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A LAND OF WATER
WAITING TO BE EXPLORED

NIBIISCHII CORPORATION

ASSINICA AND ALBANEL-MISTASSINI-AND-WACONICHI-LAKES WILDLIFE RESERVES

**VISITOR'S
GUIDE**

WELCOME TO CREE TERRITORY

Nibiischii means “Land of Water, the place where the great natural waters of the North are born.” The territory of these two wildlife reserves covers more than 24,000 km², home to thousands of lakes and several spectacular rivers. The region’s featured species are walleye, northern pike, brook trout and lake trout.

TWO WILDLIFE RESERVES

Albanel-Mistassini-and-Waconichi Lakes

Come discover the largest wildlife reserve in Quebec, in a breathtaking northern forest setting. The **Albanel-Mistassini-and-Waconichi-Lakes wildlife reserve** holds choice spots for anyone hooked on fishing and for lovers of the great outdoors. On this enormous land, let yourself be tempted by lake and river breezes and enjoy a memorable stay in a wildlife reserve where the word “space” takes on its full meaning.



Assinica

Assinica comes from the Cree word asinikaw, meaning “it’s stony” or “it’s rocky.” It’s the name of a lake in the Broadback River watershed that runs through the **Assinica wildlife reserve**.



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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE VISITING THIS VAST NATURAL REGION



Regular unleaded **gasoline** is available at the campgrounds (Albanel and Penicouane) and at the cabins (Waconichi). All the same, please have a supply with you.



A 4 x 4 vehicle with good ground clearance is advised, and even required for access to certain waterways. It is highly recommended that visitors be equipped with 2 spare tires, inflated to the limit, since much of the travel is on gravel roads. The use of ATVs is prohibited on wildlife reserves, with certain exceptions.



Due to the geographical remoteness of the AAMW wildlife reserves, **the territory is not covered by the cellular network**. These communication constraints and the distance from hospitals and emergency services can cause significant delays when an emergency response is required.



Non-drinkable water: Water on the sites is not for human consumption. It is recommended that visitors bring drinking water with them, or else boil the water available onsite from 10 to 20 minutes.



Don't forget that **navigating large unmarked stretches of water requires constant attention**, as there are many rocky outcrops and weather conditions can change rapidly and become dangerous.



A boat at least 16 feet long and with a 30 hp motor is recommended for the 3 big lakes. The use of smaller boats and motors is nonetheless possible. Opt for a motor with a short shaft (generally rocky lakes). Get in touch with us for further information.



Smoking is strictly prohibited in all accommodations and public buildings.



Pets are strictly prohibited in accommodation areas and in rental units, as well as in all public buildings. **They are however authorized on certain campsites and on the water.**



It is strictly forbidden to ride an ATV (all-terrain vehicle) in the wildlife reserves.



The use of a **jet ski is strictly prohibited** on all bodies of water.



It is **forbidden to feed wild animals**. Avoid leaving waste anywhere except in areas designated for the purpose.



In order to avoid the spread of insect pests, campers are asked to not bring wood for campfires. LEAVE YOUR FUEL WOOD AT HOME AND PURCHASE IT LOCALLY. This will help prevent the spread of invasive species.



Certain sectors require catch-and-release fishing, allowing for healthy management of species and high-quality fishing for present and future generations. The practice improves or maintains the status of fish stocks.



Leave-no-trace tourism: To prevent and minimize the impacts of recreational activities by reducing the damage caused by such activities and by encouraging courtesy and hospitality towards other users and the environment, visit <https://leavenotrace.ca/the-seven-principles-of-leave-no-trace/>.



Bring a bag to take your trash home with you, or dump it in areas designated for that purpose. **When you leave, no trash must remain on or near your campsite.** No trash should be left in fire pits.



To help us preserve our bodies of water, make sure that your nautical equipment is free of invasive aquatic species. **Wash your boats before putting them in the water.**

SOME INDISPENSABLES TO HAVE WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES



- Travel plan and map
- First-aid kit
- Headlamp
- Article for starting a fire (matches or lighter)
- Contact person informed of your itinerary and your return
- Drinking water
- Emergency communication device



Your safety, your responsibility, at all times!

Outdoor activities may entail certain risks. You must therefore always make sure that you have the skills and abilities required by the chosen activity. It is very important to be aware of the risks inherent in that activity, to know and respect your abilities and to have the appropriate equipment with you in all cases.



Have a question?

Visit the FAQ section on our website at the address <https://nibiischii.com/en/about/faq>.

SITES AND ACTIVITIES

CAMPING

Whether you prefer wilderness camping or enjoying more amenities, a number of possibilities are available to you, including ready-to-camp units!

Rustic camping available in both wildlife reserves.

Ready-to-camp on campsites available only in the Albnel-Mistassini-and-Waconichi-Lakes wildlife reserve.

FISHING

Whether you're a fishing fanatic or you're on a little family excursion, 4 species of fish are waiting for your line in the wildlife reserves. Walleye, lake trout, brook trout and northern pike are the species that can be fished in the region.

