

Draft Regulation

Parks Act
(chapter P-9)

Parks — Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Parks Regulation, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation alters the zoning of the national parks of Frontenac, Grands-Jardins, Hautes-Gorges-de-la-Rivière-Malbaie, Mont-Mégantic and Yamaska.

Parc national de Frontenac, whose area will be increased to 156.5 km², will be divided into four zone categories, namely, maximum preservation zones inaccessible to visitors that will cover 1% of the park area, preservation zones allocated to the protection of the natural environment that will cover 74% of the park area, natural environment zones allocated to the discovery and exploration of the natural environment that will cover 23% of the park area, and services zones allocated to reception and management of the park that will cover 2% of the park area.

Parc national des Grands-Jardins, whose area will be increased to 319 km², will be divided into four zone categories, namely, maximum preservation zones inaccessible to visitors that will cover 0.6% of the park area, preservation zones allocated to the protection of the natural environment that will cover 74.5% of the park area, natural environment zones allocated to the discovery and exploration of the natural environment that will cover 24.7% of the park area, and services zones allocated to reception and the management of the park that will cover 0.2% of the park area.

In the case of Parc national des Grands-Jardins, the modification entails no new administrative formality for businesses and does not require compliance with new norms. However, the modification has an impact on the order of \$2,400 per year on forest companies working in the Capitale-Nationale administrative region. Thus, the allowable cut will be reduced by 339 m², which represents a reduction of 0.1% for the region. Since the sector affected by the modification has been withdrawn from forest planning since 2007, the forest companies will not suffer any new impact on the coming into force of the regulation.

Parc national des Hautes-Gorges-de-la-Rivière-Malbaie, whose area will be increased to 224.9 km², will be divided into three zone categories, namely, preservation

zones allocated to the protection of the natural environment that will cover 88% of the park area, natural environment zones allocated to the discovery and exploration of the natural environment that will cover 11.5% of the park area, and services zones allocated to reception and management of the park that will cover 0.5% of the park area.

Parc national du Mont-Mégantic, whose area will be increased to 59.9 km², will be divided into three zone categories, namely, preservation zones allocated to the protection of the natural environment that will cover 79.5% of the park area, natural environment zones allocated to the discovery and exploration of the natural environment that will cover 18% of the park area, and services zones allocated to reception and management of the park that will cover 2.5% of the park area.

Parc national de la Yamaska, whose area will be increased to 13.4 km², will be divided into four zone categories, namely, maximum preservation zones inaccessible to visitors that will cover 2.3% of the park area, preservation zones allocated to the protection of the natural environment that will cover 51.5% of the park area, natural environment zones allocated to the discovery and exploration of the natural environment that will cover 38% of the park area, and services zones allocated to reception and management of the park that will cover 8.2% of the park area.

To that end, the draft Regulation amends the Parks Regulation (chapter P-9, r. 25) by replacing Schedules 4, 8, 16, 18 and 20 to update the zoning of the five national parks. An amendment is also proposed in paragraph 1 of section 6 of the Regulation to grant access to cyclists free of charge so they can cross Parc national de la Yamaska by taking a portion of the bicycle path located south of the Choinière Reservoir.

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Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Julie Grignon, Associate Deputy Minister for Wildlife and Parks, Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs, 880, chemin Sainte-Foy, RC 120, Québec (Québec) G1S 4X4.

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Regulation to amend the Parks Regulation

