A dam built at the mouth of the river Couesnon now regulates the ebb and flow of the water and, since it came into operation in May 2009, all the silt and sand out to sea, far from the Mont-Saint-Michel. In addition to this role, the dam is itself a work of art, that blends unobtrusively into the approach to the Mont-Saint-Michel and is open to the public.

As part of the programme to restore the site's maritime character, visitor access to the Mont-Saint-Michel has been completely redesigned, and is now via a new 1085 metre dyke built slightly to the east, followed finally by a 760 metre long walkway bridge.

The Tourist Information Centre is in the car park, just opposite the shuttle bus stop. Staff are on hand all year round to answer your questions about the Mont-Saint-Michel and its Bay, as well as Normandy and Brittany regions in general. Come and get your bearings and find out everything you need to know to get the most out of your trip to the Mont-Saint-Michel, a UNESCO world heritage site.

**OPENING TIMES**

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**SERVICES**

- **BABY CHANGE ROOM**  Open 24/7.
  Parents, we have a special area for you and your baby complete with a changing table.

- **TOILETS**  Open 24/7.
  The toilets are accessible to disabled visitors. For your comfort, attendants are on hand at all times.

- **KENNEL**  Open during Tourist information centre opening hours.
  You may leave your dog at the kennel during your visit.

**2009**

- Couesnon dam comes into operation

**2012**

- Car park opens and shuttle service to the Mont-Saint-Michel begins

**2014**

- Shuttle service transferred to new walkway bridge

**2015**

- Work is complete!
THE COUESNON BRIDGE

4 WAYS TO GET TO THE MONT-SAINT-MICHEL

1. THE PASSEUR
   An unusual and elegant shuttle-bus to take you directly from the car-park to the Mont-Saint-Michel in next to no time.
   The shuttles leave from Place des Navettes, which is next to the Tourist Information Centre and just beside the car park.
   The service runs 24/7*, the number of journeys made depending on visitor numbers and the season. You can also get on or off the shuttle at Route du Mont and Place du Barrage.

2. THE MARINGOTE
   A traditional horse-drawn carriage to take you on a gentle ride to the Mont-Saint-Michel, dreamily swaying to the clip clop of the draft-horses’ hooves.
   Discover the Mont-Saint-Michel as pilgrims did in days gone by, from a seat in our horse-drawn carriage…
   Our Maringote leaves from Le Marais Blanc, next to the Tourist Information Centre, and takes you right to the foot of Mont-Saint-Michel. Rocked by the gentle clip-clop of the horses’ hooves, you can enjoy a peaceful, enchanting ride through this majestic site.
   The Maringote travels across the walkway bridge on both the outward and return journeys. The number of journeys made depends on the season*.

3. ON FOOT
   A car park that blends in with the surroundings, open every day of the year 24/7. From the car park you can walk to the Mont-Saint-Michel along paths that take you through a variety of different landscapes.
   Along special footpaths, there are 3 different paths leading from the car park to Place du Barrage. Your journey then continues across the bridge.
   Eastern path: Lisière
   Western path: Couesnon embankment
   Central path: Mont St Michel

4. PONTORSON LE MONT BUS ROUTE
   The Pontorson - Le Mont bus route runs from Pontorson railway station to the Mont-Saint-Michel. Departure and return times are scheduled to connect with train times.

*On request service from 12:00 am to 07:30 am / Call +33 (0)214132015
*Weather permitting