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AURORA
Spectacular natural wonder dances across our northern skies.

FISHING
This is a place where monsters are real, with the deepest lakes and biggest fish in Canada.

PADDLING
In the NWT, we take life by the paddle. Home to the Nahanni, Thelon, Mackenzie and more.

EVENTS
From music festivals, sled-dog races, and indigenous art shows to a party in a castle made of snow.

PARKS
Enjoy the incredible natural scenery of our national and territorial parks.

20 THINGS
Surprise yourself with twenty things that you’ll absolutely enjoy about the Northwest Territories.

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Welcome to Canada’s Northwest Territories (NWT) — a spectacular frontier where traditions thrive, landscape is untouched, and adventure rules.

Whether this is your first or 50th visit, there is always something new to experience in the Northwest Territories (NWT).

Take the high road. On the new Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway, you can be among the first to drive all the way to the Arctic Ocean.

Roam where the wild things are. From National Parks to cozy lodges flanked by wilderness, there is plenty of wildlife to observe.

Set your feet on the path less travelled. There is no shortage of stunning landscapes to explore. Pristine rivers, rapids, and lakes; valleys, mountain ranges and tundra await you.

Expand your horizons. The NWT is the Aurora capital of the world, but a lesser-known secret is that our territory is also home to the planet’s largest dark sky preserve.

Culture is calling. The NWT is home to living traditions, handmade arts and crafts, and rich language and culture, ready to be shared.

It is said that travelling leaves you speechless, and then turns you into a storyteller.

Welcome to your next great story.

Welcome to the most spectacular destination, Canada’s Northwest Territories.

For decades, I’ve been blessed to call this place home. During that time, I’ve experienced the stuff of legends: the Aurora spanning the night sky from horizon to horizon, its colours seemingly close enough to touch. The thrill of landing a giant trout, and the intimate joy of savouring its flavours after cooking it on a silent shore. An excited sense of anticipation as a floatplane lifts off and then the reward of seeing a caribou herd migrating as I fly over the beautiful Barrenlands. And the warmth of big smiles and gentle wisdom offered by locals — whether they’re carvers at an art festival above the Arctic Circle, or river guides on the fabled Nahanni, or gourmet chefs serving succulent muskox stew.

I want to share these legendary experiences with you. Let this guidebook be your gateway to the Northwest Territories and check out what each of our five regions has to offer. In the Western Arctic, three dynamic cultures come together at the top of the world. The trackless Sahtu, the beating heart of the Northland, home to Great Bear Lake and the epic Canol Trail. The kingdom of mountains and parks that is the Dehcho region. The South Slave, boasting big fish and big waterfalls. And of the infinite lakes and ancient lifeways of the North Slave, where our wild capital city Yellowknife sits, a city on the edge of adventure.

The Northwest Territories offers fun in all seasons. In autumn and winter, we’ll warm your heart with the best Northern Lights in the world. During spring, festivals abound, featuring gleaming ice-castles, dogsledding grand-championships, outdoor hockey tourneys overlooking the vastness of our beautiful lakes. In summer, when the days never end, you’ll find that midnight is the perfect tee time and you can road-trip to dip your toe in the Arctic Ocean. Paddle here in the wake of Franklin and Mackenzie, and discover that the beat of the drum-dancers keeps time with the rhythm of the land.

We look forward to meeting you up here, and showing you our spectacular world.
WELCOME TO SPECTACULAR TRAVEL ADVENTURE

In the Northwest Territories, we specialize in unique journeys of mind, body and spirit, all year round. We invite you to share our spectacular world and its many wonders.

In our epic land, there’s all the breathing space you could ever want. We live in 1.2 million square kilometres of thrilling landscapes that range from the Arctic Coast and wide-open Barrenlands to towering mountains and dramatic river canyons. We have five (and soon six) of Canada’s finest National Parks. There’s no better place to experience the power and mystery of the Aurora Borealis.

The NWT is an unmatched watery playground, threaded with powerful rivers and studded with countless blue lakes, including some of the planet’s biggest and cleanest. The world’s greatest fish stories begin here: Lake Trout, Arctic Char, and wily Northern Pike grow huge and healthy in our cold depths. Paddling, rafting and cruising are major modes of transportation.

Wildlife far outnumbers humans in our unspoiled earthly paradise. Whales and polar bears are at home in the Arctic. Watch woolly muskoxen, strange and wonderful creatures from a time before the Ice Ages. Train your binoculars on snowy white mountain goats or watch in amazement as the white pelicans of the Slave River Rapids soar and dive amid the raging waters.

Meet Northern peoples: diverse, friendly and welcoming. Learn firsthand about Indigenous cultures, uniquely vibrant in our Northern world. Revel in Northern art, handicrafts and music, rich with traditional and modern influences.

The ideal trip is more than a vacation – it’s an opportunity to learn something new, and perhaps to find yourself. Make this the year you live your Northern dream.
WE HAVE A STORY TO TELL

It’s about a land as wild as the day it was made. About creatures that roam without bounds, and fish, half the size of a man, that have never tasted a hook.
It’s about cultures — the Dene, Metis, Inuvialuit — with roots in the bedrock and lifeblood flowing like rivers. It’s about silence. Endless sun. The world’s finest Northern Lights.


It’s about friendships rekindled. Passions renewed. Longings, long-deferred, come to life.

It’s about places unparalleled — the tallest falls, the deepest lake, the last bison, the farthest road. The greatest adventure.

It’s about a place that will tell you a story, and give you a story to tell. It’s about the Northwest Territories. Your story starts here.
Aurora

When you visit the Northwest Territories, you’ll likely see crowds of people in the darkened streets, their heads craned skyward, eyes wide, mouths agape.

Don’t be alarmed. It’s just a nightly audience of Aurora-gazers, marvelling at Heaven’s own lightshow. Up here, thanks to our clear skies and optimal geography, the Northern Lights reach their mystical zenith. They shimmer at least 200 nights per year — more than anywhere else on Earth, making this the global epicentre of Aurora-viewing. Your options for seeing them are endless — from a dogsled, a hot tub, a rustic cabin, a comfortable hotel, or right alongside the rest of the crowd in the middle of a downtown street.
You’ll hear it nearly every night – a cry of delight, echoing through remote lodges and chic restaurants, sending everyone scurrying for the exits with their parkas half-zipped and their cameras whirring to life.

Outside, it may first appear as a ghostly glow – a muted haze in the jet-black sky. Then it builds. Like a phosphorescent fog, it creeps across the dome of the night. It brightens, flickering with tendrils of emerald, then jade. Now it is vivid and billowing – tongues of radiance, reeling, leaping, diving, licking the horizon like plumes of strange fire. Around you, the evergreens are framed in incandescence. The snowdrifts sparkle. The huskies sing. You realize you are gasping, squealing, maybe clutching the hand of your friend or lover. The lights are out.

Every year, tens of thousands of visitors flock to the Northwest Territories to witness this epic spectacle. It’s no wonder they come here. We’re situated directly beneath the “Auroral oval,” the band of maximum Northern Lights activity. And more than any other place beneath that oval, we enjoy almost continual dry, stable, clear conditions – meaning that, when the lights are ablaze in the heavens, you’re nearly guaranteed a front-row seat.

“The Lights are Out!” That Should Be the Official Motto of the Northwest Territories.
AURORA

THE SCIENCE BEHIND THE MAGIC

“Aurora borealis” is from the Roman name Aurora, goddess of dawn, and the Greek word Boreas, the north wind. Despite this supernatural name, the Aurora is purely magnetic. When charged particles eject from the sun and crash into the Earth’s magnetosphere, atoms are set aglow, just like in a neon sign. The band of maximal Aurora activity, the “Auroral oval,” is approximately 5° wide, passing directly over the Northwest Territories.

AURORAS BY NIGHT AND DAY

If you’re more of a do-it-yourself traveller, the Lights are still within reach. Bunk down in a comfortable hotel in one of several Northwest Territories communities. Select from a range of daytime activities – from driving on an ice road to driving your own dog team. Then, at night, travel out of town, either on a guided tour or under your own power, for an awe-inspiring evening of Aurora viewing.

A TALE OF TWO SEASONS

There are two best times to see Northern Lights – in late-summer/early autumn, when the land and lakes are warm, and in winter, when all is cool and dark. The former season starts in late August, once the midnight sun vanishes, when you can camp or canoe beneath the spectral glow. The latter launches in December, when the nights are brittle, clear and 18 hours long – an ideal backdrop for the cosmic dance.

