QUICK *Facts*

Area:

25,285 km²

Location:

These wildlife reserves are located in the James Bay territory and are mainly accessible via the town of Chibougamau.

Access:

From Québec City: Routes 73, 175, 169, and 167

From Trois-Rivières via La Tuque: Routes 55, 169, and 167

From Senneterre: Routes 113 and 167

Reception:

Chalco reception post (Route 167) located 3 km north of Chibougamau, where registration is compulsory

Bodies of water:

Over 5,000

Fish:

Over 20 species. including northern pike, walleye, lake trout, and speckled trout

Animals and Birds:

At least 180 vertebrates. including 9 amphibians, 31 mammals (including the beaver, wolf, river otter, American marten, red fox, and American mink), and 116 species of birds (including the spruce grouse, common loon, common tern, bald eagle, osprey, Northern Goshawk, great horned owl, and common merganser)

Forest cover:

The reserves are located in a vast area dominated by black spruce forests. In general, the stands are sparse.

What you need for a great fishing trip: lures and safety

Lures: Réserves fauniques Assinica et des Lacs-Albanel-Mistassini-et-Waconichi are an ideal choice for sport fishers. Northern pike, walleye, lake trout, and speckled trout share the waters of these wildlife reserves. All of the lures suggested for these species generally do a good job. In June, lake trout is at the surface and fly fishing enthusiasts can use streamers to catch this species. This is also true for pike in late June and early July. All wobbler spoons, propeller lures, and crankbaits are effective for spinning; make sure you have a variety of colors. Silver and copper and silver and blue are effective combinations for metallic lures. Heavy spoons on a monofilament with 10 to 12 lb. of resistance are recommended for trolling.

Safety: Because Lac Albanel and Lac Mistassini are immense and remote, boats must be over 5 m long and equipped with a minimum 25 HP engine and auxiliary engine (in case the main engine breaks down). It is strongly recommended that you fish on the same side of the lake on which your campsite is located to avoid having to cross the lake in bad weather. Bring two bailers, two oars, a boating safety kit, and the material necessary to make a minor repair to the boat (fiberglass). Warm clothing and rain suits are essential for the frequent changes in weather. Make sure you always store your change of clothes and sleeping bag in watertight bags. At your campsite, do not store food in your tent and, most importantly, do not cook in your tent-the smell attracts animals. Bring extra food rations for one or two days if you plan on going into a remote area.

INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS

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The wildlife reserves are part of a network managed by the Société des établissements de plein air du Québec. They fall under the responsibility of the minister in charge of the Act respecting the conservation and development of wildlife.

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Adventure in Northern

Long ago, natives traded beaver pelts for arms and food on these ancestral lands. The vast expanses now have the status of wildlife reserves to ensure that they are protected and remain accessible to the general public. They are part of a great beaver reserve from which the Cree benefit. Hunting and the fishing of certain fish species, such as whitefish and sturgeon, are therefore reserved for Cree communities.

Sépag manages these wildlife reserves, while involving the native people living on the territory in management and harvesting operations, in accordance with the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement.

Réserves fauniques Assinica et des Lacs-Albanel-Mistassini-et-Waconichi offer choice locations for nature lovers and fishing enthusiasts looking for trophy catches. These immense lands are home to Lac Mistassini, Québec's biggest natural freshwater lake, which is 176 kilometers long and up to 40 kilometers wide in places.

Take to the open water and enjoy a memorable stay at these wildlife reserves, where the word space takes on a whole new meaning!

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THE PLACE **FOR TROPHY FISH**

Great Classics

Fishing with accommodation

Fishing-camping on the shores of the large lakes

Seasonal Favorites

Camping

Day fishing

Summer vacationing

Canoe camping

Canoeing

Wild berry picking

Something Different

Fishing on Québec's biggest natural lake

The captivating site of Waconichi

Fishing with your own boat

A Must

Baie Pénicouane: a sandy bay over 25 km long that opens onto mighty Lac Mistassini at the very end

The Lac Albanel Campground

RENTALS **AND SERVICES**

Rentals:

- Motors (Waconichi)
 - Fishing rods (Waconichi)
 - Bedding (Waconichi)
 - Oversized boats with double bottoms
 - Personal flotation devices for adults
 - Gasoline (Baie Pénicouane and Lac Albanel)

Services:

- Fishing licenses
- Boat launches
- Fish storage facilities (Waconichi and Albanel)
- Marina
- Nobbing shelters
- Ice

CHOOSE YOUR CABIN

Without services, group and primitive campground

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CABINS

Waconichi * Pavillon Waconichi * Sanitary block, cold room, cabins with refrigerator CAMPGROUNDS

Accommodations

Firewood

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Family VACATION PACKAGE

Includes cabin accommodation for 2 adults and 2 children (under 18) for 4 days and 4 nights plus a craft for pleasure boating.

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Waconichi Cabin