Don't forget the weekly draw for certain lakes! Visit our website for all the details.

Restricted access: Subject to certain conditions and to remaining availability. For more information, get in touch with us.

****Please note that fishing access rights must be purchased in addition at the beginning of the stay****

WATER SPORTS

Canoers, kayakers and sailboarders will find just what they're looking for in the wildlife reserves. Possibility of renting watercraft at certain sites.

CANOE-CAMPING

Explore the rivers, lakes and landscapes of Eeyou Istchee by canoe-camping. You can travel along the designated circuit on Robineau Lake, or set off on an adventure of your own.

ASSINICA WILDLIFE RESERVE

The featured waterways of the Assinica wildlife reserve are lakes **Comencho**, **Cachisca** and **Opataca**.

Many fishers make their way there every year to catch walleye and northern pike. A true adventure in the wild!

Activities available: fishing, canoe-camping, rustic or on-the-shores camping.





ALBANEL-MISTASSINI-AND-WACONICHI-LAKES WILDLIFE RESERVE

Albanel Lake

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Little Mistassini

A mythical spot for Quebec fishers, where trophy-sized fish can be taken.

On your visit to the Lake Albanel campsite, enjoy the comfort of the CoolBox type cabins, the amenity of the prospecting camp, or else camp in one of the site's many landscaped campgrounds.

Waconichi Lake

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Lichen Mountain Lake

With its pretty cabins connected by wooden footbridges, this site offers all the glamour of the big northern outfitters.

Stay in a welcoming rustic log cabin with many amenities and discover the magnificent landscapes of the north. Cabins are now available in summer and fall, as well as in winter. Enjoy canoes, kayaks and SUP boards, along with a sauna and hiking trails.

Lake Mistassini and Penicouane Bay

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Big Rock Lake

The largest natural freshwater lake in Québec is an irresistible attraction for serious adventurers. Its bay, despite being 25 kilometers long, remains a haven compared to the immense lake it opens into.

Whether in a prospector camp or campground (with or without services) or doing rustic camping, come contemplate Penicouane Bay and explore the great lake.

Robineau Lake

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Small lake for loon hunting by boat

Enjoy this isolated lake in the comfort of the *Amisk*™ CoolBox type cabin or else in the tranquility and immensity of the region on a canoe-camping expedition either on the laid-out circuit or following your own itinerary.

At Robineau Lake, northern pike is the species of choice, with its impressive size and its iron grip. Walleye can also be fished in the lake.

CATCH-AND-RELEASE FISHING ONLY

Chalifour River

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River with white rapids

A campground without services awaits you just one hour from Chibougamau. From there, travel a section of the river for some terrific fishing with friends or as a family.

Canoe-camping and rustic camping

For the more adventurous and well-equipped, explore the innumerable and magnificent lakes and the majestic rivers of the far north by way of rustic camping and canoe-camping.

Offered on different lakes and rivers. Contact us for more information, or visit our website.



On the road:

Driving a 4 x 4 vehicle with good ground clearance is strongly advised for accessing waterways.

Plan on having two (2) fully inflated spare tires in case of flats on gravel and logging roads.



LODGING AND SERVICES OFFERED BY SITE

		Rupert	Waconichi	Penicouane	Albanel	Chalifour	Robineau
Type of lodging	Cabin - <i>Atihk^w</i> ᐱᐢᐢᐃᐃ		x				
	Prospector camp - <i>Mûs</i> ᓄᓂ ^s (2 services)			x	x		
	Cabin - <i>Amisk^w</i> ᐱᐢᐢᐱᐃ				x		x
	Cabin - <i>Nicik^w</i> ᐢᐢᐢᐃ				x		
	Floating cabin - <i>Mwak^w</i> ᓄᓂᐃ			x			
	Camping - 2 services (eau & électricité)				x		
	Camping - 1 service (electricity)					x	
	Camping - no services				x	x	x
Information		x	x	x	x		
Sale	Fishing license	x	x	x	x		
	Access right	x	x	x	x		
	Gasoline		x	x	x		
	Ice		x	x	x		
	Wood		Included	x	x		
	Boating safety gear	x	x	x	x		
	Promotional items	x	x	x	x		
Rental	Boat		Included	x	x		Included
	Motor (reservation required)		x	x	x		x (Penicouane)
	Canoe		x	x	x		x
	Kayak		x	x	x		x
	Paddleboard (SUP)		x	x	x		
	Sauna		x	x	x		
	Personal flotation device (PFD) (adult)		Included	Included	Included		Included
	Location at the marina		Included	x	x		
	Refrigeration compartment		Included	x	x		
	Freezer compartment			x	x	x	
	Community room			x			
Floating studio			x				
Services	Gutting shelter		x	x	x		
	Comfort station with toilets and showers	Toilets only	x	x	x	Dry toilets	
	Marina		x	x	x		
	Employees onsite	x	x	x	x		
	Access to water (non-drinkable)	x	x	x	x		
	Launching ramp			x	Offsite	x	x
	Sewage draining station				x	x	



Let yourself be carried away
by wild and majestic horizons.