LODGE YOURSELF BENEATH THE NORTHERN LIGHTS

If your dream of winter is a snug log cabin bathed in Auroral radiance, book a winter package at a Northwest Territories lodge. Most activities are included, as is cozy winter gear. During the day, sample cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, Dene net-fishing or snowmobiling. Then warm up in the sauna or hot tub before spending the evening watching the heavens’ pyrotechnics.
There’s a place where monsters are real: the Northwest Territories, with the deepest lakes and biggest fish in Canada. Our lodges and outfitters are the gateway to world-record Lake Trout, Pike and Arctic Char. Reel in a monster of your own.

Northern waters are alive with the biggest, healthiest, most vigorous fish on the planet. Dolly Varden and Bull Trout leap in our clear alpine streams. Brilliant-red Char thrash in pristine Arctic rapids. Squadrons of Pickerel patrol Subarctic creeks. Whitefish, Pike and Lake Trout haunt the cool depths of our freshwater inland seas, growing to outlandish sizes. Whether you wet your line at a community dock, fly-cast in a mountain stream, or spend weeks trolling at a far-flung lodge, you’ll be hooked.
What better place could there be to wet your line? Great Slave is the deepest lake in North America. If you fish in Christie Bay, the bottom will be a dizzying 2,100 feet below you. Great Bear, meanwhile, is the largest lake in Canada – yet it’s visited by only about 300 sport fishers per year. Most of our lakes are like that: it’s possible to fish all day, all week, or all month, and never see another boat.

Or, you can fish our mountains, our Arctic coast, our Barrenlands. You can fish in racing rivers, at the base of frothing waterfalls, or in placid roadside ponds. You can fish off the edge of the dock in just about every community. You can go to the ends of the Earth, stand on a lonesome shore, and cast your line.
FISHING

WHAT LIES BENEATH
Lake Trout haunt the pure, cold depths of our famous lakes, growing to outlandish sizes. Thirty-pounders are common, and even bigger ones aren’t unusual. Pike, found prowling warm marshes and reedy backwaters, get similarly massive. Inconnu, Burbot and Whitefish are also coveted lake species. Meanwhile, mouthwatering Arctic Char run in our coastal rivers. Bull Trout and Dolly Varden abound in alpine streams, while Pickerel and Grayling splash in many of our rivers and creeks.

DO SOME COOL FISHING
Up here, fishing stays hot when the world freezes over. In several of our communities, guides offer ice-fishing excursions. Using snowmobiles or tracked vehicles, they’ll take you out onto our frozen lakes, where you’ll drop a line through the ice to catch Pike, Trout or Burbot.

BIG FISH – AND MORE OF THEM
It isn’t just the size of our fish that set records. It’s the sheer number of them, too. Up here, you don’t have to choose between “bigger” or “more.” At many of our lodges it’s not unusual for an angler to have a 100-fish day.

ENJOY A WILD ESCAPE
Even if you have no interest in angling, spending time at a Northern fishing lodge is a true retreat. There are trails where wildlife can be spotted. Canoeing and kayaking are popular. Some locations are close to historic or cultural sites, and Inuvialuit or Dene Elders might be on hand to introduce traditional lifestyles. Guided photo safaris and Northern cooking classes are also on offer.
In the Northwest Territories, we take life by the paddle. We’re home to the most renowned canoeing journeys on the planet – the Nahanni, Thelon, Mountain, Mackenzie, Slave, Hornaday, Peel and more.

If you’re a wilderness paddler, these waters are the stuff of dreams. From mild to wild, we have every sort of river adventure imaginable. Ride the snowmelt streams of Aulavik National Park. Canoe in the wake of explorers across the legendary Barrenlands. Kayak the secret coves of Great Slave Lake. Raft the iconic, canyon-flanked currents of the Nahanni. Visit idyllic communities while running the Mackenzie to the sea. Or have a splash in the rambunctuous Slave River, one of the world’s top “playboating” destinations.
For eons, waters were our lifeblood, feeding us, cleansing us, transporting us. Even today, paddling will take you places that are otherwise unreachable— including to the core of your soul.

Paddling showcases our world-class parks. There’s Nahanni National Park Reserve, sheltering its namesake, the greatest whitewater river in Canada. There’s Tuktut Nogait, coursing with caribou, where the untamed Hornaday flows. There’s Aulavik, where muskoxen browse the banks of the Thomsen. And there’s Nááts’ihch’oh, featuring jagged alps, hushed lakes, rambunctious rivers, and creatures so wild they’ve never laid eyes on a human being.

As well, paddling takes you to the heart of our culture. Sure, you can fly or drive to most of our communities, but to come by boat is to commune with their true spirit, connecting with locals in an ancient, authentic way.

Paddling highlights our past—the days of Dene in mooseskin boats, Inuvialuit in graceful kayaks, and Métis and explorers in voyageur canoes.

And finally, paddling equals fun, however you define it. Whether charging the endless rapids of the Mountain River, sliding along the Mackenzie on a misty autumn morning, or navigating the great currents of the Barrens.
FOR PADDLERS, THIS LAKE IS PARADISE
The East Arm of Great Slave Lake is among the world’s premier paddling destinations – so it’s no wonder it will soon be protected in Thaidene Nene National Park. The area beckons to kayakers who spend days or weeks threading lonesome isles, skirting red and gold shore-cliffs, bobbing in deep-blue bays, casting for monster Trout, and frying them up in campsites as placid as when the world was new. Start packing. Your dream launches here.

A JOURNEY LIKE NO OTHER
No Northern river is so iconic as the Nahanni. Tumbling through Nahanni National Park Reserve, it should be on every paddler’s life-list. Along its lonesome route it encounters the skyscraping Cirque of the Unclimbables, the bizarre Rabbitkettle Tufa Mound, and 90-metre-high Virginia Falls – plus sheer-sided canyons, hikeable peaks, relaxing hot springs, and a menagerie of wildlife.

GO GUIDED – OR GO IT ALONE
Even if you can’t tell your bow from your stern, our seasoned outfitters will have you going with the flow. They offer a wealth of guided trips by raft, canoe, or kayak. Are you more of a do-it-yourselfer? Even amateurs can enjoy easy excursions, such as on shimmering Yellowknife Bay. Intrepid adventurers, meanwhile, can embark on the most epic river-trips on Earth.

AT PADDLEFEST, THE SURF’S ALWAYS UP
There’s no river like the Slave, and no party like Fort Smith’s Paddlefest. Held in early August, the event celebrates the North’s wildest whitewater river, where house-high waves let professional paddlers get wet and wild. Even for entry-level boaters, Paddlefest is a blast – there are flatwater canoe races and lots of activities on shore.
ROAD TOURING

The wild highways of the Northwest Territories will take you through stunning, unspoiled wilderness – yet they lead to comfortable campgrounds, scenic picnic sites, perfect fishing holes, friendly visitor centres and a wealth of welcoming towns.

DO THE WILDEST DRIVE

Up here, you can drive all night beneath the midnight sun. Camp for days by roadside waterfalls. Watch bison browse just metres from your vehicle. Tour log-cabin villages and colourful, cosmopolitan towns. However you roll – in a big truck or a compact passenger car – your vehicle will be perfect for the Northwest Territories. Many of our highways are paved, while others are well-groomed gravel. RVers will find pull-through campsites and dump stations at many campgrounds. Gas pumps are located in almost every town, and larger centres have fully-equipped service stations. Best of all, this year, for the first time ever, you can drive to the Arctic Ocean, thanks to the brand-new “Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway.”
ROLL TO THE POLAR SEA
Seeking the road less travelled? This is your year. The Arctic coast of North America can now be reached by car. The 137-kilometre-long Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway, linking Inuvik to the Beaufort Sea, has opened to the public, putting adventurous road-trippers face-to-face with roaming reindeer, frozen "pingo" peaks, the beloved town of Tuktoyaktuk, and of course the legendary Arctic Ocean.

GO FOR A SPIN ON AN ICE ROAD
Heard of Ice Road Truckers? This is where the show got rolling. In winter, when our lakes and rivers freeze, the Northwest Territories creates a whole new set of roads. Hundreds of kilometres of icy highways reach out across our boreal forests and Barrenlands, linking drivers to national parks, natural wonders and idyllic Indigenous villages, all glittering under the Aurora Borealis.

