

THE JAMES BAY HIGHWAY

HIGHWAY 109 – KM 157 : **CARTWRIGHT HILLS** – scenic viewpoint, picnic area, toilets, public phone and information panel: “The Matagami Esker – **Surviving glacial action**”.

Km 157 (northbound) : **JOULAC LAKE** – Rustic campground, toilets.

Km 224 **MATAGAMI, Mining and forestry are the principal activities occurring here. Industrial visits may be organized. Don’t forget to fuel up beforehand because the next service station is 381 km away!**

Km 0 Your James Bay adventure begins here! The James Bay development corporation is the owner of this infrastructure and is responsible for its maintenance.

Km 2 **BELL RIVER** - The bridge is the longest on this highway. The Bell river flows into Matagami lake. The northern point of the lake then becomes the Nottaway river which flows up to James Bay.

Km 6 **JAMES BAY MUNICIPALITY’S TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER** – We suggest that you register yourself for security purposes. You may also obtain several interesting informations about the area from our tourist officers. Souvenirs, restrooms, picnic tables, public phone and information panel: “**One territory ... six seasons**”. Open 24 hours, all year long.(819) 739-4473.

Km 10 **MOUNT LAURIER** – An information panel is located on the highway’s northbound shoulder. This hill is 480m high. You may trek up to its top and enjoy a magnificent view of Matagami’s surroundings. Information panel: “Mont-Laurier – **A taste of northern environments**”.

Km 37 **THE JAMES BAY MUNICIPALITY’S MATAGAMI LAKE CAMPGROUND (2 km)** – 76 camping sites, running water, sewerage system, showers, restrooms, community pavillion, boat launching ramp, beach. Open from mid-june to labor day: (819) 739-4473.

Km 38 **WASWANAPI RIVER** – Boat launching ramp on the northbound shoulder of the highway. 10 km eastwards from the bridge, are the Chutes Rouges (Red Falls). a spectacular sight!

Km 48 **GOÉLAND (GULL) LAKE ACCESS ROAD (22 km), OLGA LAKE & WASWANAPI RIVER (10 km)** – The JBM has a rustic campground on the shore of Waswanipi river (giving access to Olga lake). Picnic tables, toilets, boat launching ramp.

Km 50 Information panel: “**Boosting forest rebirth**”, on the northbound shoulder of the highway.

Km 80 **OUESCAPIS LAKE (2,5 km)** – Rustic campground, picnic tables, toilets, boat launching ramp.

Km 88 Information panel: “**Forestry Activities**” on the northbound shoulder of the highway

Km 135 Telebec phone company telephone tower (**LOUISE**) – **EMERGENCY TELEPHONE**

Km 189 **RODAYER LAKE** – Rustic campground, picnic tables, toilets, boat launching ramp.

Km 192 Ford fishing site

Km 200 Ford fishing site

Km 201 Telebec phone company telephone tower (**COLOMB**) – **EMERGENCY TELEPHONE**

Km 204 Ford fishing site

Km 215 Ford fishing site

Km 232 **BROADBACK RIVER** – Information panel, “**James Bay the contemporary heir of ice ages**”, picnic area, toilets, scenic viewpoint, pathway.

Km 237 Access road to Waskaganish – Waskaganish is 110 km westwards (819) 895-8843.

Km 244 Ford fishing site

Km 247 Telebec phone company telephone tower (**RANDAL**) – **EMERGENCY TELEPHONE**

Km 252 Ford fishing site

Km 257 **RUPERT RIVER** – Rustic campground, boat launching ramp, picnic tables, toilets.

- Km 257** **RUPERT RIVER WATERFALL** – Information panel: “**Lord paramount of the north**”, picnic area, toilets, scenic viewpoint, pathway. The settlement on the southbound side of the highway is closed to the public.
- Km 272** Ford fishing site
- Km 274** **PASSAGES** (transitions) **REST AREA** and Northern Road intersection. Information panel: “**Fire-devastated forests**”, picnic area, toilets. Lightning caused a forest fire here in 1983. Ford fishing site.

THE NORTHERN ROAD

This gravel road is 424 km long and runs up to Chibougamau. Nemaska is 117 km away. Hydro-Quebec’s Nemiscau electric transformation station is 118 km away.

Km 407 – Intersection of the James Bay highway

Km 381 – *BOISROBERT LAKE*, rustic campground, picnic tables, toilets, boat launching ramp.

Km 296 – Acces road to Nemasca (819) 673-2512

Km 290 – Cree Construction garage – gasoline available from 7 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. from monday to saturday. Closed on sundays.

Km 288 – Hydro-Québec’s Nemiscau electric power transformation station.

Km 286 – *LESCAR HILLS*, picnic tables, toilets, scenic viewpoint.

Km 248 – Hydro Quebec’s Albanel electric power transformation station.

Km 238 – *RUPERT RIVER*, picnic tables, toilets, scenic viewpoint.

Km 162 – Assinica and Mistassini – Albanel faunic reserve 1 (800) 665-6527.

Km 132 – *CHENIAPISCAU* rest area, picnic tables, toilets, scenic viewpoint.

- Km 294** **PONTAX III RIVER** – The Pontax name is a transformation of the indian name “Pontacks”, a cree trapper who used to live in the area.
- Km 297** **PONTAX I RIVER** – Forest fire caused by lightning in 1986.
- Km 301** Telebec phone company telephone tower (**Pontax**) **EMERGENCY TELEPHONE**.
- Km 312** **PONTAX II RIVER**
- Km 323** **MIRABELLI LAKE (4 km)** – Rustic campground, picnic tables, toilets, boat launching ramp.
- Km 324** **JOLICOEUR RIVER** – You may see a nice waterfall under the bridge.
- Km 335** Ford fishing site.
- Km 350** Access road to Eastmain – Eastmain is 103 km westwards.
(819) 977-0211
- Km 358** Ford fishing site.
- Km 372** **LAC DES SAULES (WILLOWS LAKE)** – Rustic campground, picnic tables, toilets, boat launching ramp, wharf.
- Km 380** Ford fishing site.