Set off to meet an immense land of water, a sky with thousands of stars,
and a unique indigenous culture.

Live with the rhythm of nature, and let time come to a stop.

TYPES OF LODGING AND SERVICES

ALBANEL LAKE

CABINS AMISK^w ᐱᐅᐅᐅ

Cabin (12x20' and 12x24') insulated for 4 people, including:

Kitchen equipped with fridge and freezer, 2-burner propane stovetop, full bathroom, electricity, double bunk bed and propane heating.

Outside the cabins: Built-in closed gallery, table and storage, BBQ, outdoor fireplace.

Services included: Marina space, refrigeration, and freezing space (1 unit/chalet).

PROSPECTOR CAMPS MŪS ᐅᐅ

Camp (12x20') insulated for 6 people, including:

Kitchen equipment with fridge and freezer, electricity, 2 bunk beds (single mattress above, double below), propane heating.

Camp (12x24') insulated for 6 people, including:

Kitchen equipment with fridge and freezer, electricity, non-bunk beds, 2 singles and 2 doubles, propane heating.

Outside the camps: sink, mosquito shelter, picnic table, BBQ, outdoor fireplace.

Services included: Refrigeration and freezing space (1 unit/camp).

CAMP NICIK^w ᐅᐅᐅ

Camp (8x24') insulated for 6-8 people, including:

Kitchen equipment with refrigerator and freezer, sink, electricity, 6 33" beds and 1 double sofa bed, propane heating. 4 beds are in the mezzanines accessible by stairs.

Outside the camp: Mosquito shelter, picnic table, BBQ, outdoor fireplace.

Services included: Refrigeration and freezing space (1 unit/camp).

CAMPGROUND

40 shaded campsites in the boreal forest available:

- 10 sites without services
- 30 sites with one service (electricity, 20 amps)

*All sites have access to water points (non-drinkable) nearby, a picnic table and an outdoor fireplace.

RUSTIC CAMPING ON THE SHORES OF ALBANEL LAKE

For the more adventurous, well-equipped, explore Lake Albanel in rustic camping.

*There are no assigned sites on the shores. This is why it is important to leave the site as you found it by bringing back all the rubbish and avoiding the cutting of trees.

WACONICHI

CABIN ATIHK^w ᐱᐅᐅᐅ

Cabin (20x24') insulated for 4 people, including:

Equipped kitchen, bathroom, electricity, propane stove, 4 single beds, electric heating, and wood stove.

Outside the cabins: Gallery, BBQ, refrigerator and freezer, picnic table.

Services included: 2 boats provided (motor not included), refrigeration and freezing space.

FLOATING CABIN MWAK^w ᐅᐅ

Cabin (12x24') isolated for 4 people, located at the end of Cliff Bay, including:

Kitchen equipped with fridge and freezer, 2 burner propane hotplate, full bathroom, electricity, 2 single bunk beds, heating, and propane toilet.

Outside the cabins: Gallery, BBQ, bistro table and chairs, storage.

Services included: Canoes, paddle boards and kayaks available.

RENTAL

COMMUNITY HALL (98m²)

With a capacity of 50 people, this room can be reserved for meetings, family gatherings and other social activities.

FLOATING STUDIO MWAK^w ᐅᐅ (12X30')

With a capacity of 12 people, this floating studio available for rent is perfect for a yoga retreat, crafts, for a family gathering or for business activities.



PENICOUANE BAY

PROSPECTOR CAMP *MÛS* ᐱᓃ

Camp (12x20') insulated for 6 people, including:

- Kitchen equipment with fridge and freezer, electricity,
- 2 bunk beds (single mattress above, double mattress below), wood stove.

Outside the camps: Sink, mosquito shelter, picnic table, BBQ, outdoor fireplace.

Services included: Refrigeration and freezing space (1 unit/camp).

CAMPING

24 rather sunny campsites in a young mixed forest available:

- 12 sites without services
- 12 sites with 2 services (electricity 20 amps, water)

*All sites have access to water points (non-drinkable) nearby, a picnic table and an outdoor fireplace.

RUSTIC CAMPING ON THE SHORES OF LAKE MISTASSINI

For the more adventurous, well-equipped, explore Mistassini Lake in rustic camping.

*There are no assigned sites on the shores. This is why it is important to leave the site as you found it by bringing back all the rubbish and avoiding the cutting of trees.

ROBINEAU LAKE

CABIN *AMISK*ᓃ ᐱᓃᓃᓃ

Cabin (12x24') insulated for 4 people, including:

- Fully equipped kitchen with fridge and freezer, 2 burner propane hotplate, complete bathroom, electricity, 2 single bunk beds, propane heating and compost toilet.

Located near the boat launch, near the Neeposh family camp.

Outside the cabins: Mosquito shelter, BBQ, picnic table.

Services included: 2 canoes, 2 paddle boards and 2 rowboats (motors not included).

CANOE-CAMPING

The Robineau Lake site is a starting and ending point for canoe-camping. For more details, refer to the canoe-camping guide.

