

Whale watching sites

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DES BALEINES



Discover the best sites for observing marine mammals from shore. When whale watching, watch for the plumes of spray they make when they blow. How come there are so many whales to see? It's all because of the Laurentian Channel, a submarine valley that runs 1,400 km along the North Shore. Ranging in depth from

180 to 550 meters, the channel is filled with food, including krill and other small organisms that accumulate near the coast. This abundance of food is what brings so many whales so close to shore.

	Directions	GPS
Tadoussac		
Pointe de l'Islet 1 800 665-6527 • 418 272-1556 parcsquebec.com	Loop trail accessible from the Tadoussac wharf or the Marine Mammal Interpretation Center (CIMM).	48° 08' 19" N 69° 43' 05" O
Sacré-Cœur		
Sainte-Marguerite Bay 1121 route 172 Nord G0T 1Y0 1 800 665-6527 • 418 272-1556	Follow the sign from Route 172.	48° 16' 35" N 69° 56' 17" O
Les Bergeronnes		
Cap-de-Bon-Désir 13 chemin du Cap-de-Bon-Désir G0T 1G0 1 888 773-8888 • 418 232-6751 • 418 235-4703	Follow the sign from Route 138.	48° 16' 20" N 69° 28' 12" O
Les Escoumins		
Marine Environment Discovery Center (MEDC) 41 rue des Pilotes G0T 1K0 1 888 773-8888 • 418 233-4414 • 418 235-4703	Follow the sign from Route 138.	48° 19' 14" N 69° 24' 55" O
Portneuf-sur-Mer		
Pointe des Fortin 7 chemin de la Marina G0T 1P0 418 238-1111	From Route 138, turn near the bridge over the Portneuf River and drive through the campground to the beach at the end of the road. The lookout is at the top of the stairs on your left.	48° 38' 29" N 69° 05' 12" O
Colombier		
Cap Colombier Route 138 • 418 565-3343	From Route 138, follow the Cap Colombier sign. Take the dirt road to the turnaround at the end.	48° 49' 20" N 68° 52' 25" O



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Ragueneau		
Ragueneau Archipelago Quai de Ragueneau • 418 567-2345	From Route 138, follow the sign to the wharf (quai).	49° 03' 43" N 68° 32' 57" O
Baie-Comeau		
Carrefour maritime 20 avenue Cartier G4Z 0A2 418 296-8178 • 1 888 589-6497	At the end of Boulevard La Salle, watch for the sign to the Baie-Comeau/Matane ferry and turn toward the marina.	
Saint-Pancrace Bay	From Route 138 toward Franquelin, 1 km past Potvin Lake on your right.	
Franquelin		
Pointe à la Croix East of Franquelin	On Route 138, east of Franquelin, on the right side of the road, 4.6 km after the bridge over the Franquelin River, or 500 meters after kilometer marker 806. Leave your car in the parking lot. Follow the signs to the rocky point. Allow several hours (round trip hike of over 10 km).	49° 17' 51" N 67° 50' 28" O
Godbout		
Godbout Bay 115 rue Pascal-Comeau G0H 1G0 • 418 568-7462	From Route 138, turn into the village of Godbout and find the wharves.	49° 19' 09" N 67° 35' 48" O
Baie-Trinité		
Pointe-des-Monts 1830 chemin du Vieux-Phare G0H 1A0 418 939-2400	From Route 138, before Baie-Trinité, follow the sign with the lighthouse. The site is at the end of the road, about 11.5 km from the turnoff.	49° 19' 35" N 67° 22' 09" O
Shipwreck Trail 27 route 138 G0H 1A0 418 939-2679	At Baie-Trinité, turn off Route 138 onto Rue Saint-Laurent (just before Trinité River bridge). Drive 200 meters, then take Rue Poulin for 4 km to the Anse-de-Sable parking lot or 1 km further to the Anse-aux-Bouleaux parking lot. Both provide access to the 4 km trail leading to Steamship Cove and Hunter Cove.	48° 34' 07" N 69° 09' 28" O
Port-Cartier		
Côte Jambon (hill) 418 766-4414 • villeport-cartier.com	At the eastern edge of the Port-Cartier city limits on Route 138.	
Sept-Îles		
Côte de l'Aéroport 418 962-1238 • 1 888 880-1238 • tourismeseptiles.ca	From Route 138 in the beach area, 11 km east of the town center.	
Mouth of the Brochu River 418 962-1238 • 1 888 880-1238 • tourismeseptiles.ca	From Route 138, turn on Rue Bell, then take the first road to the right.	50° 06' 24" N 66° 41' 52" O
Parc du Vieux-Quai 418 962-1238 • 1 888 880-1238 • tourismeseptiles.ca	This park in the Sept-Îles town center is accessible via Avenue Arnaud along the Sept Îles Bay side.	
Rivière-au-Tonnerre		
CoSte Lookout 418 465-2002 • 1 877 573-2678 • voyagescoste.ca	From Route 138, take Rue de l'Église, then Rue de la Mer.	
Magpie		
Magpie Lookout 418 949-2485 • magpiest-jean@globetrotter.net	From Route 138, take Rue de la Plaine, then go west on Rue de la Rive until you reach Magpie harbor or the old wharf.	

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Mingan Wharf 418 949-2845 • rorqual.com	On the west side of the village, turn off Route 138 onto the road leading to the Mingan Wharf.	
Longue-Pointe-de-Mingan Walkway near the beach 418 949-2845 • rorqual.com	From Route 138, turn on Rue de la Mer. A walkway runs along the beach from west to east.	
Havre-Saint-Pierre Along the beach 418 538-2512 • havresaintpierre.com	From Route 138, turn on Boulevard de l'Escale, then on Promenade des Anciens.	
Anticosti Island Pointe-Carleton 418 535-0231 • sepaq.com/anticosti	In the Sépaq Anticosti sector 115 km east of Port-Menier.	
Pointe-Nord 418 535-0250 • 418 535-0294 • ile-anticosti.com	In the Lac-Geneviève d'Anticosti outfitting sector, about 30 km east of Port-Menier.	
Bonne-Espérance Old Fort sector 418 461-3961 • tourismblancsablons@hotmail.com	A bit more than 75 km west of Blanc-Sablon, near Old Fort Bay.	57° 46' 25" N 51° 23' 16" O
Blanc-Sablon Blanc-Sablon 418 461-3961 • tourismblancsablons@hotmail.com	Along Boulevard Docteur-Camille-Marcoux east of the village or via Avenue Jacques-Cartier to the wharf.	57° 09' 10.86" N 51° 25' 40.94" O



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