

## What's a geopark?

A geopark is a single, unified geological area where sites and landscapes of international geological significance are managed with a holistic concept of protection, education and sustainable development. A UNESCO Global Geopark uses its geological heritage, in connection with all other aspects of the area's natural and cultural heritage, to enhance awareness and understanding of key issues facing society on this dynamic planet of ours.

(Source: UNESCO)

## What's a geosite?

A geosite is an "area" encompassing anywhere from a few square metres to several square kilometres that is of geological and scientific importance and whose geological nature (mineral, structural, geomorphological or physiographic) is exceptional for one or more reasons (valuable, rare, vulnerable or threatened).

(Source: MERN)

## The Percé UNESCO Global Geopark

The entire territory covered by the Greater Percé is recognized by UNESCO: along the coast, from Prével to Cap-d'Espoir, through the Bougainville and Val-d'Espoir lands, not to mention the territory occupied by the Île-Bonaventure-et-du-Rocher-Percé National Park.

While most of the Geopark's activities and attractions are located in the village center, the Geopark's core mission is to provide a wider range of touristic experiences throughout the territory.

Campers, outdoor recreation and geology buffs, adventure and thrill seekers: a world of delights and discoveries awaits you in Percé!

## Safety Precautions:

- Before leaving, check the weather forecast
- Wear appropriate footwear and clothing
- Bring water and food
- Ideally, if you plan on walking, do it during daylight hours and carry a flashlight if you plan on walking after dark
- Stay on the trails to avoid trampling vegetation
- Do not feed wildlife
- Wear brightly-coloured clothing during the hunting season (fall)
- Dispose of your trash in the designated areas
- Keep pets on a leash
- Camp fires are prohibited
- Smoking is prohibited on trails
- Be careful, the secondary roads leading to Mont Sainte-Anne, the Grotto and Mont Blanc are also used by motor vehicles.

## LEGEND:

- Vantage point
- Washrooms
- Suspended glass platform
- Zip-line
- Geopark entrance
- Tourist information office
- Parking lot
- Shelter
- Road
- Unpaved road
- Railroad
- Watercourse

## Terrestrial geosites

- T.1 Crevice (crevasse)**  
**Site geoposition:** 48°31'58.81"N 64°15'1.16"W  
 Elevation 309 m.  
**Getting there:** Three hiking trails lead to this site.  
**Interest:** This large rock cleft is a fine example of the geomorphological event found in Percé.



- T.2 The Grotto (La Grotte)**  
**Site geoposition:** 48°31'35.21"N 64°14'2.07"W Elevation 151 m.  
**Getting there:** By a dirt road or by a trail.  
**Interest:** Gorge featuring a waterfall in a spiritual setting.



- T.3 Roland's Table (Table à Roland)**  
**Site geoposition:** 48°31'13.64"N 64°14'3.93"O Elevation 318 m.  
**Getting there:** Just follow the Belvédères trail to the summit of Mont Sainte-Anne.  
**Interest:** One of the geopark's highest points, combining geology and ancestral symbols.

- T.4 The Magic Forest (Forêt Magique)**  
**Site geoposition:** 48°31'22.16"N 64°13'41.74"W  
**Getting there:** Trail starts at the base of Petit Mont Sainte-Anne.  
**Interest:** Forest featuring twisted trees, remarkable for its history and fantastic atmosphere.

- T.5 Bottomless Cave (Trou Sans Fond)**  
**Site geoposition:** 48°31'18.42"N 64°13'35.90"W  
**Getting there:** On Petit Mont Ste-Anne  
**Interest:** Underground cavity in which the dissolution process can be observed.

- T.6 3rd Belvedere / Suspended glass platform**  
**Site geoposition:** 48°31'22.43"N 64°13'34.66"W Elevation 193 m  
**Getting there:** Just follow the trail on foot or take the shuttle.  
**Interest:** Unobstructed view of the entire Percé natural amphitheater.



- T.7 Percé Church (Église de Percé)**  
**Site geoposition:** 48°31'32.12"N 64°12'58.38"W  
**Getting there:** Parking in front of building.  
**Interest:** Local stone building, combining history and culture.



- T.8 Logan Park (Parc Logan)**  
**Site geoposition:** 48°31'23.8"N 64°12'40.42"W Elevation 11 m.  
**Getting there:** In the village core.  
**Interest:** Site dedicated to William Logan, founder of the Geological Survey of Canada.



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What's to See and Do at the Geopark

**500 million**  
 years of Earth history  
 to discover  
*and thousands of memories to bring home*

**Map of Trails and Geosites**

The hidden face of The Rock

## Shoreline geosites



**Malbay Barchois**  
(Barchois de Malbaie)  
**Site geoposition:**  
48°36'21.0"N 64°18'01.0"W  
**Getting there:** Site: Take Highway 132 towards Gaspé for about 10 km.

