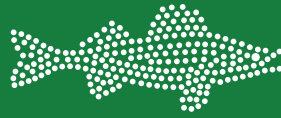


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**A LAND OF WATER**  
WAITING TO BE EXPLORED

**NIBIISCHII CORPORATION**

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

**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 sanctuaries covers more than **24,000 km<sup>2</sup>**, 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 SANCTUARIES

### Albanel-Mistassini-and-Waconichi Lakes

Come discover the largest wildlife sanctuary in Quebec, in a breathtaking northern forest setting. The **Albanel-Mistassini-and-Waconichi-Lakes wildlife sanctuary** 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 sanctuary 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 sanctuary**.



### RUPERT WELCOMING OFFICE

1584, Route 167 North, P. O. Box 38 – (km 252)  
Chibougamau, Quebec G8P 2K5  
Phone: 418 748-7748

#### JUNE TO SEPTEMBER

Open from 7h45 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Saturday

#### OFF SEASON

Phone calls and emails are answered  
on Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Head office:** P. O. Box 2380, Mistissini, QC, G0W 1C0

Albanel Mistassini Waconichi wildlife sanctuary   
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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 sanctuaries, with certain exceptions.



Due to the geographical remoteness of the AAMW wildlife sanctuaries, **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 4,9 m (16') 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 sanctuaries.



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 sanctuaries.**

**Ready-to-camp on campsites available only in the Albel-Mistassini-and-Waconichi-Lakes wildlife sanctuary.**

## 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 sanctuaries. 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 sanctuaries. 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 SANCTUARY

The featured waterways of the Assinica wildlife sanctuary 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 SANCTUARY

## 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 a prospector's camp 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	Pénicouane	Albanel	Chalifour	Robineau
Type of lodging	Atihk <sup>w</sup> Cabin - ᐱᑎᑏᑦᑲ		x				
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	Nicik <sup>w</sup> Cabin - ᑎᑦᑳᑦ				x		
	Mwak <sup>w</sup> Floating cabin - ᓄᑦᑲ		x				
	Camping - 2 services (water & electricity)			x			
	Camping - 1 service (electricity)				x		
	Camping - no services			x	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		x
	Boating safety gear	x	x	x	x		x
	Potable water (4L and 18L sizes)		x	x	x		
	Lures and worms		x	x	x		
	Gastronomic sous-vide meals and dry foods	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)		x				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		
	Sauna (4 - 6 people)		x	x	x		
	Comfort station with toilets and showers	Toilets only	x	x	x	Dry toilets	Dry toilets
	Marina		x	x	x		
	Employees onsite	x	x	x	x		
	Access to water (non-drinkable)	x	Potable	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

### AMISK<sup>W</sup> CABINS ᐱᐢᐱᐢᐱᐢ

**Cabin 3,5 x 6 m (12' x 20') / 3,5 x 7 m (12' x 24') 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).

### MŪS PROSPECTOR CAMPS ᐱᐢᐱᐢᐱᐢ

**Camp 3,5 x 6 m (12' x 20') insulated for 6 people, including:**

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

**Camp 3,5 x 7 m (12' x 24') 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).

### NICIK<sup>W</sup> CAMP ᐱᐢᐱᐢᐱᐢ

**Camp 2,5 x 7 m (8' x 24') 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, 120 volts)

\*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

### ATIHK<sup>W</sup> CABIN ᐱᐢᐱᐢᐱᐢ

**Cabin 6 x 7 m (20' x 24') 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.

### MWAK<sup>W</sup> FLOATING CABIN ᐱᐢᐱᐢᐱᐢ

**Cabin 3,5 x 7 m (12' x 24') 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

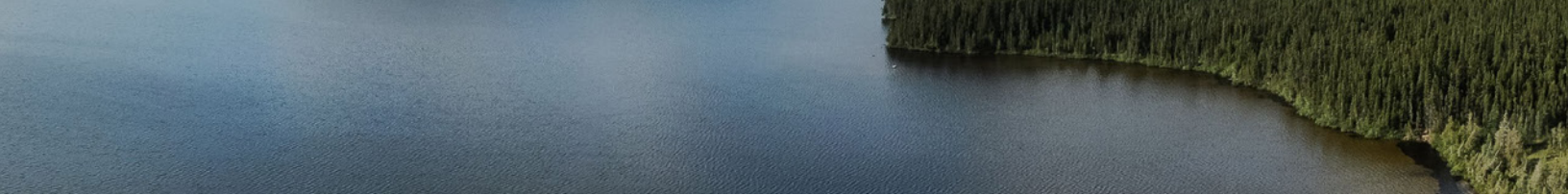
### COMMUNITY HALL 98 m<sup>2</sup> (1 055 cu. ft.)

