

## HUNTING AND FISHING

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Caribou hunting, without question, is the ultimate experience for the hunter searching for big thrills. The hundreds of thousands of migrating caribou herds of the Feuilles and George Rivers coming together in the James Bay sector create an impressive sight and a hunting success like no other. The wildlife photographers will also get their moneys worth by admiring this typical nordic animal. The moose, black bear, duck, goose and small game like the partridge, white partridge and the hare give hunters many opportunities to create an everlasting experience of their James Bay stay. James Bay outfitters invite hunters, fishermen and vacationists to experience a wild and lively nature stay. Services offered are listed in the following section.

## Ministère des Ressources naturelles et de la Faune du Québec (MRNF)

The mission of the Ministère des Ressources naturelles et de la Faune is to promote knowledge acquisition and to ensure the development and optimal use of land, energy, forestry and mineral resources in Québec from a sustainable development perspective, for the benefit of the entire population.

The Department is involved in the following activity sectors: territory, wildlife, forests, mines, energy and land survey. For the wildlife section, responsibilities undertaken by the Department are mainly to assure a management and control in exploitation, survey and use of the wildlife resources.

The regional Direction of the wildlife Sector is located at 951, Hamel Boulevard, Chibougamau

You can reach the staff of the wildlife protection and equipment Management at the following telephone number: (418) 748-7701.

The staff of the Ministère des Ressources naturelles et de la Faune du Québec wishes you a pleasant stay in the James Bay area.

## Poaching

We urge you to report any hunting, fishing or trapping activity that does not comply with Québec regulations, by calling SOS Poaching at the following toll free number: 1 800 463-2191

## Regulation

To hunt or fish in the Northern Québec region, you must respect the Law on hunting and fishing rights in James Bay and Nouveau-Québec territories. The James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement, which was signed in 1975, calls for special land administration of the territory. Category 1 and 2 lands are reserved for use by the Natives. You must therefore obtain the necessary authorizations from the appropriate band councils to hunt or fish there. On the other hand, these activities are permitted on Category 3 lands like elsewhere in Québec. There is, however, one notable exception: you cannot trap or hunt fur bearing animals. In addition, certain species of fish, like coregonids, are reserved for Natives. North of the 52nd parallel, non-residents of Québec must call on the services of an outfitter.

Random draws: Random draws for hunting big game are held annually. Hunters can register for two types of random draws, i.e. to obtain a limited-access hunting licence (moose cow, antlerless deer or caribou) or to obtain a hunting stay in a wildlife sanctuary. Specific rules apply to each draw. To obtain information, get in touch with Sépaq by calling at (418) 890-6527 or 1 800 665-6527.

To obtain the complete regulations or for more information on hunting or sports fishing in the Nord-du-Québec region, contact the:

## Ministère des Ressources naturelles et de la Faune du Québec

951, boulevard Hamel, Chibougamau, G8P 2Z3  
T: 418 748-7701 / F: 418 748-3338,  
I: [www.mrnf.gouv.qc.ca](http://www.mrnf.gouv.qc.ca)



Caribou ©MRNF

## Topographical maps, fishing licences, equipment

To obtain topographical maps of the region, a fishing licence or all kinds of equipment for hunting and fishing, you can call on the following authorised dealers:

### Centre 2MRC

191, 3<sup>ème</sup> Rue, Chibougamau, T: 418 748-8137  
E: centre2mrc@idlogic.com

Maps, hunting and fishing equipment

### Distribution Radis-Nord

57 ave des Groseilliers, Radisson, T: 819 638-7255  
E: distributionrn@hotmail.com

Maps, gaz station, grocery

### Pourvoirie Mirage

Km 358, Route Trans-Taïga, Baie-James, T: 1 866 339-6202  
I: www.pourvoiriemirage.com, E: info@pourvoiriemirage.com

### Sépaq

1584 Route 167 Nord (accueil Rupert), Chibougamau  
T: 418 748-7748

I: www.sepaq.com, E: assinica@sepaq.com

Maps of wildlife reserves only

### Sports nautiques Daigle

949, 3<sup>ème</sup> Rue, Chibougamau, T: 418 748-2381  
E: snd@idlogic.com

### TRAK concept de cartes

1685 Route 125 Sud, St-Donat, T: 1 877 861-8725  
I: www.trakmaps.com

Maps: bathymetric, topographic, digital. Compatible with GPS Garmin and Navionics.

## Hiring of engines and boats for fishing

### Mécanique Sport Plus

942, 3<sup>ème</sup> Rue, Chibougamau, T: 418 748-1155  
E: mecaniquesportplus@hotmail.com

### Sports Plein air Gagnon

215, 3<sup>ème</sup> Rue, Chibougamau, T: 418 748-3134  
I: www.sportspleinairgagnon.zip411.net  
E: sportsgagnon@spagagnon.ca

## Rentals, mechanics and sale of snowmobile, ATV and outboard engines

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942, 3<sup>ème</sup> Rue, Chibougamau, T: 418 748-1155  
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