

## First Signs of IAT-QC on Road 132

The realization of our IAT-QC display project including Road 132 is started, it's confirmed with these photographs taken in the area of Anse-à-Valleau on May 9. White and blue panels (12 in. X 36 in.) were designed by Jean-Pierre Gagnon from Upper Gaspé. They allow motorists to better identify the Trail entries. We know that the existing display was designed for hikers already on the trail and not for tourists traveling by automobile. They would like the opportunity to walk a section of the trail but did not find the access. It's planned to install these panels wherever the trail crosses a public road (including major forest roads).

An interesting fallout of this display, the IAT-QC will have more visibility especially among local populations. It will be easier for them to direct tourists who want to walk a section of the trail.

The Board of Directors had considered that a second phase of this project would be the installation of billboards near several panels we currently fix. The idea is to find information that is usually seen at the beginning of a path as a map, information on future accommodation and major attractions. The realization of this second phase will depend on funding that we can get of course.

If you see any of these signs this summer, your comments would be greatly appreciated.



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Here are some pictures of the signs posted in the area of Anse-à-Valleau to St-Yvon.



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## Maintenance chore in the paths of IAT-QC

We are in the midst of spring chores to set state trails for the upcoming opening of the hiking season. We received some maintenance reports from our volunteers on trail conditions in various sectors. We invite you to consult the **State of the trails** section of our website to take account of the various problems there could be in the area you want to hike.

[http://www.sia-iat.com/en/etat\\_sentiers.html](http://www.sia-iat.com/en/etat_sentiers.html)

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### SECTOR SAINTE-MARGUERITE AND CAUSAPSCAL

In 2013 and 2014, the company, Les Vents du Kempt, installs a wind farm in this area. We have blazed new temporary trails.

#### From Sainte-Marguerite to Causapsal:

**Option 1** (18 km) to reach the shelter of the campsite Causapsal (with shower service), driving on Kempt Road (paved road) to Causapsal.

**Option 2** (24 km) to join "The Causapsal River Falls", take the Verendrye Street (corner convenience store) to 3.3 km. At the intersection of Lacroix Road, turn right. 100 meters further on your left, take the quad trail for 14 km until the 8 miles bridge. From here you reach the IAT-QC trail. It will take 6.6 km more to reach the shelter of "Falls of Causapsal River."

#### FROM THE SHELTER "LES CHUTES" TO CAUSAPSCAL

**Option 1** = At the 8 miles bridge, you can reach the shelter "Camping Causapsal" 8 km.

**Option 2** = At the 8 miles bridge, you can reach the shelter "Sainte-Marguerite" at 17.4 km.

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## IAT-QC Annual General Assembly

This edition of the newsletter follows the holding of the Annual General Assembly (AGA) on May 26 in Amqui. Please be advised of the publication on our website of various documents that were presented to members, Administration section:

<http://www.sia-iat.com/en/administration.html>

## A little bit of reading! (French Only)

- Article of La Voix Gaspésienne about IAT-QC May 2013  
[http://virtuel.lavoixgaspesienne.canoe.ca/doc/hebdo\\_la-voix-gaspesienne/20130522\\_voixgaspesienne\\_opt/2013052301/?referrer=http%3A//www.lavoixdelamatanie.ca/edition-e#0](http://virtuel.lavoixgaspesienne.canoe.ca/doc/hebdo_la-voix-gaspesienne/20130522_voixgaspesienne_opt/2013052301/?referrer=http%3A//www.lavoixdelamatanie.ca/edition-e#0)
- Newsletter of June 2013 of the Fédération Québécoise de la Marche  
[http://www.fgmarche.qc.ca/uploads/Infolettre\\_juin\\_2013\\_FQM.pdf](http://www.fgmarche.qc.ca/uploads/Infolettre_juin_2013_FQM.pdf)
- Newsletter of May 2013 de la Fédération Québécoise de la Marche  
[http://www.fgmarche.qc.ca/uploads/Infolettre\\_mai\\_2013\\_FQMWEB.pdf](http://www.fgmarche.qc.ca/uploads/Infolettre_mai_2013_FQMWEB.pdf)
- Le Trekkeur Spring 2013  
<http://www.fgmarche.qc.ca/uploads/Trekkeur-printemps2013.pdf>
- An article about the project GR in Quebec  
<http://www.espaces.ca/categorie/actualites/nouvelles/article/1363-un-gr-bien>
- A Bit of Nostalgia! First major article on the International Appalachian Trail Quebec after its official opening.  
[http://www.sia-iat.com/images/Upload/marche\\_randonnee\\_ete\\_2001.pdf](http://www.sia-iat.com/images/Upload/marche_randonnee_ete_2001.pdf)

### A silvicultural guide on cedar

Faced with the need for information on the ecology and silviculture of cedar, a group of university and government researchers from the United States and Canada are engaged in collaborative research that led to the drafting of a forestry guide. It aims to help foresters make decisions when faced with the development of the cedar.

Those interested in learning more can download the guide in PDF format at the following address:  
<http://scf.rncan.gc.ca/publications?id=34189>

## Good news!

### A Prize for the IAT of the Côte-de-Gaspé

At the Awards Gala ExcElan regional unit leisure and sports Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine (URLS-GIM) unit on May 25, 2013, the IAT Hiking Club of Côte-de-Gaspé won the ExcElan price in the category "outdoor recreation". Congratulations!

### Valmont Plein Air of Cap-Chat, winner of the Grand Prize of Québec Tourism 2013

Congratulations to Valmont Plein Air of Cap-Chat, which won the gold grand prize category Accommodation - less than 40 units at the 27th edition of the National Gala for Grands Prizes of Québec Tourism in 2013 which was held on May 14 at Hilton Casino of Lac-Leamy in Ottawa. More than 750 people from the Quebec tourism industry, 133 finalists, attended the event. This statement is a great showcase for our Gaspé tourism industry.

### New Customer Service Officer at IAT-QC

Hello, I'm Isabelle Paquet, new agent to the customer service of IAT-QC. I'd be happy to answer your questions and other requests about the trail throughout my stay in the IAT-QC team. Hope to talk to you or even meet you.

Good hiking season to all!

### Opening of the Trail de la Fée at Tourelle

Located at Tourelle, this little loop of 1.1 km and easily accessible one can contemplate unique monoliths that emerge from the cliff like ghosts of Ordovician age.

(Photo Pierre Morel)



## 10 000\$ for IAT-Quebec

The deputy minister of Matane-Matapédia, Pascal Bérubé, took hold of an activity featuring Matanie at Quebec National Assembly to confirm two grants of 10 000\$ from discretionary budgets. They are intended for both installed in Matane agencies, the International Appalachian Trail (IAT-Quebec) and Doris Gardens. On the photo, Mr. Bérubé with co-owner of Gardens, Doris Côté and the Director of IAT-Quebec, Eric Chouinard. (Photo Romain Pelletier)

## The IAT-QC on the front page of La Voix Gaspésienne