CHALIFOUR RIVER

CAMPING

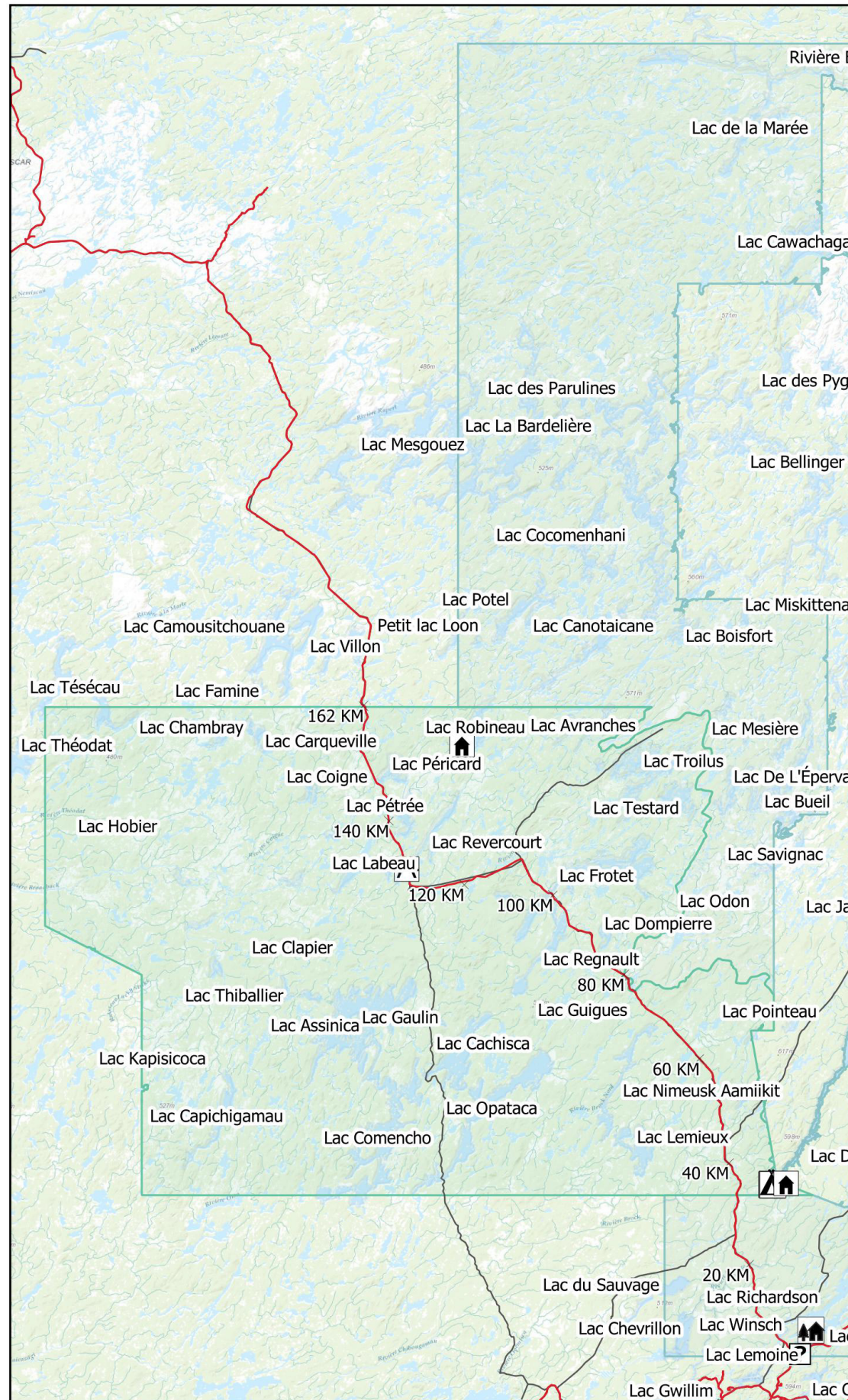
6 fairly sunny campsites without services in a young mixed forest are available.

* Campers have access to dry toilets nearby, a picnic table and a fire pit.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
PLEASE REFER TO THE GUIDE FOR THE AREA YOU WISH TO VISIT.

Since it has more than 5,000 lakes, it is very difficult to ensure quality access and up-to-date information for all water bodies.

Several users circulate and occupy the territory, which can accelerate the deterioration of the roads. Thus, it is not possible to guarantee the condition of the paths and the water launches. Access is at the customer's own risk.