TAKE A DETOUR FROM THE ALASKA HIGHWAY
Each summer, crowds of RVers creep up the "Alcan," never realizing how close they came to untouched wilderness. At Fort Nelson, B.C., the Northwest Territories is barely an hour’s detour north. Make the turn onto the Liard Trail and you’ll be bound for Nahanni Country, home to nameless peaks, undiscovered fishing holes, famous waterfalls, friendly communities – and zero traffic.

REV UP FOR ARCTIC ADVENTURE
For the road-trip of a lifetime, drive the 730km Dempster Highway from the Klondike to our Western Arctic hub, Inuvik. This is Canada’s northernmost road, leading through humbling alpine highlands and then descending into the sweeping Mackenzie Delta. You’ll find roaming wildlife, staggering scenery, great boating and hiking, and culturally rich Indigenous communities.

FREE BOAT RIDES! (SORT OF)
Car ferries are one of the charms of the North, where few of the rivers are bridged. During summer, ferries cross the Mackenzie, Liard and Peel – providing highway travellers not just with free transport but a quick, easy way to see these mighty waterways. Winter crossings are equally novel: you can drive right over the ice.
Welcome to the road less travelled. Canada’s first highway to the Arctic Ocean is ready to roll. Point your wheels north and you’ll see the Barrenlands, witness stunning “pingo” hills, and stand on the shore of the famous polar sea.

Rev up for the adventure of a lifetime. The new Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway is waiting for you. It’s 137 kilometres of all-weather gravel, reaching from Inuvik, the dynamic hub of the Western Arctic, to the Inuvialuit cultural hotbed of Tuktoyaktuk along the legendary Northwest Passage. The new route is a marvel to drive: Canada’s first highway across the Arctic tundra, drenched all summer by the midnight sun and graced in winter by the gleaming Aurora. The world’s largest cluster of ice-cored “pingo” hills rise in Pingo Canadian Landmark. And at the end of the road, the Arctic Ocean beckons you to take a dip.
Hiking Paradise

Trek the trails of the Northwest Territories and you’ll end up on top of the world. We’re a walker’s paradise, with easy lakefront pathways, historic routes blazed by famous explorers – and the toughest, wildest track in all of North America.

Feeling footloose? Up here, you’ll roam free. We’re the rarest sort of place: No fences to block you. No rules saying “Don’t walk here.” Just wide-open country where you can lace up your boots, point yourself in any direction, and tramp to the curve of the Earth.

Some of our visitors are content to duck out of town for an afternoon trail-walk – to a waterfall, a fishing hole, a scenic shore cliff. Others load a backpack and go rambling for weeks, summiting the spine of the continent, or following in the steps of Franklin, or communing with caribou. Wherever your feet take you, your soul will go wild.

Go Barefoot on the Salt Flats

In Wood Buffalo National Park there lies the shimmering Salt Plains, where you can stroll shoeless over a smooth, white, saline desert, checking out rare salt-tolerant plants and the tracks of bison, bears and lynx.

Walk Between Waterfalls

Following the rim of the gorgeous Hay River canyon, the luxuriantly forested Twin Falls Gorge Trail links Louise Falls (where you can descend to the lip of the cascade via a dizzying spiral staircase) and mammoth Alexandra Falls.

Trek the Toughest Trail

There’s hiking, and then there’s the Canol Trail. Possibly North America’s most rigorous backpacking trail, this 355-kilometre trek follows the route of a defunct military road that once transected the Mackenzie Mountains.

Loop Around the Lake

The seven-kilometre circuit around Yellowknife’s beloved Frame Lake has a little of everything: architectural marvels like the territorial legislative assembly, bald Precambrian outcrops, and boardwalks across haunting black-spruce swampland.
Yellowknife’s fabulous Folk on the Rocks, a weekend of sand, bands and midnight sun.

At the Great Northern Arts Festival, see master-carvers ply their craft.

Inuvialuit dancers rock their moccasins at the Muskrat Jamboree.
EVENTS

In the Northwest Territories, the fun never sets. Our calendar is packed with uniquely Northern events – everything from sled-dog races to Indigenous art shows to a month-long party in a castle made of snow.

Imagine dancing under the midnight sun to the wild rhythms of an Inuit throat-singer. Imagine teeing off in the world’s northernmost golf tournament. Casting your line in a fishing derby on Great Slave Lake. Celebrating the return of the sun after a month of darkness in Inuvik. Or riding wild waves in the North’s premier paddling fest. These are the sorts of events that will make your Northern visit extraordinary – giving you a glimpse into the unique and welcoming culture of Canada’s Arctic, and letting you laugh, sing and play along.

JOIN THE SMALL-TOWN FUN
The little communities of the Northwest Territories abound with home-grown events. Enjoy snowshoe races, tea-boiling contests and feasts of bannock and stew at winter jamborees. Or, come summer, try your luck in canoe races and fishing derbies. Best of all, come for National Aboriginal Day, when nearly every small town hosts Indigenous music, games and parades.

FROSTY WINTER FESTIVALS
Watch fireworks herald the year’s first sunrise in Inuvik. Be astounded by international teams of ice carvers at Yellowknife’s Long John Jamboree. Test your shinny skills at the Polar Pond Hockey Tournament in Hay River. Or cheer the racers in the Canadian Championship Dog Derby on Great Slave Lake.

HOT ART AND MUSIC
Thousands of visitors flock to summertime music and arts celebrations like the Open Sky Festival in Fort Simpson, the Great Northern Arts Festival in Inuvik, the Midway Lake Music Festival along the Dempster Highway near Fort McPherson, and the biggest party of them all, the famous Folk on the Rocks music fest in Yellowknife.

HEADING TO ONE OF OUR COMMUNITIES? Check the community pages on SpectacularNWT.com or the communities’ own websites and Facebook pages for the most up-to-date listings on events and activities.
EVENTS

JANUARY

SUNRISE FESTIVAL
Inuvik, January 5 – 7
T. (867) 777-8618
destinationinuvik.com
An annual event celebrating the return of the sun to the community. Bonfire and fireworks on the Saturday closest to the sunrise.

FROZEN DOG FILM FESTIVAL
Yellowknife, March
snowking.ca
Part of the Snowking Winter Festival. Come down to the castle for the 15th annual Frozen Dog Film Festival. Brought to you by Western Arctic Moving Pictures.

BEAVERTAIL JAMBOREE
Fort Simpson, March
T. (867) 695-2630
Participate in this annual winter carnival featuring snowmobile races, traditional games, youth activities, talent shows, dances, sports and entertainment.

WOOD BUFFALO FROLICS/
MUFFALOOSE DAYS
Fort Smith, early March
T. (867) 872-0801
fortsmith.ca
The Frolics is a weekend event with a community feast, dances, games, hockey tournament and dogled races. Most popular is the cabane à sucre—the sugar shack — where maple syrup is poured over snow for a winter treat!

PODAR POND HOCKEY
TOURNAMENT
Hay River, March
T. (867) 874-6781
polarpondhockey@gmail.com
polarpondhockey.com
Join us out on the ice! Includes 10 rings, a live band, fireworks, beer garden and other festivities throughout the night. Held at Fisherman’s Wharf.

HAY RIVER ICE
FISHING DERBY
Hay River, mid March
T. (867) 875-7112
The ice fishing derby in Hay River is held in March at the 72 Seasons Campground. Lots of amazing prizes to be won!

FROSTBITE 50
Yellowknife, mid March
info@ykmultisport.com
ykmultisport.com
The ski race starts and finishes at the Yellowknife Ski Club and follows a 45-kilometre loop over Back Bay, Walsh Lake, Prosperous Lake and Hay Lake. Registration opens in February online.

CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP DOG DERBY
Yellowknife, end of March
canadianchampionshipdogderby.ca
The Annual Canadian Championship Dog Derby is held in March in Yellowknife.

LONG JOHN JAMBOREE
Yellowknife, March 23 – 25
longjohnjamboree.ca
The Long John Jamboree is held on Great Slave Lake in Yellowknife and features the De Beers Canada Inspired Ice Carving Championships as well as a variety of family-friendly events.

APRIL

ANNUAL REINDEER CROSSING
Inuvik, April
destinationinuvik.com
Each spring a managed herd of 3000+ reindeer make their way from the foothills to cross the frozen Mackenzie River Ice Road to their calving grounds. Join the crowds to witness this awe-inspiring sight.

