



Geopoetic Walk Along the Saint-Charles River

Organizers

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Place or route

Le Parc linéaire de la Rivière
Saint-Charles (from rue du
Haut-Bord to Maison Dorion-
Coulombe)

Schedule

8 August, 1PM to 18h

Capacity

Max 25 persons
Min 10 persons

Note

This workshop will be
exclusively in French

*Trois outardes venaient de se poser sur la rivière
devant moi, avec la Haute-Ville en arrière-plan.*

Nicolas Lanouette

The *Geopoetic Promenade along the Saint-Charles River* offers an afternoon of strolling along its shores in the company of three guide-animators, two of whom were born in Quebec City and organized a *nomadic workshop* in 2015 entitled *En sentinelle dans les méandres de la Saint-Charles*.¹ The Saint-Charles River rises in the lake of the same name and descends to and through the city of Quebec to merge with the St. Lawrence River at the foot of Cap Diamant. This river has played an important role in the history of Quebec.

Polluted by industrialization in the twentieth century, "with its shoe factories, tanneries, glue factories, pulp, cigarettes, furniture," writes Nicolas Lanouette, broadly concreted in urban territory by managers in the 1960s, the Saint-Charles has been revitalized for twenty years. Inaugurated in 2008, the Linear Park of Rivière-Saint-Charles, 32 kilometers long, is divided into several sectors. On the dirt, gravel, asphalt and wood, we will walk a segment of about ten kilometers to explore some of the most beautiful urban areas.

This walk will be preceded by a round table during which members of *La Traversée* will present geopoetics, which shares the geo prefix with geography. It will be understood that geography and geopoetics are also close by their respective suffixes: *graphie* (*graphein*), which means to describe the earth, and poetic (*poiêsis*) which refer to a way of saying its relation to the earth. But perhaps one approach does not go without the other? And vice versa ?

1. Participants will have the opportunity to procure the *Carnet de navigation* from this workshop (*La Traversée*, 2015, 102 p.), which includes about twenty texts, some of which will be read *in situ* during the walk.

