

Nesting period in the refuge faunique Marguerite-D'Youville

(Châteauguay, March 6, 2008) – Each spring, during the nesting period of the wild fowl (ducks), access to the trails in the refuge faunique Marguerite-D'Youville is restricted. At this time of the year the ducks are establishing their nests and are very vulnerable to being disturbed by the hikers. As a result, the wildlife refuge will be closed from March 31 to May 14, 2008.

However, during this period of time visitors can walk as far as the *Le Grillon* Beach. In any case, during this time of the year, aside from the section that connects the pavilion with the beach, a major part of the trails are impractical. Some sections are completely flooded or are very difficult to access. It should be noted that the *Café de l'île* will remain open during the nesting period.

Hikers can take advantage of spring to rediscover the parc de la Commune and the ruisseau Saint-Jean; the magnificent parks located a short distance from île Saint-Bernard...

CLOSING OF TRAILS:

FROM MARCH 31ST TO MAY 14TH. ACCESS PERMITTED UP TO THE *LE GRILLON* BEACH.

REOPENING OF THE TRAILS IN THE REFUGE FAUNIQUE MARGUERITE-D'YOUVILLE :

THURSDAY, MAY 15TH.

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Enclosed Photos:

- Young Duck (Dominic Gendron)
- Female Mallard Duck (Dominic Gendron)
- Male Wood Duck (Dominic Gendron)
- Visitors to the wildlife refuge (Dominic Gendron)
- Passage along the ruisseau Saint-Jean (Dominic Gendron)