**Interest:** Largest wetland on the Gaspé Peninsula, exceptional ecosystem.



**Petrified Wood**  
(Bois Fossilisé)  
**Site geoposition:**  
48°33'06.0"N 64°17'15.5"W  
**Getting there:** By the Coin-du-Banc beach, easier access at low tide, a 30-to 60-minute walk.

**Interest:** Petrified wood found in the conglomerate.



**Fishermen's Harbour**  
(Havre aux pêcheurs)  
**Site geoposition:**  
48°32'46.66"N 64°16'13.25"W  
**Getting there:** A 30-to 60-minute walk along the beach from Fishermen's Harbour, easier access at low tide.

**Interest:** Youngest sedimentary rock formation on the Gaspé Peninsula.



**Dawn Mountain Peak**  
(Pic de l'Aurore)  
**Site geoposition:**  
48°32'10.69"N 64°14'16.45"W  
Elevation 127 m  
**Getting there:** By boat or via the lodging establishment, Au Pic de l'Aurore.

**Interest:** This spot overlooks the sea from the top of a spectacular cliff, known as the Muraille (The Wall).



**Barre Cape - Three Sisters**  
(Cap Barré – Trois Soeurs)  
**Site geoposition:**  
48°31'53.48"N 64°12'58.91"W  
Elevation 36 m  
**Getting there:** Only by boat.  
**Interest:** Rock outcrops similar in composition to Percé Rock.



**Mont-Joli Cape (Cap du Mont Joli)**  
**Site geoposition:**  
48°31'28.50"N 64°12'18.64"W  
Elevation 9 m  
**Getting there:** Admission Fee to the promontory; the beach of Anse du Nord offers a view of the cape.

**Interest:** Remnants of the Ice Age can be found on this site.



**Canon Cape (Cap Canon)**  
**Site geoposition:**  
48°31'21.08"N 64°12'30.30"W  
Elevation 12 m  
**Getting there:** Visible from the wharf and the sea; danger: risk of rock slides.

**Interest:** Cape located in the heart of the village, along the Mont Sainte-Anne fault.



**Leroy's Fault (Faille Leroy)**  
**Site geoposition:**  
48°30'49.6"N 64°13'10.6"W  
**Getting there:** Just follow the sand and pebble beach west of the Riôtel.  
**Interest:** Fault showing boulder movement.



**White Cape (Cap Blanc)**  
**Site geoposition:**  
48°30'4.99"N 64°13'6.35"W  
Elevation 11 m  
**Getting there:** By boat.  
**Interest:** Majestic cape featuring a lighthouse and white cliffs.

## Geosites : Sépaq Parc national de l'Île-Bonaventure-et-du-Rocher-Percé



**Percé Rock (Rocher Percé)**  
**Site geoposition:** 48°31'25.46"N 64°11'55.22"W Elevation 90 m.  
**Getting there:** Visible from cruises to Parc national de l'Île-Bonaventure-et-du-Rocher-Percé.  
**Interest:** The region's iconic landmark, rich in fossils and history.



**Bonaventure East-facing Cliffs (Falaises de Bonaventure)**  
**Site geoposition:** 48°29'38.73"N 64°8'43.15"W Elevation 69 m  
**Getting there:** Just follow the Colonies trail on Bonaventure Island or hop aboard the cruise ferry to Bonaventure Island.

**Interest:** The world's largest accessible Northern Gannet colony.



**Butler's Cove (Baie des Corbeaux de mer)**  
(National park visitor center)  
**Site geoposition:** 48°30'09.88"N 64°10'25.78"W  
**Getting there:** Take the cruise ferry to Parc national de l'Île-Bonaventure-et-du-Rocher-Percé.

**Interest:** In the old days, access point to Bonaventure Island for cod fishermen.



**Sea Crow's Bay (Baie des Corbeaux de mer)**  
**Site geoposition:** 48°29'02.44"N 64°09'35.16"W  
**Getting there:** The Chemin du Roi trail on Bonaventure Island will take you straight there.

**Interest:** Bonaventure conglomerate: a favorite of seabirds.



**Black wall (Mur noir)**  
**Site geoposition:** 48°30'18.39"N 64°09'24.88"W  
**Getting there:** The cruise ferry to Parc national de l'Île-Bonaventure-et-du-Rocher-Percé will take you there.

**Interest:** Pre-Carboniferous basement outcrop.



**Marigot's Bay (Baie des Marigots)**  
**Site geoposition:** 48°29'1.32"N 64°9'42.41"W  
**Getting there:** Simply follow the Chemin du Roi trail on Bonaventure Island.