MUSKRAT JAMBOREE
Inuvik, April 6 – 9
muskrat_jamboree@hotmail.com
inuvikmuskratjamboree.com
Set on the backdrop of the frozen East Channel of the Mackenzie River, this 4-day festival celebrates life, friendships, vitality, traditional skills and authentic Delta culture.

BELUGA JAMBOREE
Tuktoyaktuk, mid April
T. (867) 917-2286
Celebrate springtime on the Arctic coast. Exciting events and contests: snowmobile races, log sawing, harpoon throwing, drum dancing, igloo building and square dancing under the midnight sun.

TOP OF THE WORLD
SKI LOPPET
Inuvik, April 17
T. (867) 777-8618
inuvik.ca
This annual event organized by the Inuvik Ski Club invites racers to compete in six different races ranging from 150 metres to 150 kilometres.

JUNE

BEER BARGE
Yellowknife, June 16
T. (867) 445-8372
Live entertainment will include music and storytelling. Several dignitaries will speak about Yellowknife history and the importance of the barges.

CANADIAN NORTH MIDNIGHT
SUN GOLF CLASSIC
Yellowknife, mid June
T. (867) 873-4326
yellowknife golf.com
A long-standing highlight of the summer season. Tee off under the sun at midnight. Banquets and pro workshops. Lots of prizes.

DEHCHO OPEN GOLF
TOURNAMENT
Fort Simpson, June 21
T. (867) 695-2787
Celebrate Aboriginal Day in Fort Simpson with some friendly competition at the Seven Spruce golf course. The event starts with canoe races. Call us for details.

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY
Territory-wide, June 21
Territorial holiday with events in all communities. Contact town offices for details.

YELLOWKNIFE SUMMER
SOLSTICE FESTIVAL
Yellowknife, June 21
Where music and culture meet community spirit. Lots of live performances at venues all around Yellowknife.

ARCTIC MARKET
Inuvik, Saturdays summer-long
T. (867) 777-8618
facebook.com/arctic.market
Promoting local growers, artisans, crafters and bakers. Held in Jim Koe Park, every Saturday from June 17th to September 9th, rain or shine.

YELLOWKNIFE FARMER’S MARKET
Yellowknife, Tuesdays all summer-long
yellowknife farmersmarket.ca
Open every Tuesday, June to September, from 5:15 pm – 7:30 pm at Somba K’ee Civic Plaza.

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JULY

HAY DAYS FESTIVAL
Hay River, early July
info@haydaysfestival.com
haydaysfestival.com
The premiere music, arts and culture festival on the south shore of Great Slave Lake, NWT.

FLYWISHING DERBY
Great Slave Lake, early July
T. (867) 873-4334
enodah.com
Hosted at Trout Rock Lodge, come try your hand at flyfishing at one of the most beautiful locations around. Contests, flyfishing lessons, shore lunches and more!

OPEN SKY FESTIVAL
Fort Simpson, early July
Annual multidisciplinary arts event showcasing a range of forms including storytelling, moose hair tufting, theatre, modern dance, traditional fiddling, new media screenings and more. Workshops available for audience participation.

FOLK ON THE ROCKS
Yellowknife, July 20 – 22
T. (867) 920-7806
folkontherocks.com
Yellowknife’s own music festival takes the stage at Long Lake for a weekend of fine Northern and international music, specialty food and arts and crafts.

GREAT NORTHERN ARTS FESTIVAL
Inuvik, July 13 – 22
T. (867) 777-8538
gnaf.org
The festival features up to 80 visual artists and 40 performers from across the North who gather each summer in Inuvik to celebrate the diversity that is Canada’s North.

THEATRE ON THE LAKE
Yellowknife, late July
theatreonthelake.wordpress.com
All are welcome to experience theatre on the stunning shores of Frame Lake. Featuring local playwrights, directors and actors, Theatre on the Lake is the only festival of its kind in the Northwest Territories!

AUGUST

PRE-PADDLEFEST EVENTS
Fort Smith, late July
slavepaddlefest@gmail.com
slaveriverpaddlefest.ca
Guided flat water canoe trips to see the rapids, opportunities for youth and adults to take courses, guided hikes to the rapids and more!

SLAVE RIVER PADDLEFEST
Fort Smith, August 3 – 6
slavepaddlefest@gmail.com
slaveriverpaddlefest.ca
Fort Smith Paddling Club invites you to join in guided river trips on flatwater and whitewater for all skill levels, canoe picnic, canoe races, raft rides and double whitewater kayak rides with a pro.

THEBACHA & WOOD BUFFALO DARK SKY FESTIVAL
Wood Buffalo National Park, August 23 – 26
T. (867) 872-0243
info@tawbas.ca
tawbas.ca
The Thebacha and Wood Buffalo Astronomical Society invites you to come check out the amazing night sky! Join us for an exciting 4-day journey of exploring the wonders of our universe and the sciences that makes it all work.

SEPTEMBER

YELLOWKNIFE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
Yellowknife, September
ykfilmfest.com
YKIFF focuses on stories from the circumpolar north with an emphasis on content creation in the NWT. We shine the spotlight on the different ways NWT filmmakers have realized their film and TV projects and what they have learned along the way.
Touring the Northwest Territories is a snap, thanks to our world-class network of campgrounds and day-use areas. Our 21 campgrounds are right where you want them – there’s at least one campground along each of our highways, and all are near idyllic lakes, crashing waterfalls, rolling rivers or vibrant communities. Seven of these campgrounds include powered sites for RVs, and most offer drinking water, showers, firewood and local staff eager to make your stay remarkable.

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YOU’LL RELISH THESE ROADSIDE ATTRACTIONS

The Northwest Territories also boasts 19 roadside day-use areas, for picnicking, fishing, strolling down a forested trail, or marvelling at a scenic vista. So whether you’re barbecuing beside your RV on a Great Slave Lake beach, tent-camping at Blackstone Landing after a long paddle down the Nahanni, or fishing and picnicking at pull-outs along the lake-studded Ingraham Trail, you’ll find our parks spectacular.

FEES:
Tent pads: $15/night
Non-power sites: $22.50/night
Powered sites: $28/night
Powered sites (Fred Henne): $32/night

SEASON:
Mid-May to mid-September.

MAXIMUM STAY:
14 days at Fred Henne, Prelude Lake and Hay River Territorial Parks during peak season (June 15-August 15)

RESERVATIONS:
Campsites can be reserved at nwtparks.ca/campgrounds. This website features an interactive map where you can plan your route through the Northwest Territories, explore our various campgrounds, identify the campsites of your choice, check availability, and make bookings. To avoid disappointment, particularly at parks near large communities, reserve early.

CONTACT:
www.nwtparks.ca
Here, rivers run glassy clear, peaks leap to the heavens, waterfalls plummet, and wild beasts abound – muskoxen, caribou, grizzlies, bison, you name it. Some of our parks, like Nahanni, are legends, on the bucket-list of every adventurer. Others are unsung gems, the most unfrequented places on the planet. Whether you’re waiting for bison to make way for your car in Wood Buffalo National Park or ascending an unnamed, unclimbed peak in Naats’ihch’oh, you’ll be experiencing Earth in its perfect form: glorious, wild and free.
NAHANNI, WHERE RIVERS RUN FREE
Nahanni National Park Reserve is our best-known park, showcasing Canada’s most epic waterway, the South Nahanni River. Framed by four towering canyons, the river spills through the alpine habitat of bears, nimble Dall’s sheep and elusive woodland caribou. Attractions include Virginia Falls, a literally earthshaking cascade, plus riverside hot springs, burbling tufa mounds, and hike-able peaks. It’s a stellar day-long flightseeing trip from Fort Simpson, and an even better guided or independent expedition by canoe or raft.

AULAVIK, WHERE MUSKOXEN ROAM
Our northernmost park reaches across the pristine, wide-open lowlands of Banks Island. Aulavik National Park is famous for two things: the Thomsen River and muskoxen. The Thomsen, calm and crystal-clear, slides through this Arctic paradise carrying paddlers on guided and independent expeditions. The muskoxen? They’re everywhere, in numbers found nowhere else on Earth. Also, keep your eyes peeled for diminutive Peary caribou, snowy owls and gyrfalcons.

