

# Canoe-Camping On the Ashuapmushuan River

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## Description of Rivière Ashuapmushuan

Rivière Ashuapmushuan, which crosses Réserve faunique Ashuapmushuan, can be defined as a classic among Québec's sport rivers. Canoers can enjoy their sport on this river from June 1 until the end of October, even when the water level is low. It offers calm and solitude to some and, to others, the challenge of a journey of their dreams. For all, it offers intimate and authentic contact with a wild and awe-inspiring natural environment.

The circuit culminates in the majestic Chaudière Falls, named for the many caldrons dug out of the pink-granite-encrusted rock as a result of erosion. Its awesome beauty often holds the attention of onlookers for the entire day.

In addition to diversified plant and animal life, Ashuapmushuan is rich with history. The river was once part of the fur route, linking Hudson Bay and Tadoussac, and later it was used for transporting lumber.

The river's rapids are classified as intermediate/advanced with class 1 to 4 rapids. There are no signals and not always portages around the most difficult spots. A tow-line can make the trip more accessible. Sections 1 and 2 are moderately difficult. They offer the most spectacular scenery and are perfect for weekend trips.

A good knowledge of canoeing and rapids is required for navigating the Ashuapmushuan River. However, certain sections are accessible to less seasoned canoers, and in the company of a guide, anyone can make this unforgettable trip without fear.

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## Canoe-Camping Registration

Upon arrival at Réserve faunique Ashuapmushuan, you must go to the registration centre with your reservation confirmation to pick up your **mandatory right of access for \$7.46/pers./night (plus taxes)**. This procedure takes about 20 minutes. Visitors must assume full responsibility for the risks inherent in canoeing. The reserve may not be held responsible for accidents.

Before leaving the reserve, you must submit the returnable copy of your right of access to an employee at the registration centre. Outside business hours, you can deposit it in the designated box outside the centre. This copy is our guarantee that you have left the reserve. Please note that any searches undertaken by the Sûreté du Québec will be charged to you if you do not report to the registration centre 48 hours after the date you planned to return.

From June to August, the Southern Registration Centre is open every day from 7 AM to noon, from 1 PM to 4 PM and from 5 PM to 7 PM. From September to May, it is open from Monday to Friday between 9 AM and noon and 1 PM and 4 PM.

## Choice of itinerary

La route des fourrures  
From 2 to 14 days, journeys of from 11 to 204 km.

Departure		From registration centre to		Description of Section	
#	Km	Location	boat ramp	Length	Difficulty
9	178	Lac de la Blanche (via road 57 – 0.5 km)	2.5 h	17 km	Easy (no rapids)
8	165	Rivière du Tonnerre (access from lac Nicabau)	2.5 h	23 km	Easy (RI, RII)
7	152	Rivière Chaudière	2 h	11 km	Intermediate (RI to RIII)
6	143	Pont de la rivière Normandin (via road 48 – 3 km)	2 h	23 km	Easy (no rapids)
5	132	Pont de la route 167 (km 130)	1.5 h	25 km	Difficult (RI to RIV)
4	92	Petit-Giroux (via road 27 – 52 km)	2 h	26 km	Easy (RI, RII)
3	92	Île de l'Indien (via road 27 – 28 km)	1.5 h	42 km	Intermediate (RI to RIV)
2	68	Chutes Chaudières (via road 17 – 15 km)	1 h	16 km	Intermediate (RI to RIII)
1	48	Halte des draveurs (via road 13 – 1.5 km)	30 min	21 km	Intermediate (RI to RIII)
0	33	Bleuetière (via road 11 – 5 km)	20 min		

Note:

- The current descends from access point 9 to access point 0
- Mileage on the river is calculated from its mouth (lac St. Jean)

## Maps

Two maps of the territory are available. You can order them on the reservation form. They will be mailed to you with your reservation confirmation for a cost of \$2.50 (plus taxes).

The information map for Réserve faunique Ashuapmushuan (**1:135,000**) presents an overview of the territory, including all bodies of water, the road network and service points.

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- Points Map-guide for canoe-camping (**1:50,000**) Cost: \$7.00 (plus taxes)

## Fishing

Canoe-campers who wish to fish between section 9 and 2 must have a provincial fishing permit and obtain a fishing right of access at the reserve's registration centre for \$14.34 per person, per day. The reserve rents fishing rods (\$13.82 per day or per stay), and sells bait, lures, and permits.

## Canoe-Camping Equipment Rental

The cost of rental services is calculated **by the day**.

### Canoes, Paddles and Life Jackets

The canoes available for rent are adapted for river expeditions and excursions. The hull is a sandwich construction with a vinyl exterior. The paddles are made of aluminium and ABS. Canoe rental also includes 3 paddles and a bailer.

