

**Mont-Mégantic National Park**  
Eastern Townships, Québec, Canada

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Activity Guide for groups

ASTRONOMY



*Guided tour of the ASTROLab, by day*

Attend the *Cosmic Rhythms*, a high-definition show which will bring you to the outermost bounds of the Universe, in the multimedia hall. The public is thrilled by its high quality and originality. Visit the exhibit room *From the Naked Eye to the Invisible Spectrum*. This exhibit traces the history of sky observation, from constellations to the invention of the telescope to gamma rays. Finally, visit the *Cosmolab-Velan: Birth and History of the Cosmos*. This exhibit is a unique presentation of cosmology. Find out about the theories which intend to describe the origin of the Universe, like the Big Bang, or the Big Crunch.



*Guided tour of the observatories, by day*

Visit in three parts : Guided tour of the Mont-Mégantic Observatory. 1.6 m telescope, the most powerful in North East of America. Explanations on how it functions and introduction to researches made. Multimedia presentation at the Mont-Mégantic Popular Observatory showing the different observatories around the world. 61 cm-wide telescope. Finally, interpretation of the landscape, effect of the mountain on the climate, and geological formation of the mount Mégantic.



*Evening of astronomy at the ASTROLab*

At the base of the mountain, at the ASTROLab, the evening begins in our high-definition-multimedia room with the animated presentation *Tonight in the Cosmos*. If the stars prevail, the evening will continue outside and in the Velan Observatory (36 cm) with naked eye and telescope observation. If the clouds prevail, you will be a part of our interactive presentation where you will discover the most beautiful space landscapes on a giant screen and you will get to choose the destinations and ask any question about the Universe. No matter what the weather has in store, we will have you see stars!



*Evening of astronomy at the Popular Observatory*

On the mountain top, the evening begins with an unforgettable view of the sunset at an altitude of 1100 m, behind the largest observatory in the North East of America (if weather permits). The evening will then continue in the Popular Observatory with a commented presentation on the challenges of observing the sky with telescopes. If the stars prevail, you may look through the 61 cm telescope and enjoy our outstanding outdoor observation platform with reclining benches — a breathtaking scene. If the clouds prevail, our multimedia observatory will provide an unforgettable interactive virtual sky observation. Prepare your questions!

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES



*Hiking*

75 km of trails in altitude. Experience the transition between a colorful mixed forest and a coniferous forest while you hike to reach a summit at over 1 000 meters in altitude. Once up the mountain, contemplate the Appalachian Mountains!



*Winter exploration*

Have you ever walked through a forest so snowed-up that you can barely believe what you see ? Enjoy beautiful scenery from our 30 km of snowshoes trails, leading to three summits over 1 000 m in altitude, or glide along our 30 km of cross-country skiing trails. Winter like you've never seen it before!

Welcome!

*From the Earth to the Stars!* No slogan could be better suited to Mont-Mégantic National Park. For nature in its entirety is honored here. Astronomy, geology, biology, ecology and history are naturally found side-by-side in this majestic setting. Mont-Mégantic National Park combines science and beauty, nature and culture, knowledge and responsibility. It is home to a powerful mountain, untamed nature and a star-studded sky.

ASTROLab is nature at every scale. And it recounts the most fascinating history of all: that of the Universe, of the Earth and of life. It is our history. Indeed, the presence of living beings on the Earth today is linked to physical conditions that harken back to the distant past of the Universe. All life is stardust. This is surely one of the greatest discoveries of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Protecting and safeguarding it will be one of the greatest challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

LODGING :

Many B&B are located near Mont-Mégantic National Park. Hotels are available in Lac-Mégantic and Sherbrooke. For more information about lodging: [www.parksquebec.com](http://www.parksquebec.com) • [www.astrolab.qc.ca](http://www.astrolab.qc.ca)

PACKAGES :

You can choose any activity listed and as many as you wish. Different packages are available, and most include lodging in one of the nearby facilities. Call us and we will prepare a package suited to your needs!



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Québec								
Mont-Mégantic	118	422	142	267				
Sherbrooke	42	144	394	88	263			
Toronto	416	469	481	468	328	520		
Washington	508	655	645	760	240	608	454	

Only 30 minutes from New Hampshire and Maine borders.

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