NÁÁTS’IHCH’OH, THE HALLOWED PEAK
Named for the sacred mountain in its midst, Nááts’ihch’oh is our newest park. Tucked against the Yukon border, it guards the headwaters of both the Nahanni and the Natla/Keele river systems. Paddlers can traverse the South Nahanni’s “rock garden,” featuring 50 kilometres of continuous rapids, or try the less technical Broken Skull River, or put in on O’Grady Lake to descend the Natla/Keele. Wildlife includes grizzlies, mountain goats and the northernmost Dall’s sheep in Canada.

TUKTUT NOGAIT, CRADLE OF CARIBOU
Meaning “young caribou,” Tuktut Nogait National Park is one of Canada’s least visited parks, protecting the calving grounds of the 68,000 Bluenose caribou herd near the shores of the Northwest Passage. Most visitors experience the park while paddling the canyon-framed Hornaday River. Bird life – peregrine falcons, tundra swans and jaegers – abound, as do ancient Inuit archaeological sites.

WOOD BUFFALO, AN EMPIRE OF WILDLIFE
Bigger than Switzerland, Wood Buffalo National Park is Canada’s largest protected area, and maybe its most intriguing. Founded to guard the Western Hemisphere’s biggest land animal, the rare wood bison, the park bestrides the Northwest Territories border, taking in sweeping piney plains, salt flats, and the massive Peace–Athabasca freshwater delta. On hikes, drives, paddling trips or flightseeing tours you’ll spot wolves, black bears, the world’s last whooping cranes, and of course bison. Best of all, the park is road-accessible from friendly Fort Smith.
1. SEE THE SKY GO WILD
Up here, the Northern Lights gleam nearly every fall and winter night, blazing and bounding across the heavens – a thrill like no other.

2. LAND A 40-POUNDER
Big fish abound in the Northwest Territories. Forty pounds is standard for our monster Pike and Trout.

3. DRIVE TO THE ARCTIC OCEAN
The brand-new Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway offers Canada’s northern-most road-trip. Drive to Tuktoyaktuk and dip your toe in the polar sea.

4. CROSS THE ARCTIC CIRCLE
Our legendary Dempster Highway traverses the Arctic Circle – the only place in Canada where you can drive across that legendary line.

5. CELEBRATE INDIGENOUS HERITAGE
June 21 is National Aboriginal Day, when the North honours our dynamic Dene, Métis and Inuvialuit cultures. Join in the fun!

6. DRIVE A DOGSLED
The finest way to travel the Northland is by husky. Want to try your hand at “dog mushing”? Tours happen all winter long.

7. WATCH THE SUN NOT SET
During our summers, the sun stays up, spinning gloriously in the sky. Golf, fish or paddle at midnight. Bedtime can wait.

8. BUY NORTHERN ARTS & CRAFTS
20 THINGS

9. TREK THE TRAILS OF HISTORY
Canada’s boldest explorers came this way: Mackenzie, Franklin, Hearne, Amundsen and more. Here, you’ll travel in their footsteps.

10. ROCK OUT TO NORTHERN TUNES
At our Folk on the Rocks festival, world-class bands thrill crowds beside a glimmering blue lake. Best of all? The sun never sets.

11. HAVE A SPLASH IN HOUSEBOAT BAY
Rent a canoe or a paddleboard and explore Canada’s most offbeat neighbourhood, bobbing just offshore of Yellowknife.

12. FEAST ON NORTHERN FARE
From bison steaks smothered in morel-mushroom sauce to a crispy pan-fried Whitefish, you’ll delight in our Arctic delicacies.

13. DRIVE ON AN ICE ROAD
This is the land of Ice Road Truckers. Take a winter spin down one of our famous frozen highways.

14. PLAY IN OUR NATIONAL PARKS
Canada’s greatest national parks are here. Set out for adventure in legendary Nahanni, Wood Buffalo, Aulavik, Tuktut Nogait and Nááts’ihch’oh.

15. PARTY IN AN ICE CASTLE
Each winter in Yellowknife, a fabulous snow palace arises. Inside is endless entertainment, beloved by kids and kids-at-heart.

16. BEHOLD TALL WATERFALLS
We’ve got waterfalls! Louise Falls, Lady Evelyn Falls, Alexandra Falls, and the queen of them all, Virginia Falls, a 30-storey-high torrent.

17. SEE THE LAST WILD BISON REFUGE
Once, millions of buffalo roamed the West. Now, they’re gone – except for here. Welcome to the last refuge of North America’s iconic creature.

18. FLOAT OUR INLAND SEAS
Great Slave and Great Bear are the biggest, deepest, purest lakes in Canada. Fish, sail and paddle them. You’ll be in liquid heaven.

19. EXPLORE MUST-SEE MUSEUMS
From the massive Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre to the tiny log-cabin gallery in Colville Lake, our museums will inspire and amaze.

20. RIDE IN A FLOATPLANE
Whether you’re off to a remote fishing lodge or just eager for an afternoon of flightseeing, floatplane tours will send your heart soaring.
The Dehcho is awash in fabled waters, like Little Doctor Lake in the foothills of the Nahanni.

DEHCHO

Behold our realm of big rivers. Here, famous waters flow past peaks and parks. Ride the wild Nahanni. Travel the Liard, rich in Indigenous culture. And acquaint yourself with the North’s pulsing lifeblood, the incomparable Mackenzie.

The Dehcho is awash with adventure – easy to reach and yet utterly untamed. Take a quick drive north from the Alaska Highway, or hop on a plane from Yellowknife, and you’ll enter a wilderness kingdom. Explore the jagged, mysterious Mackenzie Mountains, home to Nahanni National Park Reserve. Witness Virginia Falls, the greatest waterfall in Canada. Experience waterways renowned among canoeists and anglers. And visit rustic settlements where the locals, their roots eons-deep, will proudly show you their homeland.
Communities of the Dehcho Region

FORT LIARD

ECHAO'TIE KŲÉ – “PLACE OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE LAND OF GIANTS”

Sheltered by tall timber in the rolling foothills of the Mackenzie Mountains, this rambling riverfront hamlet is the Northwest Territories’ “garden spot,” enjoying warm weather and luxuriant vegetation.

FORT SIMPSON

ŁÍÍDLĮ KŲÉ – “PLACE WHERE RIVERS COME TOGETHER”

The Dehcho’s friendly regional centre perches at the confluence of the big Liard River and the even-more-massive Mackenzie. Many visitors come en route to Nahanni National Park Reserve or the surrounding mountains, but those who remain in town will stay busy – at riverfront heritage sites, the nine-hole golf course, or among intriguing exhibits at the visitor centre.

JEAN MARIE RIVER

TTHEK'ÉHDÉLĮ – “WATER FLOWING FROM MAGILL LAKE”

This tiny, tranquil Dene settlement got its start in 1915 as a trading post, strategically located on the flats where the Jean Marie meets the Mackenzie.

NAHANNI BUTTE

TTHENÁÁGÓ – “STRONG ROCK”

Named for the stately mountain guarding over it, this quiet Dene settlement is picturesquely situated where the South Nahanni River pours into the Liard.

SAAMBA K'E

“TROUT LAKE PLACE”

Formerly, this placid, traditional Dene village was called Trout Lake, after the body of water that sprawls gloriously before it. The lake is famous for fishing. Townsfolk run the nearby Saamba K’e Fishing Lodge, featuring log cabins and excellent angling for Trout, Pickerel and Pike.

WIRIGLEY

PEDZÉH KĮ– “PLACE WHERE THE ROCK GOES INTO THE WATER”

The northernmost Dehcho Dene community, this small log-cabin settlement sits on a high bluff overlooking the Mackenzie River. Tucked into the Franklin Mountains, it’s scenic and serene, with a traditional lifestyle revolving around trapping, hunting and fishing.

SERENE PLACES. WILD SIGHTS. ADVENTURES TO IGNITE YOUR LIFE.

Moose, bison, and black bears ramble the dusty roadsides. Great cascades tumble just metres from the highway. Campsites perch above legendary waters. Locals, bound for woodcutting or hunting, stop their pickup trucks to chat.

At first, the Dehcho will pacify your soul. Fort Simpson, the regional hub, stands at the confluence of great waters, an outpost of history. Here, festival-goers gather on the river flats, floatplanes depart for the mountains, and golfers (yep!) play the greens at the island’s edge. In the region’s other villages, there’s an even mellower pace – families living by gun, trap and net, happy to share their tales and, maybe, take you on a tour of their world.

