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# Information Bulletin

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## ENHANCING VISITOR EXPERIENCE AT LACHINE CANAL NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

**MONTREAL, Quebec, April 13, 2011** – Parks Canada is pleased to announce that we have begun work to enhance the visitor experience at Lachine Canal National Historic Site.

The multipurpose path will open April 15. Work will be carried out in both the Lachine and South-West sectors of the canal until June 2011.

This project will include redevelopment of certain parts of the multipurpose and foot paths, new and improved landscaping, and bank stabilization. This work is vital to ensuring the most satisfying experience possible for the million or so users who enjoy the history-steeped canal each year.

### **Lachine Sector**

The Père Marquette footpath is currently closed. It will open at the beginning of June. Until then, users are asked to use the bypass route on Boulevard Saint-Joseph. The Monk footbridge will reopen as soon as the work is completed.

The affected part of Monk Island and the footbridge at 7e Avenue and Boulevard Saint-Joseph will be closed until mid-June for redevelopment.

New windows will be installed at the Visitor Services Centre from mid-April to June. Bathrooms will remain open throughout most of these upgrades, except when work on bathrooms is required.

### **South-West Sector**

Work will also be done on the multipurpose path between Rue Richmond and Rue Des Séminaires. A temporary path will be set up.

Minor landscaping will be performed in April and May in the Charlevoix sector.

The section of path between the Wellington Bridge and Rue Mill will be closed to all traffic during work. To ensure that everyone can safely enjoy this area, please follow all signage and take the north shore path.

Parks Canada is requesting the patience, cooperation, and support of all users. Please be careful and obey all temporary signage.

The Lachine Canal is a unique historic site where visitors can enjoy recreational activities and learn about Canada's history and industrial heritage.

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