

I've been living off the Island my whole life, where I'm surrounded by nature and typically drive out to visit most of my friends in the West-Island in homes stuck surrounded by concrete and constant road traffic.

L'Anse a l'orme park and exploring the surrounding trails is one of the places that I see actively being enjoyed on a year-round basis. Whether it's a freezing Winter or hot day in Summer, all seasons I see locals around with their family and or dogs just being in nature. It's a perfect place for road cyclists too as they use the big loop and bike lanes and relatively small amount of car traffic to not only be safer on their route but enjoy the amazing scenery that you just can't get in many places.

Being so close to nature is something that invigorates my life and it wasn't something I truly appreciated until seeing where my peers live for the majority of their life. Some of them haven't experienced what it's like to go biking on a trail or fishing on the coast because it's too much to arrange. My ease of access to nature and the ability to just get up and go enjoy it is a common occurrence for me. Removing what's little left of the natural trails in the West-Island will take away an important outlet for those who don't have the opportunities like mine.

L'Anse a l'orme is a sanctuary from the urban jungle that never seems to stop expanding. I would like to endorse the protection of not only the l'anse a l'orme parks but its surrounding trails and wildlife.

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