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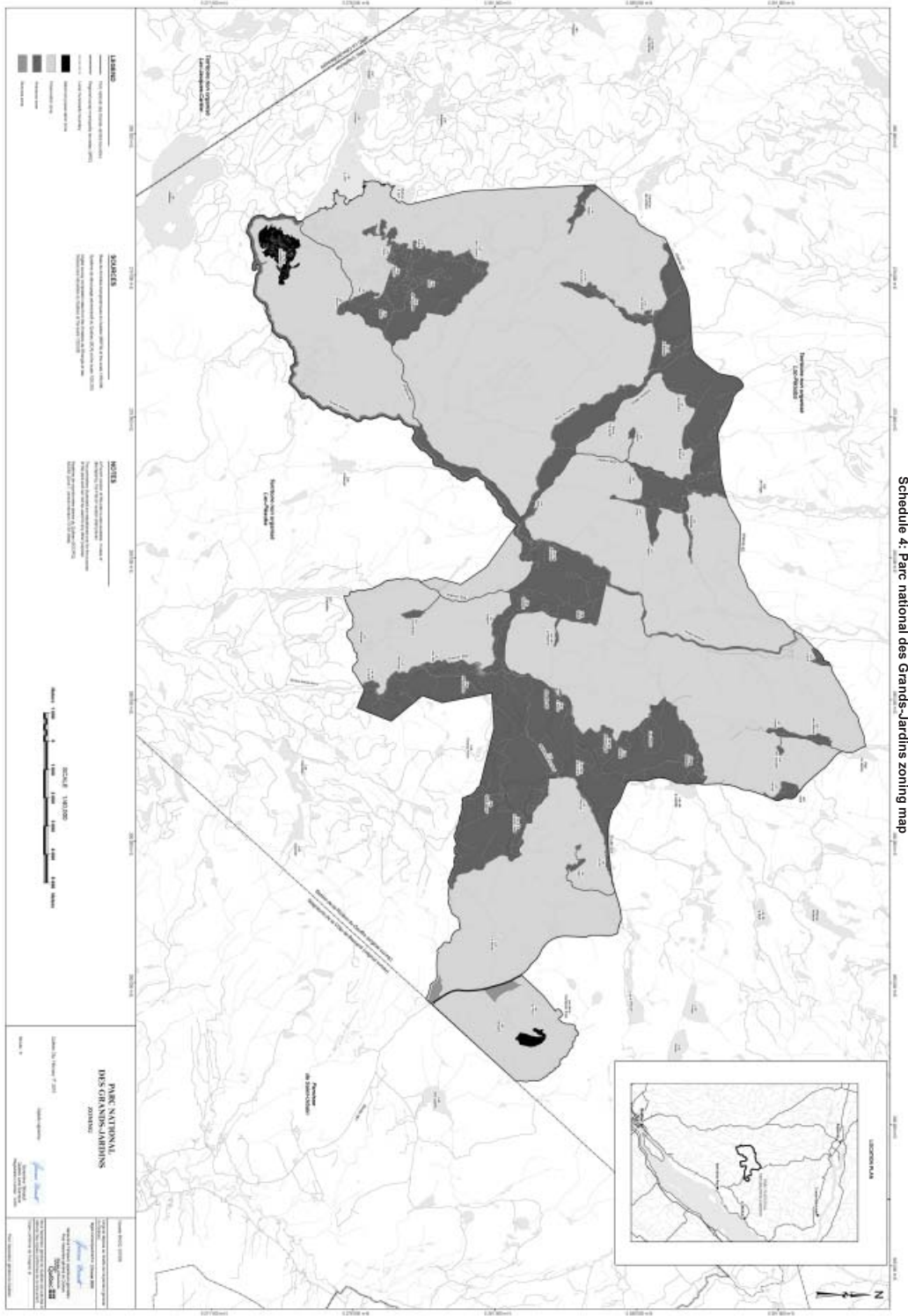
(chapter P-9, s. 9, par. *b*, and s. 9.1, 1st par., subpar. *b*)