LIST OF EQUIPMENTS BY HOSTING SITE

	CABIN AT/HK^w Waconichi Lake	COOLBOX AMISK^w Albanel Lake and Robineau Lake	FLOATING CABIN MWAK^w Waconichi Lake	PROSPECTOR CAMP MÚS Albanel Lake and Penicouane Bay	CAMPGROUND Albanel Lake and Penicouane Bay (sites without services, with 1 or 2 services)	RUSTIC CAMPING ON THE SHORES Chalifour River	CANOE-CAMPING AND RUSTIC CAMPING Various lakes and rivers
Picnic table	X	X	Bistro table	X	X	X	
Central comfort station with shower	X	X		X	X		
Toilet	X	X	X			Dry toilets	
Sauna (up to 6 people)	X			X	X		
Gutting shelter with running water	X		At the main site for sauna, gutting shelter cold room, freezer	X	X		
Cold room with individual lockers	X			X	X		
Freezer space	X	Albanel only		X	X		
Sewage draining station				X	X		
Launching ramp	KM 255 on Route 167, 3 km from the Rupert Welcome Center		KM 255 on Route 167, 3 km from the Rupert Welcome Center	X	X		
Marina ¹	X	X	X	X	X		
Space for outdoor fire		X		X	X	X	
Pets accepted					X	X	X

Bed	X	X	X	X	X	
Sofa bed			X			
Electricity	X	X	X	X	X	Depending on type of lot
Woodstove	X					Penicouane only
Non-drinkable water	X	X	X	X	X	X
Table - chair	X	X	X	X	X	
Refrigerator – freezer	X	X	X	X	X	Refrigerator only
Cooker	X		2-burner hotplate		2-burner hotplate	Propane-fueled Coleman stove (propane not included)
Kitchen equipment	X	X	X	X	X	
BBQ	X	X	X	X	X	
Outdoor mosquito shelter			X			
Sale of ice	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sale of fuel wood	Included		Albanel only			X
Sale of regular unleaded gasoline	X		Albanel only		Main site	X
Boats	2 rowboats per cabin	Robineau only: 2 rowboats and 2 canoes available			2 rowboats or 2 canoes per cabin	

2023 SEASON RATES – JUNE 2 TO SEPTEMBER 4

Sector	Product	Additional details or information	Sunday to Thursday (rate per day)	Friday and Saturday (rate per day)
LODGING				
WACONICHI LAKE	Cabin <i>Atihk</i> ^w	Capacity of 4 people	240 \$ (double occupancy) 75 \$ per additional person	285 \$ (double occupancy) 75 \$ per additional person
	¹ Floating cabin <i>Mwak</i> ^w	Capacity of 4 people (12x24')	Off-season rental 285 \$ (double occupancy) 50 \$ per additional person	
ALBANEL LAKE Including one space at the marina	Small cabin <i>Amisk</i> ^w	Capacity of 4 people (12x20')	230 \$ (double occupancy) 75 \$ per additional person	
	Big cabin <i>Amisk</i> ^w	Capacity of 4 people (12x24')	270 \$ (double occupancy) 75 \$ per additional person	
	Camp <i>Nicik</i> ^w	Capacity of 6 people (8x24')	150 \$ (double occupancy) 50 \$ per additional person	175 \$ (double occupancy) 50 \$ per additional person
² ROBINEAU LAKE	Big cabin <i>Amisk</i> ^w	Capacity of 4 people (12x24')	270 \$ (double occupancy) 75 \$ per additional person	
ALBANEL LAKE AND PENICOUANE BAY	Prospector camps <i>Mûs</i>	Capacity of 6 people	125 \$ (double occupancy) 50 \$ per additional person	150 \$ (double occupancy) 50 \$ per additional person
CAMPING				
PENICOUANE BAY	³ Campground	Without services	37 \$	
		Two services (electricity and water)	51 \$	
ALBANEL LAKE	³ Campground	Without services	37 \$	
		One service (electricity)	47 \$	
VARIOUS LAKES AND RIVERS	⁴ Rustic camping	Without services	14,50 \$ / adult 7,50 \$ / child 12 and over	
	⁵ Canoe-camping			
ACCESS FEES AND EQUIPMENT				
VARIOUS LAKES AND RIVERS	Daily fishing access right	Canoe, kayak, paddleboard (SUP), sailboat RESTRICTED ACCESS: Subject to certain conditions and availability	21 \$ / adult 104 \$ for 7 consecutive days	
	Daily access right - Outdoor activity		10 \$ / adult 75 \$ seasonal pass (June 1 to October 31)	
	Marina		10 \$ / boat/day	
PENICOUANE BAY	SUP rental, canoe, kayak		15 \$ / hour 40 \$ / day Free for visitors with lodging and campground packages	
	Boat rental		56 \$ / day	
WACONICHI LAKE AND PENICOUANE BAY	Motor rental	Less than 10 HP	56 \$ / day	
		20 HP	69 \$ / day	
WACONICHI LAKE	Community hall		100 \$ / half-day 200 \$ / day - Fishers – 300 \$ / day - Corporate	
	Floating studio		300 \$ / day - Fishers – 500 \$ / day - Corporate	

Note that fishing is not included in camping and lodging packages.

¹ Includes 2 rowboats or canoes. Possibility of renting a motor onsite. Possibility of bringing your own boat. Fishing rights in addition – fishing possible on Waconichi Lake.

² Including 2 vechères and 2 canoes (you must bring your own motor).

