a step-by-step guide for creating a sandcastle, along with tips to improve your sandcastle-building skills.

**1. Choose Your Spot:** Find a part of the beach where the sand is slightly wet. This kind of sand holds its shape better.

**2. Gather Your Gear:** Bring buckets, shovels, and plastic cups to shape and mold the sand.

**3. Build a Strong Base:** Pack damp sand into a large bucket, compact it well, and then flip the bucket over to create the foundation of your sandcastle.

**4. Build Towers:** Fill smaller buckets or plastic cups with damp sand, pack it tightly, and flip them over to create towers. Place these towers at the corners of your sandcastle base.

**5. Build Walls:** Surround the towers with packed sand to form walls. Use your hands to shape and smooth the sand structure as you go.

**6. Create Details:** Use small tools like sticks or straws to carve out features such as windows, doors, and battlements in your sandcastle.

**7. Add Decoration:** Use seashells, pebbles, or seaweed to embellish your sandcastle for extra flair, being mindful to respect the beach environment.

**8. Create a Moat:** Dig a shallow trench around your sandcastle. Use a small cup to pour water into the moat, creating a protective barrier.

**9. Consider the Tide:** Remember that the tide might wash away your sandcastle, so build closer to the water during low tide to ensure it lasts longer.

Building sandcastles isn't just a fun activity—it's a chance to unleash your creativity surrounded by the natural beauty of the beach.

# Directory

## Emergency Services

### Avignon MRC

#### CLSC de Malauze

14, boul. Perron Est  
Matapédia (Québec)  
418-865-2572

#### CLSC de Pointe-à-la-Croix

48, boul. Inter-Provincial  
Pointe-à-la-Croix (Québec)  
418-788-5454

#### Maria Hospital

419, boul. Perron  
Maria (Québec)  
418-759-3443



### Bonaventure MRC

#### CLSC de Saint-Omer

107, route 132 West  
Carleton-sur-Mer (Québec)  
418-364-7064

#### CLSC de Caplan

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Caplan (Québec)  
418-388-2572

#### CLSC de Paspébiac

273, boul. Gérard-D.-Levesque West  
Paspébiac (Québec)  
418-752-2572



### Rocher-Percé MRC

#### CLSC de Gascons

63, route 132 West  
Port-Daniel-Gascons (Québec)  
418-396-2572

#### CLSC de Chandler

633, rue Daignault  
Chandler (Québec)  
418-689-2572

#### Chandler Hospital

451 Monseigneur Ross Street East  
Chandler (Québec)  
418-689-2261



#### CLSC de Percé

98, route 132  
Percé (Québec)  
418-782-2572

#### CLSC de Barachois

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Percé (Québec)  
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### Côte-de-Gaspé MRC

#### CLSC de Gaspé

205, boul. from York West  
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418-368-2572

#### Hôtel-Dieu de Gaspé Hospital

215, boul. from York West  
Gaspé (Québec)  
418-368-3301



#### CLSC de Rivière-au-Renard

154, boul. Renard Est  
Gaspé (Québec)  
418-269-2572

#### CLSC de Murdochville

600, avenue du Dr-William-May  
Murdochville (Québec)  
418-784-2572



#### Grande-Vallée CLSC

71, rue Saint-François-Xavier Est  
Grande-Vallée (Québec)  
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### La Haute-Gaspésie

#### Sainte-Anne-des-Monts Hospital

50, rue du Belvédère  
Sainte-Anne-des-Monts (Québec)  
418-763-2261



#### CLSC de Sainte-Anne-des-Monts

50, rue du Belvédère  
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418-763-7771

#### CLSC de Cap-Chat

49, rue Notre-Dame  
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418-786-5594 ext. 11

### In case of emergency

#### Police, fire and ambulance:

911

#### Info-Santé/Info-Social:

811

#### Quebec Poison Control Center:

1 800 463-5060

### Other important numbers

#### Youth protection:

1 800 463-9009

#### Gai Listen:

1 888 505-1010

#### Drugs (help and reference):

1 800 265-2626

#### SOS domestic violence:

1 800 363-9010

#### Suicide prevention:

1 866 APPELLE (1 866 277-3553)

#### Tel-Jeunes:

1 800 263-2266

#### Elder Abuse Helpline:

1 888 489-ABUS (1 888 489-2287)

#### Gambling (help and reference):

1 800 461-0140 / 1 866 SOS-JEUX

#### Parents help line:

1 800 361-5085

#### SOPFEU - To report a forest fire:

1 800 463-FEUX (3389)

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## Hotel/Motel Services

### *Avignon MRC*

#### **Hôtel Interprovincial**

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info@hotelinterprovincial.com

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Carlton-sur-Mer, Quebec  
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474 Boulevard Perron  
Carlton-sur-mer, Quebec  
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#### **Auberge du Marchand**

530 Boulevard Perron  
Maria, Quebec  
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info@aubergedumarchand.com

### *Bonaventure MRC*

#### **Hôtel le Francis**

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129 route 132 west  
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#### **Riotel Bonaventure**