Cost per day

<b>1 canoe + paddles and lifejackets</b>	\$30.50
<b>Paddles</b> only	\$4.61
<b>Lifejackets</b> only	\$4.61
Panoe stand	\$4.61
Safety equipment kit	\$4.61
Ropes	\$4.61
Helmet	\$4.61

### Conditions

- **No refunds will be given in the case of early departures;**
- **For delays of 24 hours or less caused by a trip that was longer than expected, customers must; pay double the daily rental rate and purchase the appropriate right of access.**

### Payment

- A 30% deposit is required upon reserving equipment and services;
- The balance, the services that are not indicated on the reservation form, and a deposit are payable upon arrival at the registration centre in cash or by credit card;
- Taxes in effect are applicable.

### Reservation Confirmation

**A reservation comes into effect as soon as we send your reservation confirmation or when we receive the required deposit, whichever the case may be.**

### Shuttle

- **With a driver from the reserve and your vehicle:**  
**Putting your canoe in the water:** When you arrive, depending on our availability, we accompany you with your car to the boat ramp of your choice and drive your car back to the registration centre.  
**When you leave,** we will drive your car to the location of your choice on the date agreed upon.

**IMPORTANT:** Please bring two sets of car keys, make sure that the gas tank is full, and make sure that there is room in the car for our driver.

### Shuttle with a Driver From the Reserve and Your Vehicle



**Réserve faunique  
Ashuapmushuan**

Cost of the Trip from the Southern Registration Centre to the Access Point.

9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
\$182	\$182	\$182	\$182	\$130	\$182	\$130	\$130	\$52	\$26

Cost of the Trip from the Chigoubiche Registration Centre to the Access Point

5	4	3	2	1
\$104	\$182	\$130	\$156	\$104

N.B.: If you use a vehicle from the reserve, the price doubles.

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**NOTE**

- The Southern Registration Centre is 5 km away Access Point 0;
- **Shuttle service is available every day from 7 AM to 5 PM. Reservations required;**
- The price of this service varies according to the distance and the type of road ( paved, gravel or dirt).

## CANOE-CAMPING ON THE ASHUAPMUSHUAN RIVER

### RESERVATION FORM TO RETURN TO THE WILDLIFE RESERVE 2007 SEASON

P.O. Box 40, Route 167, km 33  
La Doré (Québec) G8J 1Y4  
Web site: [www.sepaq.com](http://www.sepaq.com) E-mail: [ashuapmushuan@sepaq.com](mailto:ashuapmushuan@sepaq.com)

Telephone 418-256-3806  
Fax 418-256-3808

Confirmation No. ....  
Right of Access No. ....

#### IDENTIFICATION

Club or  Outfitter Name of organisation: .....

Leader or  Guide Name of person: .....

Mailing address ↙ Number of people ..... Number of nights.....

..... Office phone.....

..... Home phone.....

Postal Code ..... E-mail.....

Leader or guide's training and experience.....

..... Number of years' experience canoeing.....

#### DATE AND ITINERARY

Arrival at the Registration Centre Date..... Time ..... Departure Date..... Time.....

**Entrance Point of Access Number**..... →→→→→ **Exit Point of Access Number** .....

SERVICE	Date	Time	Price
<b>SHUTTLE</b> from Registration Centre to Point of Access			\$
to placement in water			\$
			\$
No..... Access point for placing your canoe in the water			
No..... Access point for removing your canoe from the water			

#### RENTING CANOES, PADDLES AND LIFE JACKETS

Number of canoes	X	Number of days	=	Unit price	\$
.....	X	.....	=	x \$30.50	\$
Number of Lifejackets		Number of days		unit price	
.....	X	.....	=	x \$4.61	\$
Number of foam cubes		Number of days		unit price	
.....	X	.....	=	x \$4.61	\$
Number of ropes		Number of days		unit price	
.....	X	.....	=	x \$4.61	\$
Number of safety equipment kits		Number of days		unit price	
.....	X	.....	=	x\$ 4.61	\$

#### SUB-TOTAL FOR RENTAL AND SHUTTLE SERVICES

\$

#### PAYMENT

30% DEPOSIT

\$

..... **Wildlife Reserve Information Map** (taxes included)

x \$ 3.42 + \_\_\_\_\_

..... **Canoe-Camping Guide Map**

x \$ 7.98 + \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing cost (taxes included)

\$ 2.88 + \_\_\_\_\_

MC  Visa  Amex

Amount paid = \$

Card number ..... Expiration date.....

Name of card holder ..... Signature.....

I accept the conditions described on page 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Signature