³ 65 and older discount: 10% reduction on weekdays (Sunday to Thursday).

⁴ Restricted access to certain waterways.

⁵ For fishing, obligation to purchase a fishing access right. Restricted access: subject to certain conditions. Send us your written request at least 1 month in advance.

For any reservation of 7 nights or more, a discount corresponding to 1 night is applied.

PLEASE NOTE: TAXES NOT INCLUDED; RATES MAY CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE; FREE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18, EXCEPT WHERE INDICATED.



WHEN DO I RESERVE MY STAY?

CABINS, PROSPECTOR CAMPS AND CAMPGROUNDS

To reserve your stay for June

✔ Starting July 15

To reserve your stay for July

✔ Starting August 15

To reserve your stay for August

✔ Starting September 15

FISHING & RUSTIC CAMPING

Stay of 4 days and +:

✔ Beginning June 1 the year before

Less than 4 days:

✔ Beginning February 1 the current year

CANOE-CAMPING

Send us your written request 1 month in advance

RESERVE YOUR STAY OF 4 NIGHTS + FOR NEXT YEAR STARTING IN JUNE!

*Reservations for stays of 3 nights or less are possible starting only on February 1, or 4 months before the season begins. (Minimum stay of 2 nights)

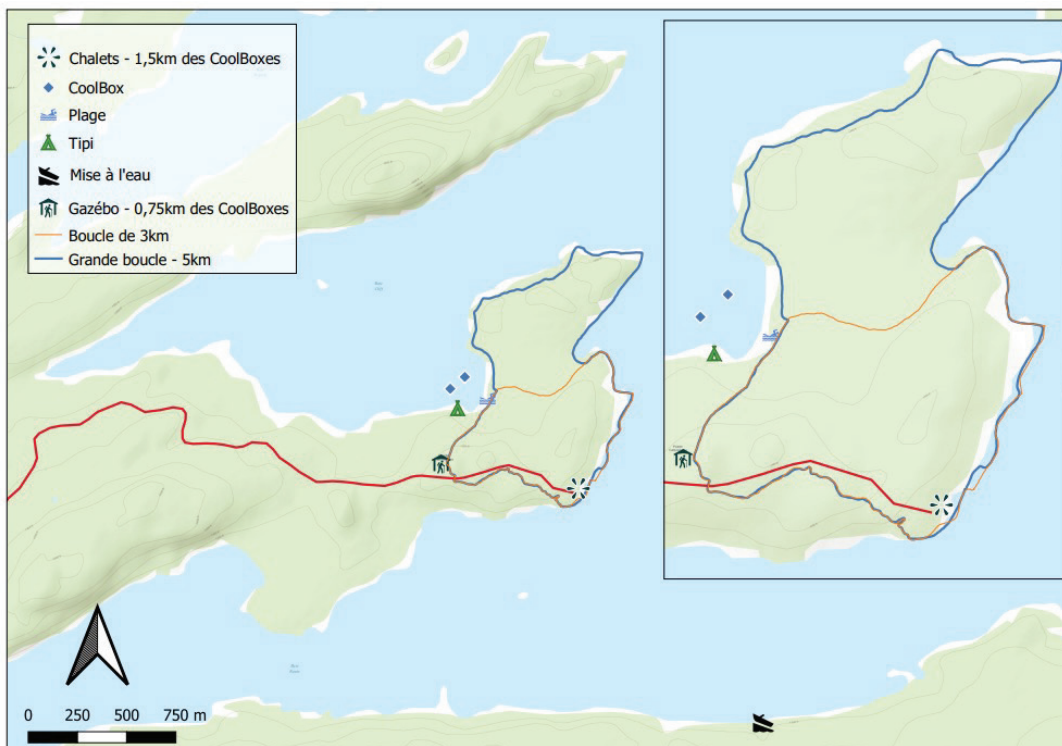
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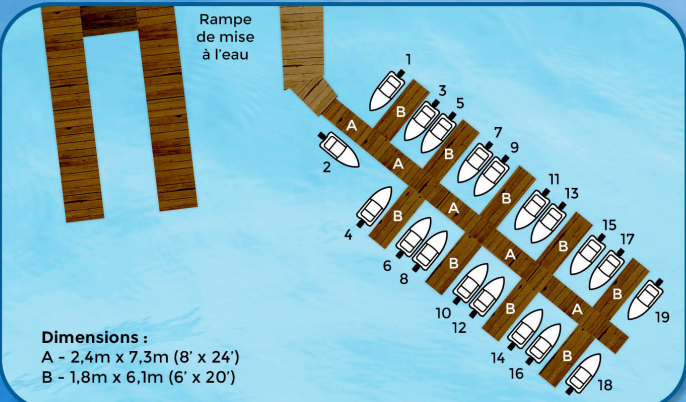