Km 381 James Bay development corporation rest area (**gas, food, lodging**) (819) 638-8502

- Km 391** Information panel: “**Experimental reforestation techniques for an outstanding road**” on the northbound shoulder of the highway.
- Km 395** **EASTMAIN RIVER (3 km)**– Rustic campground, picnic tables, toilets, scenic viewpoint under the bridge.
- Km 411** **OPINACA RIVER** – You may see a nice waterfall under the bridge.
- Km 440** **CHAÎNE DE LACS (STRING OF LAKES)** — Rustic campground, picnic tables, toilets, boat launching ramp.
- Km 444** Telebec phone company telephone tower (**ALINE**) – **EMERGENCY TELEPHONE**
- Km 464** **RIVIÈRE VIEUX COMPTOIR (OLD FACTORY RIVER)** – Picnic tables, toilets, scenic viewpoint. Information panel: “**Once upon a time...the earth**”.

- Km 467** **LAC VIEUX COMPTOIR (OLD FACTORY LAKE)** – An astonishing site, especially at sunset. You may then understand why people used to call the area “painted hills”. Rustic campground, toilets, picnic tables.
- Km 503** **MIRON LAKE (1,5 KM)** – Picnic tables, toilets, boat launching ramp, rustic campground.
- Km 504** Telebec phone company telephone tower (**CHANTAL**) – **EMERGENCY TELEPHONE**
- Km 518** Access road to Wemindji – Picnic tables, toilets. Wemindji is 96 km westwards. (819) 978-0264
- Km 542** **YASINSKI LAKE** – Picnic tables, toilets, scenic viewpoint, information panel. It is the location of one of the most important spawning ground for walleye in Canada.
- Km 544** **TRANSTAÏGA HIGHWAY INTERSECTION**

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This gravel road is 688 km long. There are emergency telephones in each one of Hydro-Quebec's settlements.	
Km 23	Telecommunications tower – emergency telephone.
Km 56	SAKAMI LAKE , rustic campground, picnic tables, toilets, boat launching ramp.
Km 59	SAKAMI water overflow structure – picnic tables, toilets.
Km 62	ROBERT BOURASSA RESERVOIR , Rustic campground, picnic tables, toilets, scenic viewpoint, boat launching ramp.
Km 100	Access road to LG3 hydroelectrical power plant (30 km away) and Hydro-Quebec's Sakami settlement (24 km away).
Km 203	PONTOIS RIVER , Rustic campground, picnic tables, toilets, boat launching ramp.
Km 286	CLADONIA LAKE – Cargair hydroplane base (819) 854-4186, Nouchimi Outfitter (819) 854-5092 et 855-2220 – gas & fuel available
Km 292	LG4 Airport
Km 307	KEYANO Hydro-Quebec Settlement access road (1 km away)
Km 308	Hydro-Quebec's scenic viewpoint.
Km 311	Access road to LG4 hydroelectrical power plant (5 km away).
Km 358	MIRAGE OUTFITTER (819) 339-3150 – gas & fuel available.
Km 384	DONAT ASSELIN OUTFITTER (418) 661-0580, winter only.
KM 395	Access road to LA-1 hydroelectrical power plant (38 km away). KISKIMAASTAKIN OUTFITTER is 63 km away (1-888-449-2880).
Km 525	Access road to LA-2 hydroelectrical power plant (6 km away).
Km 582	BRISAY hydroelectrical power plant.
KM 666	DUPLANTER water overflow structure and Caniapiscau reservoir.

- Km 561** **CASTOR-(BEAVER) RIVER** – Picnic tables, toilets.
- Km 574** **DUNCAN LAKE (8 km)** – Rustic campground, picnic tables, toilets, boat launching ramp.
- Km 578** Information panel: “**Lands of lichen**”, on the northbound shoulder of the highway.
- Km 589** **LA GRANDE AIRPORT** (819) 638-8847, gasoline available.
- Km 600** **ACCESS ROAD TO LG1 HYDROELECTRICAL POWER PLANT AND CHISASIBI** – LG1 is 62 km away and Chisasibi is 84 km away. About 10 km westwards of Chisasibi is James Bay.
- Km 617** Access road to **RADISSON**
- Quebec police force (819) 638-8788
 - Hospital (819) 638-8991
 - Fire brigade (819) 638-6488
 - Fauna and wildlife protection (819) 638-8305
 - JBM municipal office (819) 638-7777

Km 620

Robert Bourassa and LG2A hydroelectrical power plants.
[1 (800) 291-8486 for guided tours].

Driving distances

Montréal to Matagami = 770 km

Matagami to Radisson = 620 km

Hull-Ottawa to Matagami = 675 km

EMERGENCY (819) 739-4473 or 9-1-1
POLICE 310-4141 or (819) 764-3202 or 9-1-1



IMPORTANT NOTICE : Except in Lebel-sur-Quevillon, Chapais, Chibougamau and the Eastmain-1 building site, cellular phones are useless.

We have installed an exhaustive network of touristic infrastructures for your enjoyment.

Contrary to common belief, these premises are not financed through your hydro bill or gasoline taxes. This is why the Municipality would very much appreciate your support in order to maintain and improve these great services (suggested contribution : 5,00 \$/day.)



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