98 avenue de port-royal,  
Bonaventure, Quebec  
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Percé, Quebec  
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perce@riotel.com

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Percé, Quebec  
(418) 782-2151  
info@percechalet.com

#### **Hôtel les Trois Soeurs**

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Auberge3@globetrotter.net

#### **Hôtel La Côte Surprise**

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#### **Hébergement Fort Prével**

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### *Côte-de-Gaspé MRC*

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#### **Hôtel Plante**

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Info@hotelplante.com

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Gaspé, Quebec  
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### *La Haute-Gaspésie*

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#### **Manoir sur Mer**

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(418) 763-7844  
manoirsurmer@hotmail.com

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**MOTEL**

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## Camping Accommodations

### *Avignon MRC*

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Matapedia, Quebec  
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#### **Camping la Maison Verte du parc Gaspésien**

79, Rue des Méandres  
Pointe-a-la-Croix, Quebec  
418-788-2342

#### **Camping Escuminac**

9 Rue Bellevue  
Escuminac, Quebec  
418-788-5578

#### **Camping Zec Riviere-Nouvelle**

141 Route 132  
Nouvelle, Quebec  
418-794-2120

#### **Camping aux Flots Bleus**

279 Route 132 Ouest  
Carleton-sur-mer, Quebec  
418-364-3659

#### **Camping Carleton Sur Mer**

319 Avenue du Phare  
Carleton-sur-mer, Quebec  
418-364-3992

### *Bonaventure MRC*

#### **Camping New Richmond**

410 Route 132 Ouest  
New Richmond, Quebec  
418-392-6060

#### **Camping de las Pointe-Taylor**

149 Boulevard Perron Est  
New Richmond, Quebec  
418-392-2400

#### **Camping Petit Cascapedia**

737 Chemin de Saint-Edgar  
New Richmond, Quebec  
418-392-4105

#### **Camping Ruisset**

322, Boulevard Perron Est  
Caplan, Quebec  
418-388-2138

#### **Camping Plage Beaubassin**

154 Rue de Beaubassin  
Bonaventure, Quebec  
418-534-3246

#### **Camping Cime Aventure**

200 Chemin Athanase-Arsenault  
Bonaventure, Quebec  
418-534-2333

#### **Camping Le Moulin Rouge**

11 Rue Green  
New Carlisle, Quebec  
418-752-2724

#### **Camping du Lac des Robin**

88, 4e Avenue Ouest  
Paspebiac, Quebec  
418-392-1900

#### **Camping des Etoiles**

269 Route 132  
Hope Town, Quebec  
418-752-6553

### *Rocher-Percé MRC*

#### **Camping Port Daniel**

262 Route du Parc  
Port Daniel-Gascons, Quebec  
418-396-2232

#### **Camping Bourg de Pabos**

75, Chemin de la Plage  
Chandler, Quebec  
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#### **Camping Baie de Percé**

180 Route 132 Ouest  
Perce, Quebec  
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#### **Nature Océan Chalets**

400 Route 132 Ouest  
Perce, Quebec  
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#### **Camping Cote Surprise**

335 Route 132 Ouest  
Perce, Quebec  
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### *Côte-de-Gaspé MRC*

#### **Camping Parc Nature Gaspé**

1986 Boulevard de Grande-Greve  
Gaspé, Quebec  
418-892-5256

#### **Cap Aventure**

2052, Boulevard de Grande-Grève  
Gaspé, Quebec  
418-892-5055

#### **Camping Petit-Gaspé Parc national Forillon**

Gaspé, Quebec  
418-392-5505

#### **Camping Centre de plein air du Lac York**

Route 198  
Murdochville, Quebec  
418-784-3755



# A DAY AT THE BEACH

Beach days on the Gaspé Peninsula are simply THE BEST. Locals know which spots are the best for swimming and soaking up the sun, so either ask around or watch the coastline for other beachgoers. Between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. are usually the best times to hang out on the beach. To make the most of your time, you'll want to pack a picnic, and water to stay hydrated. Many Gaspesian beaches do not have changing facilities, so you'll want to arrive dressed for swimming and have a towel or wrap for when you're down. Allow yourself some time between swimming/playing in sand before leaving. That way the sand will dry and fall right off.

## Local advice

If your day at the beach includes young children, a wagon with large tires can make transporting your gear a breeze, and serves as a great spot for a toddler to nap.

Leave the beach as you found it. Do not leave your litter behind.

## Beach day packing list

Swim and after swim outfits  
Flip flops or sandals (you'll want to feel the sand between your toes)  
Sun hat and sun glasses  
A beach umbrella for shade  
Sand toys/beach ball  
Life jacket  
Picnic/snacks/water  
Folding chairs  
Towels/large blanket  
Goggles/snorkel kit  
Bluetooth speaker  
Paddle board/Kayak

## CAUTION

Most Gaspesian beaches do not have lifeguards on duty. In addition, there are areas with strong riptides and currents



Sean Costello

## WILDLIFE



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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