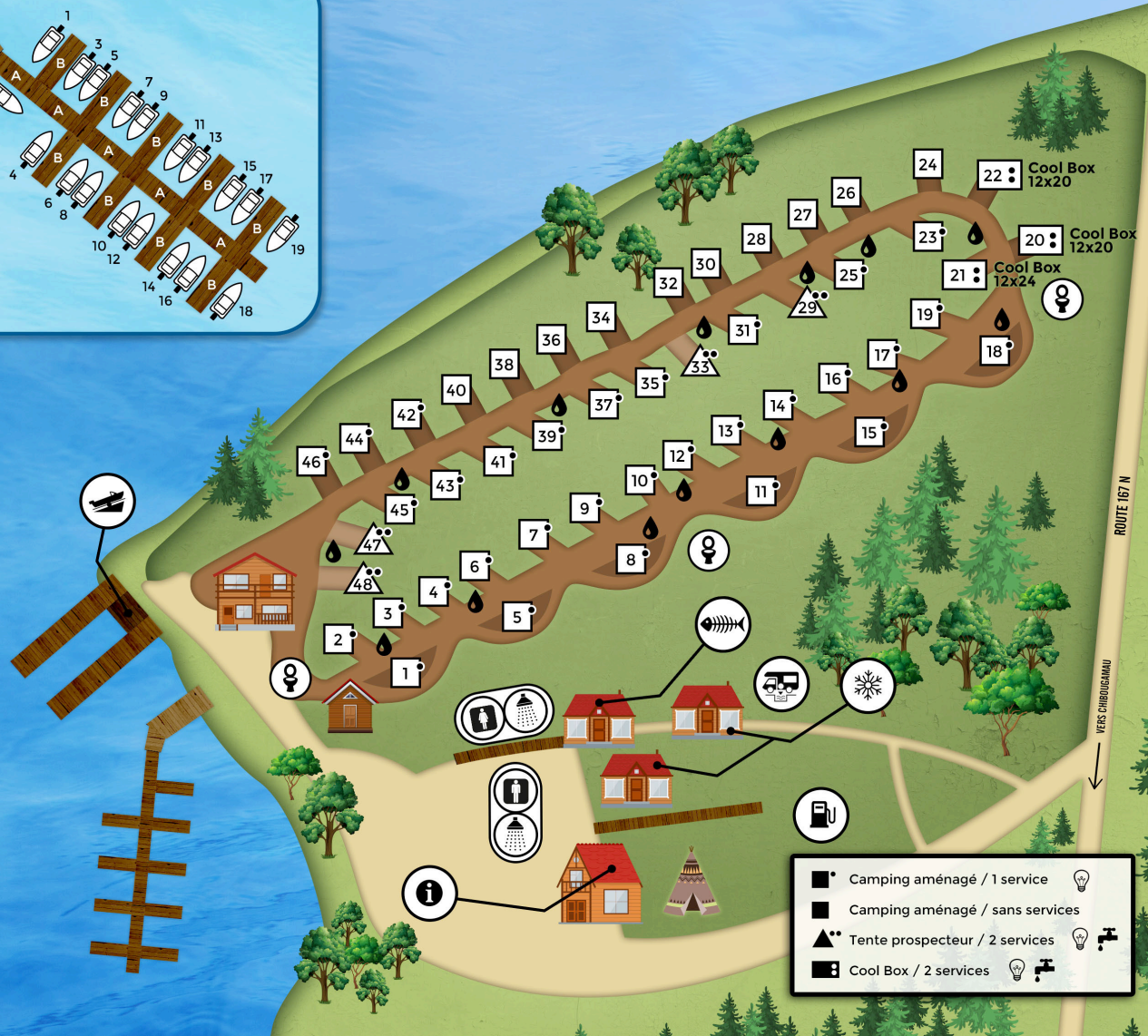


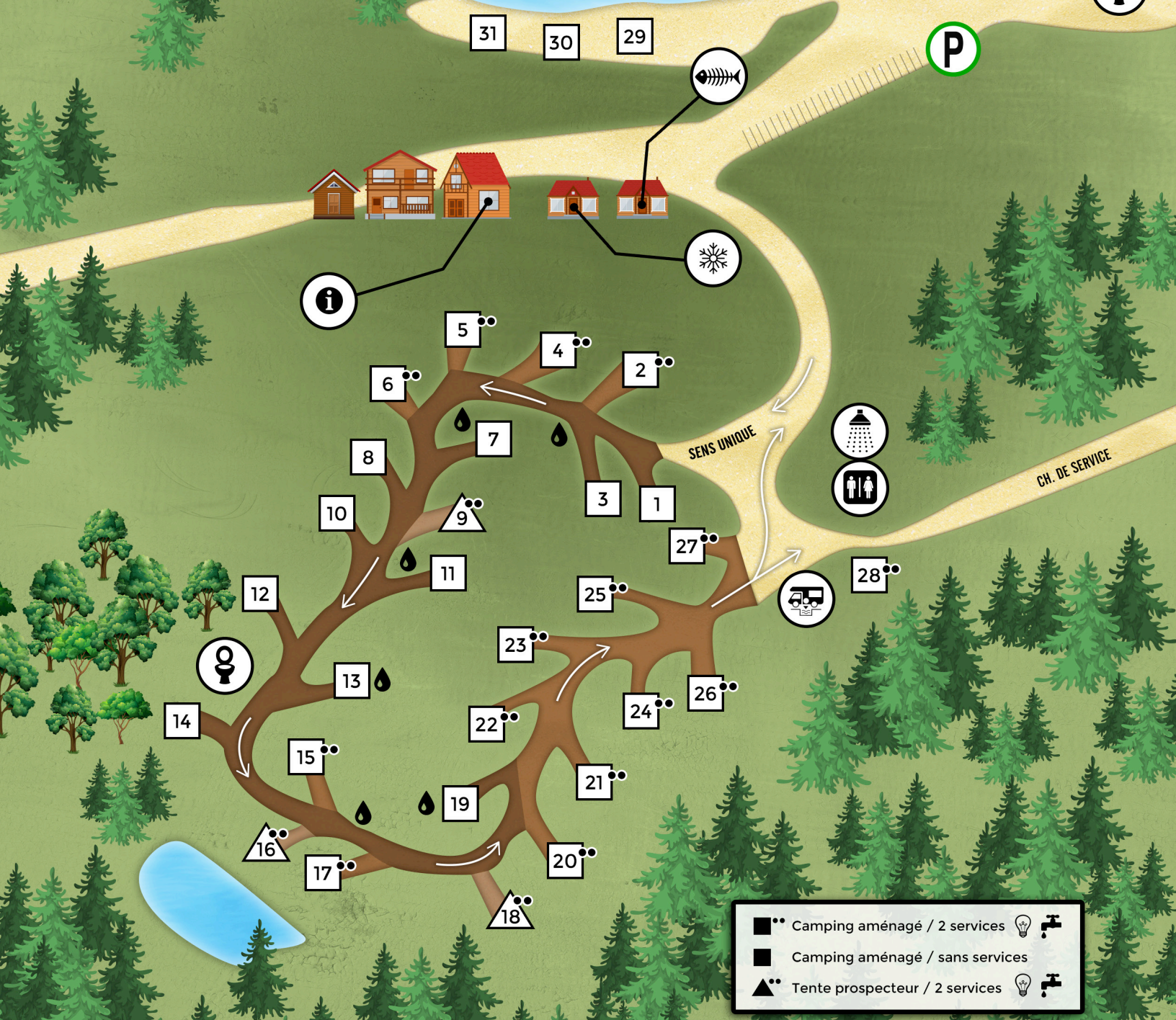
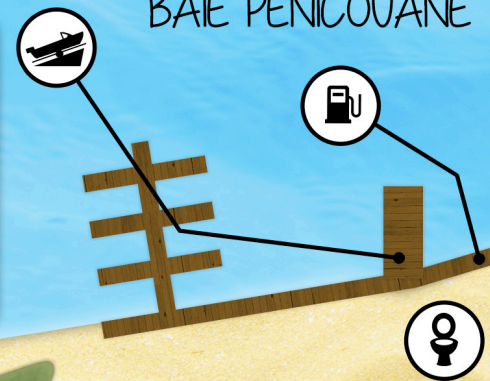
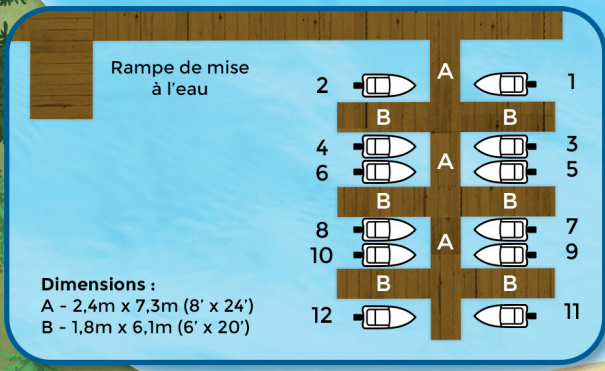
All hiking trails are reserved for clients lodging at the Waconichi Lake cottage site

CAMPING DU LAC ALBANEL



- LÉGENDE :**
- Bloc sanitaire
 - Bois de chauffage
 - Entrepôt
 - Accueil
 - Chambre froide
 - Abri d'éviscération
 - Toilette sèche
 - Essence
 - Rampe de mise à l'eau
 - Point d'eau commun
 - Station de vidange des eaux usées





- ** Camping aménagé / 2 services
- Camping aménagé / sans services
- ▲** Tente prospecteur / 2 services

LÉGENDE :

Bois de chauffage	Chambre froide	Essence
Entrepôt	Toilette sèche	Rampe de mise à l'eau
Accueil	Abri d'éviscération	Électricité
Bloc sanitaire	Point d'eau commun	Station de vidange des eaux usées
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Enjoy the boreal winter at the Waconichi Lake cabins

Winter Adventure Package and

Corporate Packages available

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Nature ϐ"ϐϐ"

Culture Δ"ϐ·Δ^ε

Rustic cabins, floating cabins on ice,
community hall, saunas, cultural activities,
snowshoe trails, snowyoga.

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