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

### MWAK<sup>W</sup> FLOATING STUDIO ᐱᐢᐱᐢᐱᐢ 3,5 x 9 m (12' x 30')

**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

### MÛS PROSPECTOR CAMPS

**Camp 3,5 x 6 m (12' x 20') insulated for 6 people, including:**

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

**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

### MÛS PROSPECTOR CAMPS

**Camp 3,5 x 6 m (12' x 20') insulated for 6 people, including:**

- Kitchen equipment, 2 bunk beds (single mattress on top, double mattress on bottom), wood heating.

**Outside the camps:** Mosquito shelter, picnic table, dry toilets.

**Services included:** 2 canoes, 2 paddleboards and 2 rowboats (motor 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.**

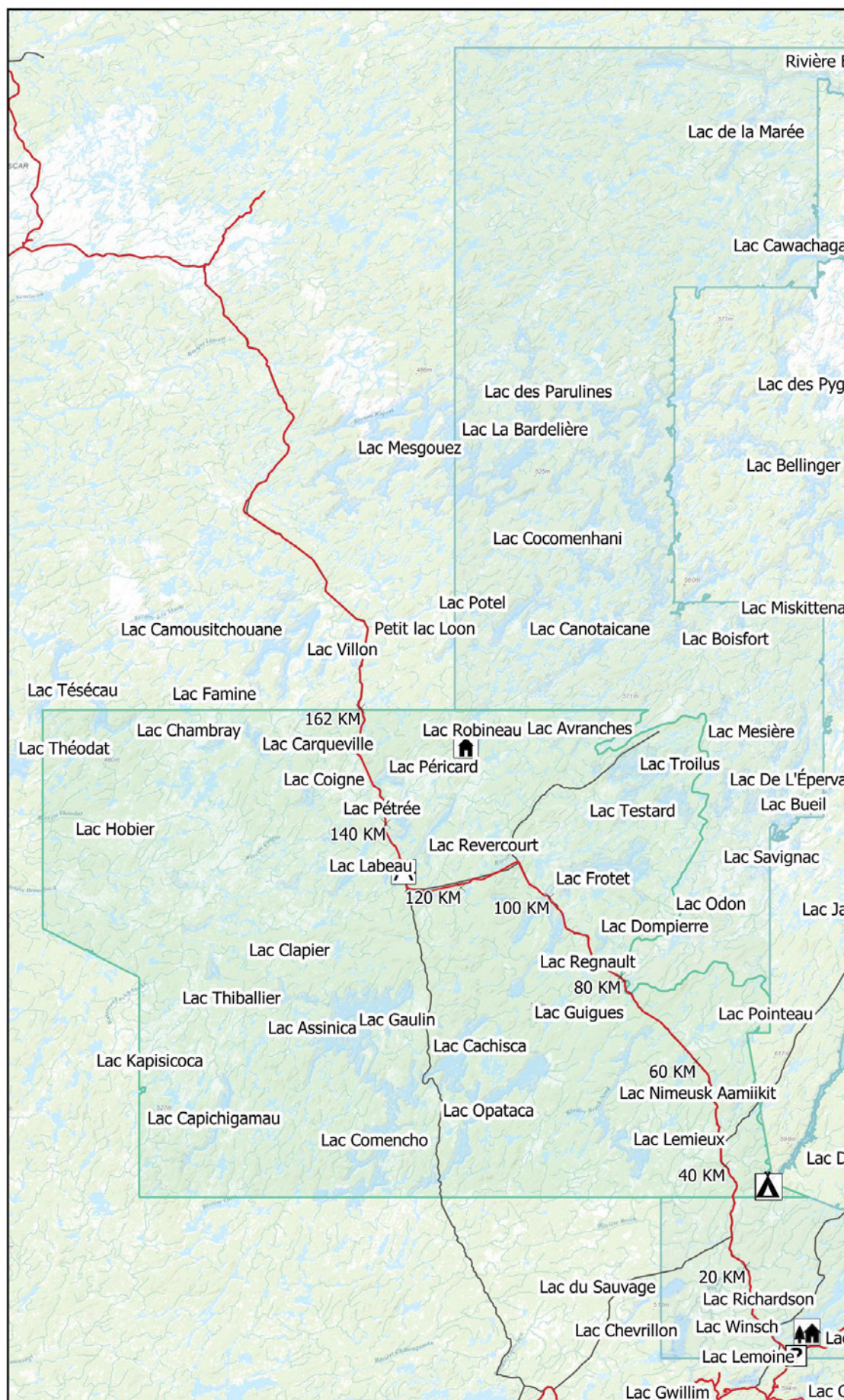
\* Campers have access to dry toilets nearby, a picnic table and a fire pit.

