Réserve faunique La Vérendrye wildlife reserve was named after Pierre Gaultier de La Vérendrye (1685-1749), a renowned North American explorer at the time of New-France. This vast untamed territory is known for its more than 4,000 lakes, including 2 huge reservoirs, and many rivers. With over 800 km of scenic water routes, it is truly a paddler’s paradise. Amateur anglers will be delighted with more than 800 lakes accessible for fishing! The reserve is also rich with wildlife and lush vegetation, giving meaning to the term “the heart of nature”. Route 117 crosses the reserve from north to south for 180 km.
WHAT TO DO

Season: The Northern Registration Centre, the Southern Registration Centre and the Lac-Rapide Registration Centre are along Route 117, which crosses the park. The three registration centres are open from mid-May to early September.

Opening hours: The Southern Registration Centre and the Lac-Rapide Registration Centre are open Saturday-Wednesday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. The Northern Registration Centre is open every day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

THE SOUTHERN REGISTRATION CENTRE
The reserve’s Southern Registration Centre on Route 117 houses a permanent exhibit on the fur-bearing animals, fish and birds that can be found on the reserve. Take advantage of your visit to pick up some information and visit the gift shop. You can also obtain fishing access rights at any of the registration centres.

CANOEING OR KAYAKING
ADVENTURE ON THE RIVER
With over 800 km of canoeable routes, the reserve is a favourite destination for canoe-camping and kayak-camping. Several lake circuits are available. The circuits starting on Lake Jean-Péré are very popular. For a downstream trip, the loveliest rivers include the Gens de Terre and the Chochocouane. The two reservoirs, Cabonga and Dozois, also provide an inexhaustible source of adventure. The routes range in level of difficulty from easy to expert and in travel time from short to long. You can rent equipment at Le Domaine. Mid-May to early September. Reservation required.


HIKING/INTERPRETIVE TRAILS
A few trails have been laid out for short hikes. They are accessible from May to October (except during moose hunting season).

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THE ALGONQUIN
Two Algonquin localities, Grand-Lac-Victoria and Lac-Rapide, lie within the limits of the wildlife reserve.

BERRY PICKING
Depending on the time of summer (July and August), raspberries and blueberries can be found in abundance on the reserve’s territory. Why not pick yourself a tasty, healthy snack!

WHERE TO EAT
There are no restaurants in the wildlife reserve. You will need to stop at a grocery store before entering the reserve (e.g. in Mont-Laurier). Be sure to bring enough supplies for the duration of your stay.