1. The Parks Regulation (chapter P-9, r. 25) is amended in section 6 by replacing paragraph 1 by the following:

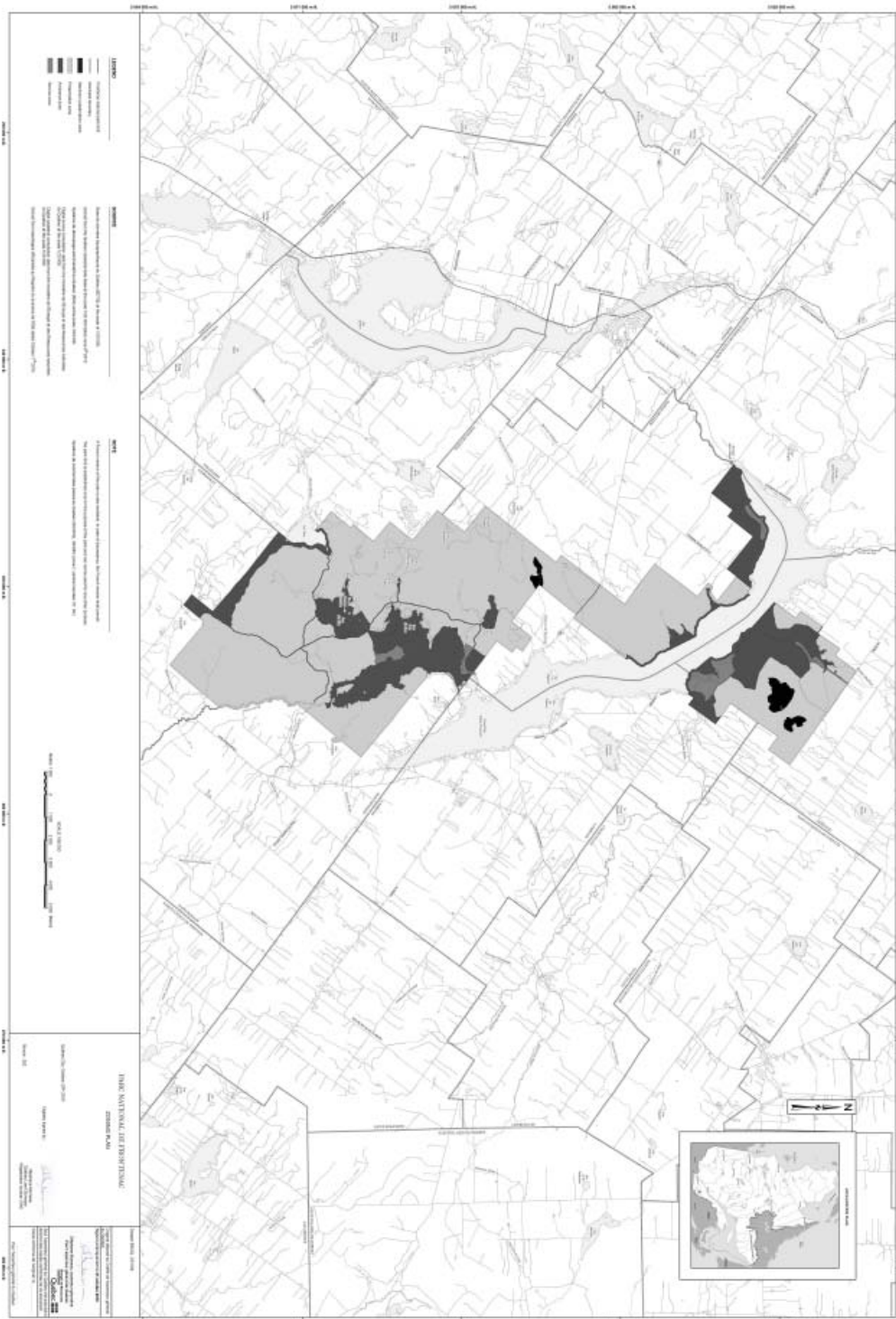
“(1) cyclists who travel across Parc national du Mont-Orford by taking La Montagnarde bicycle path, who travel across Parc national d’Oka by taking La Vagabonde bicycle path, who travel across Parc national d’Aiguebelle or Parc national du Bic by taking La Route Verte bicycle path, or who travel across Parc national de la Yamaska by taking the portion of Le Grand-Tour bicycle path located south of the Choinière Reservoir;”.

2. Schedules 4, 8, 16, 18 and 20 are replaced by Schedules 4, 8, 16, 18 and 20 attached hereto.

3. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.



Schedule 4: Parc national des Grands-Jardins zoning map



Schedule 16: Parc national de Frontenac zoning map

Schedule 18: Parc national du Mont-Mégantic zoning map

