

## Story Idea

### **L'Anse-du-Port in Nicolet** **A panoramic view of Lake Saint-Pierre and exploring biodiversity**

*An ecological park on the south shore of the St. Lawrence River welcomes visitors year round. Whether you are looking forward to a pleasant stroll, exploring the area's biodiversity or simply admiring the impressive ships criss-crossing the St. Lawrence Seaway, L'Anse-du-Port in Nicolet is a premier destination.*



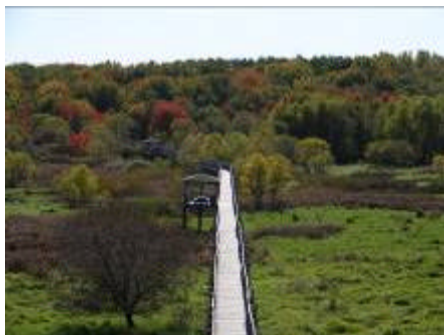
A natural park developed in the 1990s Parc écologique de L'Anse-du-Port with its wooden boardwalks is recognized as an ideal location for outdoor enthusiasts and nature lovers, and for those interested in the natural phenomena associated with the Lake Saint-Pierre floodplains.

Visitors have the opportunity to view the floodplains of the St. Lawrence while strolling along two wooden boardwalks. The first boardwalk, 230 metres long, crosses a marsh and goes through a grove of silver maples while the second, which is 823 metres long, provides special access to the edge of the St. Lawrence River (Lake Saint-Pierre). The two paths end at 12-metre high observation towers providing a wonderful panoramic view of Lake Saint-Pierre

to those who make the climb.

Equipped with binoculars and a camera, visitors can discover wildlife from the region – 22 species of fish and several species of birds, including the heron, snow goose, mallard duck, yellow warbler and teal. If you're lucky, you may see a bird of prey such as a harrier or an osprey. Small mammals like squirrels are often seen, but you may also surprise an ermine or a tortoise or hear the song of bullfrogs.

The ecological park changes with the seasons. During springtime, visitors can see the effect of the flooding waters of the St. Lawrence on the floodplains. In July and August, naturalist guides conduct interpretation activities on the ecology of this remarkable natural park. At other times of the year, visitors can learn about the floodplain thanks to several interpretation panels located along the boardwalks.



Located midway between Montreal and Quebec City, and near Route 132, the park at L'Anse-du-Port is an enjoyable and educational outing for the whole family. The L'Anse-du-Port boardwalks are located on Route du Port in Nicolet. Admission is free and the park is open all year long.

#### **Nearby:**

- Centre d'interprétation de Baie du Febvre
- Musée des Abénakis, Odanak
- Chèvrerie L'Angéline, Bécancour
- Auberge Godefroy, Bécancour
- La Route Verte

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