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



A vertical photograph capturing a serene outdoor scene. In the lower foreground, a red canoe with yellow interior accents is partially visible, resting on a rocky bank. Two men stand on a large, flat rock in the middle ground, looking towards the camera. The man on the left wears a dark, patterned shirt and dark pants, while the man on the right wears a light-colored short-sleeved shirt and dark pants. They are surrounded by a dense forest of tall, thin evergreen trees. In the background, a river flows through the forest, and a snow-covered landscape is visible under a hazy sky.

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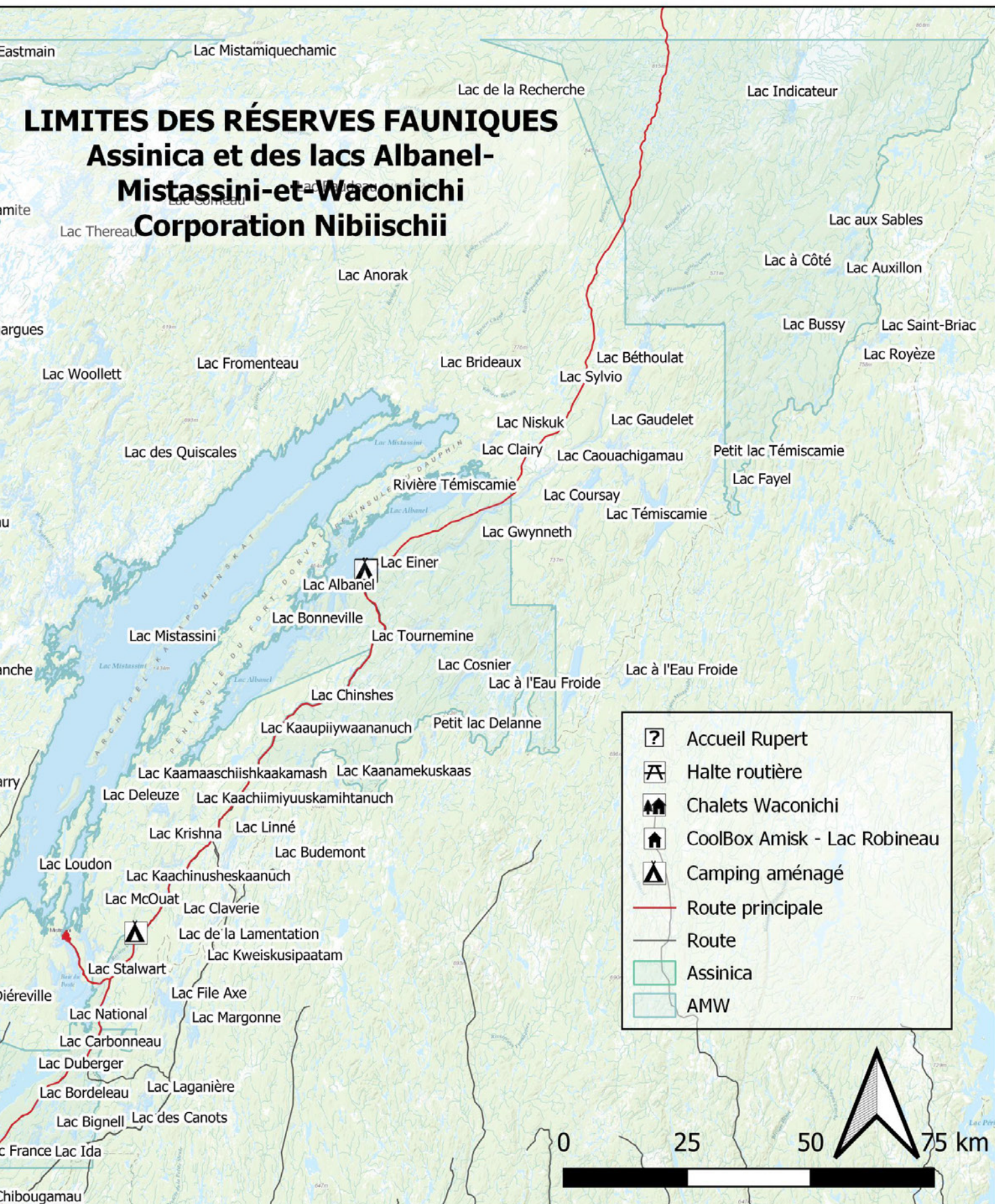