**Vantage point:** From cruise ferries going to Parc national de l'Île-Bonaventure-et-du-Rocher-Percé.

**Interest:** Tilted rock strata near which seals can be seen.

## Pointe Saint-Pierre Trails

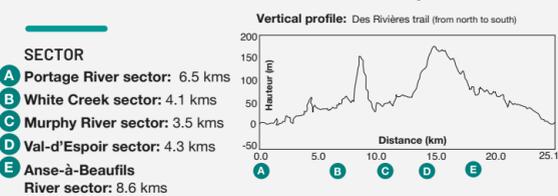
**Pointe verte trail**  
**Getting there:** Easy **Type:** Loop  
**Round-trip distance:** 2.1 kms **Surface:** Earthen, grass

**Pointe Saint-Pierre trail**  
**Getting there:** Easy **Type:** Linear  
**Round-trip distance:** 500 m **Surface:** Field and gravel

Pointe Sainte-Pierre boasts meadows, forests and 10-metre-high cliffs along the shores of the Gaspé coast. A continuation of the Appalachian Mountain range, the area features a harsh landscape of exceptional natural diversity and dense stands of Maritime mixed forest. Since 2008, NCC has secured more than 149 acres (60 hectares) in the pointe Sainte-Pierre area.

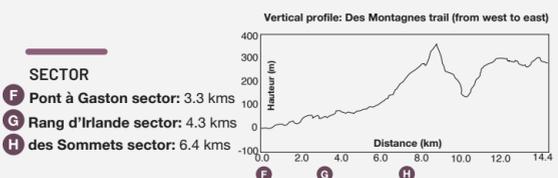
## Des Rivières Trails

Stretching from Bridgeville to Anse-à-Beaufils, this trail covers 27 km. Varying in difficulty from easy to intermediate, the route holds wonderful discoveries in store for hikers. Whether you take the trail from beginning to end or only part of the way, the waterfall site alongside the trail to Rivière du Portage (also known as Rivière des Émeraudes) is definitely a must. Leaving the waterfall, the trail follows Ruisseau Blanc to Rivière Murphy and then along this river all the way to Val-d'Espoir. The last segment of the trail follows the banks of Rivière Anse-à-Beaufils to the fishing harbour.



## Des Montagnes Trails

Starting from Anse-à-Beaufils, this 14-km trail follows Ruisseau de la Côte de la Fourche as far as Route d'Irlande, where the uphill climb begins. You will discover unparalleled viewpoints as, from summit to summit, you head into the mountains surrounding the village of Percé. Along the way, you'll encounter a few very steep cliffs, both uphill and down, so you'll have to be careful.



*Des Rivières and Des Montagnes trails are managed by Ville de Percé. For information: info@perce.info or 1-855-782-5448*

## Trails : Sépaq Parc national de l'Île-Bonaventure-et-du-Rocher-Percé\*

Trails	Length	Drop	Type	Getting there
Sentier des Colonies	2.8 kms	135 m	Linear	Intermediate
Sentier des Mousses	3.5 kms	120 m	Linear	Intermediate
Sentier Paget	3.7 kms	90 m	Linear	Intermediate
Sentier Chemin-du-Roy	4.7 kms	75 m	Linear	Intermediate

The trails wind their way through various natural habitats: meadows, wildlands, mixed-wood and boreal forests, peat bogs, beaches, cliffs and moss and lichen covered slopes. The island is home to over 500 species of plants, including Arctic-Alpine plants. The trails all lead to the famous Northern Gannet colony, by far the largest in North America. You can also observe close to 250 000 cliff-nesting seabirds, including guillemots and small penguins. Nearby, an observation tower offers an unobstructed view of whales out in the open sea. The simply breathtaking chemin du Roy trail skirts along the cliff tops, then runs back down through Baie des Marigots, where you can admire completely restored ancestral homes surrounded by magnificent landscapes. Crabs and starfish can be found along the shoreline, while seals and dolphins are often spotted a little further out to sea.

*\*Entrance fees and park rules apply throughout the park.*

## Grand Percé's trails and geosites

### Coordinates (GPS)

- 1 : N48°34'05" W64°18'27"
- 2 : N48°34'34" W64°20'58"
- 3 : N48°34'16" W64°22'05"
- 4 : N48°33'01" W64°21'35"
- 5 : N48°31'50" W64°21'57"
- 6 : N48°31'30" W64°21'50"
- 7 : N48°30'44" W64°21'18"
- 8 : N48°30'17" W64°22'40"
- 9 : N48°29'42" W64°20'38"
- 10 : N48°29'17" W64°19'55"
- 11 : N48°28'28" W64°18'56"
- 12 : N48°29'40" W64°18'38"
- 13 : N48°30'37" W64°18'43"
- 14 : N48°31'08" W64°17'04"
- 15 : N48°31'25" W64°17'09"
- 16 : N48°30'51" W64°15'24"