Then, the Dehcho will thrill you. It’s home to Nahanni National Park Reserve – one of Canada’s crown jewels, and a destination on every paddler’s life-list. Take a week or a month to let yourself be carried along on the Nahanni’s fabled waters and you’ll return to the world brand new.
A number of professional guiding operations make the Nahanni River their specialty, meaning you can enjoy a canoe- or rafting-trip on Canada’s wildest whitewater river without even knowing how to pitch a tent. Trips starting from thundering Virginia Falls are as short as 10 days, while more intensive paddles from the headwaters can stretch to three weeks.

A three-hour flight from Fort Simpson will take you up the canyons of the Nahanni to circle over 92-metre-high Virginia Falls. Five-hour flights touch down at the falls and then head upriver, over Nahanni Plateau, landing at pristine Little Doctor Lake. Even longer trips continue to mirror-like Glacier Lake, the magical Fairy Meadows, the jagged Cirque of the Unclimbables, the delicate tufa mounds, and more.

The Dehcho is home to distinctive, in-demand arts and crafts. At Fort Liard’s Acho Dene Native Crafts store, the rich fragrance of tanned hides and birchbark meets visitors when they pass through the door. Birchbark baskets – woven with spruce roots and decorated with brightly dyed porcupine quills – are a community specialty, while moosehide moccasins, mukluks and wallets are a must-have Northern souvenir.
TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE DEHCHO REGION

ACCESS
Driving up the Alaska Highway, detour into the Dehcho. From near Fort Nelson, B.C., the adventurous Liard Trail provides all-weather access to Fort Liard, Fort Simpson, Wrigley and Jean Marie River. Intrepid travellers can continue by water taxi to Nahanni Butte or by chartered aircraft to Nahanni National Park Reserve, Trout Lake, or lodges and rivers in the Mackenzie Mountains. Alternatively, the Dehcho is an easy drive from the North Slave or South Slave via Highway 1, or a quick flight from Yellowknife to Fort Simpson.

FISH & WILDLIFE
Bison, black bears and moose browse the Dehcho’s roadsides, while in the Mackenzie Mountains, Dall’s sheep and alpine caribou are common. Trout grow huge in aptly-named Trout Lake; the Mackenzie River boasts feisty Pike; while the high country is home to Grayling, Bull Trout, Pickerel and more.

VISITOR CENTRE
The region’s main visitor centre is right at the entrance to the Town of Fort Simpson, with museum-quality displays, video presentations, maps, brochures and friendly staff. Meanwhile, travellers in Fort Liard can stop by the Acho Dene Native Crafts store, which doubles as the community’s visitor centre.

PEOPLE
Though the Dehcho is vast, it’s home to just over 2,200 people. Approximately half live in five small Dene communities. The balance reside in Fort Simpson, a mix of Dene, Métis and non-Indigenous people.

PARKS
Nahanni National Park Reserve, the world’s first UNESCO World Heritage Site, guards the watershed of the Nahanni River. Day-visitors tour the park by floatplane, while guided and independent paddlers ride its whitewater currents. Three territorial campgrounds – Blackstone Landing, Sambaa Deh and Fort Simpson – let road travellers fish, hike and discover local history and culture.

WEATHER
This is the hothouse of the Northwest Territories. In Fort Simpson, the average July high is 23.7°C, with 24 hours of daylight. In March, the average high is -6.4°C with 12 hours of daylight.

ATTRATIONS
Nahanni National Park Reserve – featuring Virginia Falls (twice the height of Niagara), plus deep canyons, soothing hot springs and scenic trails – beckons day trippers and expedition paddlers. Motorists encounter wildlife, waterfalls and grand landscapes along the Liard and Mackenzie Highways. And local communities offer a wealth of experiences, including history in Fort Simpson, Indigenous crafts in Fort Liard, and top-notch fishing in Trout Lake.

EVENTS
Fort Simpson hosts the area’s major happenings – the Beavertail Jamboree winter carnival in March, the Spring Gathering cultural celebration in June, the Dehcho Open Golf Tournament on the summer solstice, and, in July, the Open Sky Festival, showcasing Northern art and performances.

DID YOU KNOW? Virginia Falls is a moaestrom – perhaps the grandest wilderness waterfall on Earth. Flanked by peaks, it’s twice the height of Niagara, with four acres of furious whitewater suspended in freefall. Look up to see rainbows in the mist. Kneel to feel the ground tremble. And hold onto your hat, or gusts from half a mile away will blow it off.
Yellowknife is here: possibly Canada’s most intriguing metropolis. In the North’s capital city you’ll find nearly anything. Galleries of Inuit art. Restaurants – bison, sushi, Ethiopian and more. Outfitters to take you fishing, paddling, dog-mushing, Aurora-watching, flightseeing, birdwatching, backpacking. Elsewhere in the North Slave region are infinite lakes and the rock-ribbed shield – a rugged frontier, supporting lifeways older than history. This is the North new and old, anchored in bedrock, skyscrapers blooming from the jackpines, and people with a foot in both worlds.

Embraced by legendary lakes, Yellowknife is Canada’s ‘natural’ capital.

Here you’ll find a big wild city and deep-rooted Dene outposts. Nearly bottomless lakes in a land of gold and diamonds. A serengeti of caribou, plus countless giant Trout. And raw adventure like you’ve never known.
In Yellowknife, the world’s Aurora-watching hub, “city lights” have a whole new meaning. Here, the brilliant Northern Lights dance over museums, giftshops, festivals and more. And in summer? The city is a wilderness playground, drenched in the midnight sun.

Outside of Yellowknife there’s the Ingraham Trail: a string of shimmering lakes, river and waterfalls, perfect for adventure – motorboating on gleaming Prelude Lake, fishing at Tartan Rapids, and canoeing the Yellowknife River on the course John Franklin once traced.

Then there’s Great Slave. Its North Arm is speckled with islands and alive with Pike and waterfowl, while its magical East Arm, soon to be a national park, boasts plunging sea-cliffs, Trout as big as children, and the beautiful Chipewyan village of Łutselk’é. Lodges line its shores, floatplanes skim its waters, and visitors, after seeing it, share tales of its glory.

This is the vast homeland to some of the North’s most traditional cultures, living off the generous land and waters. Near Yellowknife, there is the Yellowknives Dene and Tlicho country, and the remote villages of Gamètì, Wekweètì, Whatì, and the easy-to-reach town of Behchokǫ̂, an hour from Yellowknife up Highway 3.

A PLACE BOTH MODERN AND FREE

Communities of the North Slave Region

**BECHOKŎ**
“MEETING PLACE”
The NWT’s largest Dene community occupies two sites straddling Frank Channel. The seat of the new Tlicho Self-Government and a gateway to Great Slave Lake’s island-studded North Arm.

**DETTAH**
T’ÈENDA – “BURNT POINT”
One of two Yellowknives Dene settlements on the outskirts of Yellowknife, this idyllic village occupies an enviable spot on the rolling shield-rock at the mouth of Yellowknife Bay.

**GAMÈTÌ**
“RABBIT-NET PLACE”
This placid village got its start in the 1970s when Tlicho Dene founded a traditional settlement on the point between Rae Lake and Lac Ste. Croix, halfway between Great Bear and Great Slave.

**ŁUTSELK’É**
“PLACE OF THE CISCO FISH”
This traditional Chipewyan village is the only settlement on Great Slave Lake’s fish-filled, cliff-cradled East Arm – site of the proposed new Thaidene Nene National Park.

**N’DILO**
“END OF THE ISLAND”
Originally used as a hunting-and-fishing base, these days, the southern half of Latham Island is part of eclectic Old Town, but the northern half remains a colourful Indigenous enclave.

**WEKWEÈTÌ**
“ROCK LAKE”
This remote Tlicho Dene community occupies a gorgeous setting on the Snare River as it weaves through sandy, rolling shield-country on the cusp of the treeline.

**WHATÌ**
“MARTEN LAKE”
This Tlicho Dene community is set on the shore of huge, pristine Lac La Martre. The town is known for its monster Pike and Trout fishing, and for its migratory bird life.

**YELLOWKNIFE**
SONBÀ – “MONEY PLACE”
Yellowknife has it all: highrise hotels and lakefront campsites, shore-fried fish and black-tie cuisine, backwoods trails and symphony performances. Receiving direct flights from Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver and Ottawa.
EXPERIENCE THE BARRENLANDS

The Barrenlands is our back-of-beyond. Fly-in lodges offer fishing on lakes so big you might never see another boat. Paddlers spend weeks descending the Thelon, Coppermine, Dubawnt or Hornaday. Photographers capture a world at once boundlessly big and rich with delicate detail. And flightseers experience sights that are humbling to behold.

