

5 La Grosse Île



Water trail
Îles de la Madeleine




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Nautical charts : 4950, 4952

Water surface defined as : zone 3

Respect small craft warnings.

Make sure to check weather conditions and tide times before your departure.

 When winds blow from the North East.
Breaking waves over numerous reefs and shoals.
Navigation can be extremely difficult.

 When the wind blows from the north-west, the north and the north-east with an ebbing tide. Breaking waves over numerous reefs and shoals.
High, breaking waves off East Point where currents from either side meet at the tip of the point

Navigation

TOUR OF EAST POINT

Grosse Île Harbour (G11) – Beach at la Grande Échouerie (G12)

Level : Very demanding 20 km

If you are looking for wide open spaces, paddle along this fine sandy beach in what can only be called a lyrical environment.

Itinerary

Access Points

Site Code	Site Name	Coordinates LAT/LONG (NAD83)	Usage					Services					Portage distance (m)	Note	
			Boat ramp	Launch site	Lodging	Campground	Marina	Stationnement	Washrooms	Showers	Drinkable water	Restaurant			
G11	Grosse Île Harbour	47° 37' 34" N / 61° 30' 54" O	●					●						75	
G12	Beach at la Grande Échouerie (Old Harry)	47° 34' 23" N / 61° 28' 26" O		●				●	●	●	●	●	●	220	A

Note

A : Pay parking.

The **dune** protects the archipelago. **We must protect it.**

The dune is the first line of defence that prevents waves from rolling onto the land. Without the dunes, storm surge would flood inland. Dune grass (Ammophila ligulata), with its extensive root system, holds the dune in place, allows it to retain its shape. Foot traffic flattens and kills the vegetation essential to maintaining the dunes, making it easy for the wind to open breaches in the dunes. Walkways and designated access paths have been created to help protect the integrity of the dunes.



Environment

