



Making Landscape Heritage at Cartier-Roberval

The Historical Geography of one of North America's Oldest Colonial Sites

Organizer

Marie-Claude Dionne

Place or route

Cartier-Roberval Park
and Archaeological Site
(Cap-Rouge)
4075 Chemin St-Louis, Quebec

Schedule

8 August, 1PM to 5PM

Capacity

Max 25 persons
Min 10 persons

This tour will take you to one of the oldest colonial sites in North America - the Cartier-Roberval site (1541-1543) in the suburbs of Quebec. At the present time, Western nations are undergoing profound changes in their founding myths, since these increasingly pluralistic societies are progressively demanding more diversified views of what constitutes a nation. Certainly, the historical geography of Quebec is not immune to such change. Today, it is the story of the first French attempt to colonize Canada, the Cartier-Roberval colony, that is being questioned. In recent years, there has been an unprecedented rise in interest in the site of this former colony, sustained by the investment of the Government of Québec via the Commission de la capitale nationale du Québec of several millions of dollars for archaeological digs and the unveiling of a new historical interpretation of the colony. What is the cause of this sudden rise in interest? And, why has this new wave of commemoration of the Cartier-Roberval site been detriment of our knowledge of subsequent occupations of the site? Come explore with the geohistorian Marie-Claude Dionne an exceptional place of landscape heritage that will highlight the concepts of forgetfulness and failure, commemoration and memory, and landscape heritage making.



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