HAVE A CAPITAL TIME

In Yellowknife, you can live a full life in a single day. Grab coffee and breakfast at the log cabin Wildcat Café. Stretch your legs – and your view – with a walk up the hill to Bush Pilot’s Monument. Rent a canoe, kayak or paddleboard and explore the houseboats, floatplanes, mansions and historic shacks of Old Town. And that’s all before noon.

PLAY ALONG THE TRAIL

The Ingraham Trail is a road to adventure. Just out Yellowknife’s back door there’s incredible hiking – over rolling bedrock on the Prelude Nature Trail, or to Big Hill Lake or alluring Cameron Falls. You’ll find easy canoe routes, like the Lower Yellowknife River. Fish for your dinner at a dozen lakes. Finally, bunk down at one of two territorial campgrounds, Prelude or Reid lakes.
TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE NORTH SLAVE

ACCESS
As befits a capital city, Yellowknife’s airport bustles. Jets arrive direct from Calgary, Edmonton, Ottawa, Vancouver, Whitehorse and Iqaluit; smaller planes continue onward to other North Slave towns and to the rest of the North’s major communities. Prefer to drive? From the Alberta border, paved roads take you to Behchokõ (430 km) and Yellowknife (525 km). Via the more rough-and-ready Liard Trail, the North Slave is still just a day from the British Columbia border.

WEATHER
The North Slave is warm and breezy in summer, bracingly cold in winter, and almost always dry and clear. Yellowknife’s July average high is 21.3°C with perpetual daylight; March average highs are -12.5°C with 12 hours of light.

PARKS
On the road system, a string of popular campgrounds, including Fred Henne, Prelude and Reid, showcase the region’s recreational lakes and rivers. Out in the Barrenlands, the Thelon Wildlife Sanctuary guards muskoxen and other tundra denizens. And the East Arm of Great Slave Lake will soon be protected by Thaidene Nëné National Park.

ATTRACTIONS
Yellowknife, the Northwest Territories’ political and economic epicenter, is an offbeat blend of rustic and urban, with the best Northern Lights on Earth. Meanwhile, the region’s rural communities are sanctuaries of rich indigenous language and lifeways. Then there’s Great Slave Lake, and particularly its fabled East Arm, with dazzling cliffs, isles, lodges and monster Trout. And finally, there’s the Barrenlands, a grazing-ground of caribou and a realm of historic rivers.

FISH & WILDLIFE
Monster sportfish ply the lakes. Caribou and wolves trek the Barrens. Bison amble the highways. And foxes, ravens and ptarmigans make themselves at home right in town.

PEOPLE
Approximately 24,000 people call the North Slave home. The great majority are Yellowknifers – Indigenous folks, southern Canadians, and immigrants from around the world. The rural communities are mostly Dene, belonging to the Tlicho, Yellowknives, and Chipewyan nations.

EVENTS
Yellowknife’s calendar is jam-packed. There’s the Snowking Winter Festival in a glittering ice palace, the Folk on the Rocks Music Festival on the shores of Long Lake, the Midnight Sun Fly In – the list goes on. In the smaller communities, National Aboriginal Day events are a great way to experience the local culture.

DID YOU KNOW? The vast majority of diamonds mined in the Western Hemisphere come from the North Slave region of the Northwest Territories. At the NWT Diamond Centre in downtown Yellowknife, this rich industry is showcased – and glittering diamonds are for sale.
Here you’ll find our greatest lake, Great Bear, whose pure depths exceed Lake Superior’s and whose few hundred human inhabitants are all on a first-name basis. Out in that boundless liquid void, half-century-old Trout slowly grow to the length of a child. The Sahtu is also home to our mightiest river, the Mackenzie, and to mountains – the humpbacked Franklins and the jagged Mackenzie Range. And finally, the Sahtu is a motherland, nourishing tough, friendly peoples. Norman Wells, the North’s first boomtown, pulses with energy, while four other scenic communities are sanctums of Indigenous culture.
The Mackenzie washes through the Sahtu region, sometimes sprawling so broadly that it’s hard to see across, other times pinching through the Sans Sault Rapids and the towering Ramparts. In lieu of roads, the river is the region’s highway – you’ll see barges, motorboats and canoes (and, in winter, automobiles) plying its surface.

Three towns huddle beside the Mackenzie: pretty Tulita, in the shadow of Bear Rock, the historic oil town and transport centre of Norman Wells, and traditional Fort Good Hope, at the cusp of the Arctic Circle.

The surrounding mountains, meanwhile, are a hunter’s paradise (moose, mountain caribou, Dall’s sheep, wolves) and a paddler’s wonderland (the upper Nahanni is here, in Nááts’ihch’oh National Park, along with the Natla, Keele and Mountain Rivers). And for those who tackle the 355-kilometre Canol Heritage Trail, this is the most epic backpacking landscape in the North.

And of course there’s Great Bear Lake, where the waves are shadowed by ancient summits, including the national historic site of Saoyú-ʔehdacho – also known as Grizzly Bear Mountain and the Scented Grass Hills. At the lake’s outlet, where it pours into Bear River, the vibrant village of Délı̨ne stands as a bulwark against modern cultural encroachments.

Making snowshoes the Dene way in deep-rooted Deline.
Canada’s biggest domestic lake is patrolled by some of the largest fish on the planet, and yet peopled by barely anyone. With the help of fishing-lodge guides, you’ll come face to face with Lake Trout nearly as tall as you are. Meanwhile, the lake’s only town is small, spiritual Délı̨ne, a great place to learn about Indigenous lifeways and environmentalism.

TRAVEL BACK IN TIME

In the Sahtu, the past is all around. Norman Wells’ must-see Historical Centre showcases events that shaped the region: the building of the Canol Trail, the arrival of bushplanes, and the discovery of oil. Fort Good Hope boasts the North’s oldest building, Our Lady of Good Hope church, dating from 1865. And on Great Bear Lake, Saoyú-ʔehdacho National Historic Site protects wilderness integral to the history of the Sahtu Dene.

FLOAT A MOUNTAIN STREAM

Rising from the new Nááts’ihch’oh National Park Reserve, the glacier-thronged Natla River tempts paddlers with tight lines through technical rock-gardens, while the nearby Keele offers glowing turquoise waves, stellar flyfishing, and plenty of whitewater thrills. Then there’s the storied Mountain River, a rocketing waterslide through six gorgeous canyons, considered by professional guides to be the finest whitewater trip in Canada.

EXPERIENCE GREAT BEAR

Sahtu outfitters will gear you up to run the finest wild rivers on Earth.
TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE SAHTU REGION

ACCESS
Yes, the Sahtu is off the beaten path, but it’s still easy to reach. By air, Norman Wells enjoys daily jet service from Edmonton, Yellowknife or Inuvik; from here, the area’s outlying towns are a quick bushplane-flight away. Or, in winter, you can drive up the Mackenzie Valley Winter Road, with side trips to Délı̨nę and Colville Lake. Finally, there’s the old-fashioned way: by river. The big Mackenzie rolls right through the Sahtu, making for a once-in-a-lifetime paddling opportunity from Hay River, Fort Providence or Fort Simpson.

WEATHER
The Sahtu enjoys mild, bright summers (though in the mountains, conditions are more variable) and true Canadian winters. July average highs in Norman Wells are 22.5°C with round-the-clock daylight. In March, highs reach -12.5°C with 12 hours of light.

FISH & WILDLIFE
The biggest Lake Trout in the world ply Great Bear Lake, while the Mackenzie Mountains attract hunters pursuing Dall’s sheep, grizzlies and moose. Caribou are common on the tundra, and the central Mackenzie boasts a nomadic population of muskoxen.

VISITOR CENTRE
In Norman Wells, the Historical Centre doubles as the region’s main visitor centre with helpful staff, maps and brochures, plus gifts, clothing and Indigenous crafts from the Sahtu area.

ATTR ACTIONS
Great Bear, the grandest of Canadian lakes, attracts intrepid anglers seeking 70-pound Trout. In the Mackenzie Mountains, hunters track big game while hikers tackle the Canol, the toughest backpacking trail on Earth. For paddlers, there are the remote, remarkable Mountain and Natla-Keele rivers. Finally, the remote settlements of the Sahtu entrance cultural enthusiasts with their rich Northern history and Aboriginal heritage.