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# WHEN DO I RESERVE MY STAY?



## 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

\*2-night minimum stay

## CANOE-CAMPING

Send us your written request 1 month in advance

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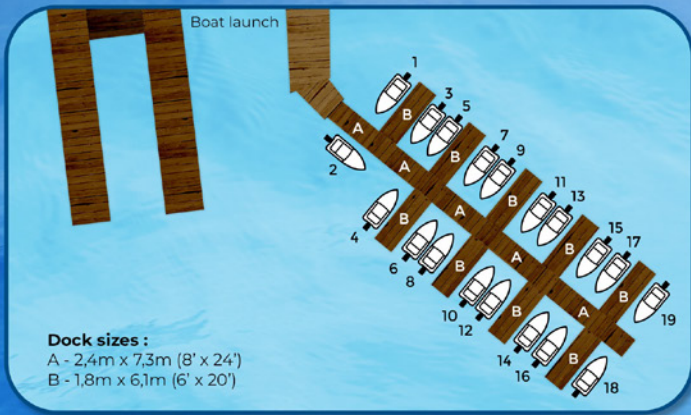


# ALBANEL LAKE CAMPGROUND

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## LEGEND :

- Central comfort station
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- Maintenance
- Reception
- Cold room
- Gutting shelter
- Out house
- Gas station
- Boat launch
- Public water access
- Dump station
- Sauna



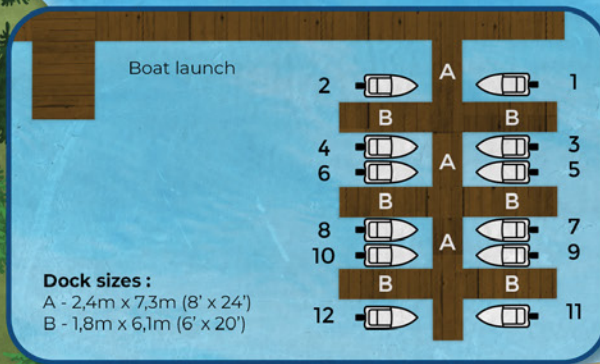
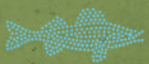
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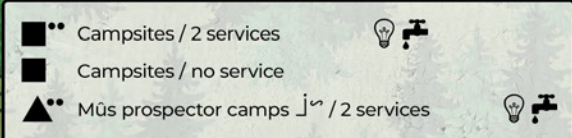
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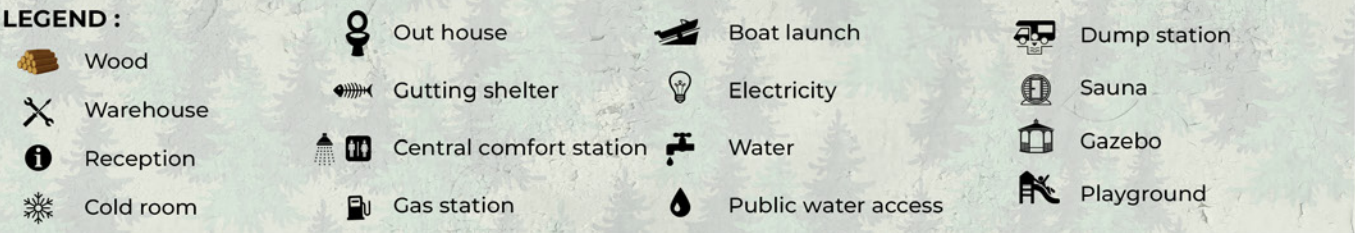


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## Enjoy the boreal winter at the Waconichi Lake cabins

Winter Adventure Package and

Corporate Packages available

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Culture Δ"ΐ·Δΐ

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

Please refer to our winter guide  
for more information.

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