PEOPLE
The Sahtu, though vast, is home to a mere 2,500 people. Norman Wells, the hub, has a mix of Dene, Métis and non-Indigenous residents; the other four communities are predominantly Dene.

PARKS
On Great Bear Lake, the vast Saoyū-ʔehdacho National Historic Site showcases Sahtu Dene heritage. Embracing the upper reaches of the South Nahanni and Natla-Keele Rivers, Nááts’ihch’oh National Park Reserve is a paddler’s dream. Meanwhile, on the banks of the Mackenzie in Norman Wells, MacKinnon Territorial Park welcomes river travellers.

EVENTS
In April, Norman Wells’ Spring Fling features a parade, dances and snowmobile races, while in August, Fort Good Hope’s Rampart Rendezvous showcases cultural events including tea boiling, dryfish making, duck plucking, and canoe races. Then, in September, there’s the Traditional Handgames Tournament in Tulita, where over 30 teams square off in this wildly popular Dene contest.

DID YOU KNOW?
Bigger than Belgium and deeper than Lake Superior, Great Bear is Canada’s most magnificent lake. It’s also incredibly pristine. Only one small community huddles on its shores, while the planet’s largest Lake Trout (some exceeding 70 pounds) abound in its cold, blue depths.
Along the roadsides of the South Slave, waterfalls roar, bison ramble and scenic campsites beckon. Big rivers carry paddlers on journeys rich with history. At the freshwater sea of Great Slave, beaches glitter and huge trout thrash in the deep. Whooping cranes and pelicans flock above the ancient boreal landscapes of Wood Buffalo National Park. And throughout the region, the residents of relaxed, deep-rooted communities welcome travellers to their world.

Welcome to the South Slave region, the great gateway to the Northwest Territories. Here, the domesticated “south” gives way to pure hinterland, as fresh with wildlife and adventure as the day the Earth was new.
ROARING RAPIDS, ROAMING HERDS AND MORE

Driving north, a great chasm, the Hay River Gorge, gapes alongside the highway. Perk up your ears and you’ll detect the rumble of waterfalls. Currents plunge. Mist shrouds the trails. Campgrounds perch on the lip of the void.

Further along, at Enterprise, the highway divides into tendrils of adventure. North delivers you to the town of Hay River on vast Great Slave Lake, with beaches, barges, fishing fleets and vibrant First Nations culture.

East leads to Chipewyan and Métis territory. To historic Fort Resolution. To the broad Slave River, frothing over ancient shield-rock at Fort Smith. And to the wild glories of Wood Buffalo National Park.

Northwest, meanwhile, lie more waterfalls and rivers – the Kakisa, famed for sport-fishing, near the idyllic log cabin village of the same name, and the indomitable Mackenzie, with artistic, historic Fort Providence on its north flank.

And off the road? Endless waters and woods, for flightseeing, for paddling a galloping river, or for flicking a lure and prompting a fish to rise.
GET HOOKED ON FISHING

With more rivers and lakes than you can shake a rod at, the South Slave is a fisherman’s paradise. Outfitters can help you hook sweet, fleshy Whitefish and hefty Lake Trout on Great Slave, or introduce you to the Slave and Talston Rivers, rich in Pike. Rainbow Trout are stocked on Polar Lake, while Kakisa Lake boasts Walleye galore. On the Kakisa River, fly-fishers stalk Arctic Grayling.

HIT THE NORTHERN LINKS

With endless summer days and lush terrain, the South Slave is home to two of the North’s best golf courses. In Hay River, a manicured nine-hole course follows the curvaceous contours of the town’s namesake river. Meanwhile, on the outskirts of Fort Smith, the nine-hole course features forgiving grassy fairways and a clubhouse with a deck above the river.
**ACCESS**
All communities here are served by well-maintained roads. Approximately 10 hours north of Edmonton on Alberta Highway 35, you’ll reach the 60th Parallel, gateway to the North. From here it’s just 72 kilometres to Alexandra Falls, 120 kilometres to Great Slave Lake, 210 kilometres to the Mackenzie River, and 212 kilometres to Wood Buffalo National Park. Want to get here even faster? Hay River and Fort Smith are a quick flight from Edmonton or Yellowknife.

**WEATHER**
Expect warm, bright summers and brisk, crystalline winters. Hay River enjoys July average highs of 21.2°C with nearly round-the-clock daylight. In March, normal highs are -7.8°C with 12 hours of light.

**ATTRACTIONS**
For big creatures and bigger landscapes, check out Wood Buffalo National Park, where bison and whooping cranes dwell on the Northern boreal plains. The Slave River’s roaring rapids attract daredevil paddlers, while the Hay and Kakisa Rivers feature stunning roadside waterfalls. The deepest lake in North America, Great Slave, is an angler’s mecca.

**VISITOR CENTRE**
At the 60th Parallel Visitor Information Centre, right on the Northwest Territories’ southern border, you’ll find brochures, maps, displays and exuberant staff. Ditto with the Hay River Visitor Centre, at the entrance to town, and the Fort Smith Visitor Centre, in the same building as the National Park headquarters on McDougal Road.

**FISH & WILDLIFE**
Wood bison roam the South Slave, lining the roadsides near Fort Providence and throughout Wood Buffalo National Park. White pelicans flock to the rapids in Fort Smith. Whooping cranes, though rarely spotted, are the region’s most coveted wildlife sighting.

**PEOPLE**
About 8,000 people call the South Slave home. They’re a diverse bunch. Fort Resolution and Fort Providence are predominantly Dene and Métis, while Kakisa is mainly Dene. Hay River has a mix of Dene, Métis and non-Aboriginal residents. So does Fort Smith, with a small number of Cree added in.

**PARKS**
Wood Buffalo, sprawling the size of Switzerland, is the largest and most visited national park in the Northwest Territories. There, visitors can hike, paddle, marvel at wildlife, and camp on the blissful shores of Pine Lake. Also luring travellers to the region are several spectacular territorial parks. Twin Falls and Lady Evelyn Falls showcase stunning cascades. Hay River Territorial Park basks on the shore of Great Slave Lake, while lush Queen Elizabeth Territorial Park, just outside Fort Smith, perches above the Slave River. Numerous smaller campgrounds and day-use parks are also found in the South Slave.

**EVENTS**
Winter highlights include community celebrations like Wood Buffalo Frolics and the K’amba Carnival, along with competitions such as the Fitz-Smith Loppet (skiing), the Polar Pond Hockey Tournament, and the Itsago Dogsled Race. In summer, kayakers and canoeists have a splash at Fort Smith’s Paddlefest, while the Gateway Jamboree, in Enterprise, is a music and cultural hoedown.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Before roads and railways, the Slave River was the gateway to the Northwest Territories. Travellers left from Fort McMurray, Alberta, and headed “down north,” floating the river to Fort Smith, where they were forced to portage around the mighty Slave River Rapids.
Western Arctic

The Arctic is a land of icons. There are polar bears and reindeer. Beluga and muskoxen.

Treeless tundra, sprawling to infinity, brilliant with tiny foliage. A whole ocean frozen in place, gleaming in the nightless spring. It’s all here, along with the people who call it home — the Gwich’in and Inuvialuit, who’ve thrived for thousands of years throughout the Mackenzie Delta and along the coastline which flanks the Northwest Passage. Getting to the Western Arctic was always a thrill, but now it’s even wilder. Canada’s newest and northernmost road, the Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway, has finally opened. This summer, for the first time, you can drive to the Inuvialuit hub of Tuktoyaktuk, see the strange icy mountains of the Pingo Canadian Landmark, and dip your toe in the legendary Arctic Ocean.
A ROAD RUNS THROUGH IT

Start your engines, because the Western Arctic is now home to Canada’s greatest roadtrip. From Dawson City, the rough-and-ready Dempster Highway rambles 737 kilometres across the Arctic Circle, through the Richardson Range, and into the vast Mackenzie Delta.

You’ll see razor-sharp peaks, majestic caribou herds, big rivers, roaming grizzlies, and a sprinkling of idyllic Indigenous towns. You’ll arrive at Inuvik, the metropolis of the Western Arctic – the perfect place to pick up an Inuvialuit carving, take a river tour to see birdlife and reindeer, or fly to the abandoned whaling station of Herschel Island, once the busiest port in the Arctic.

And from here, the road continues on. The just-opened Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway treks even farther north, out onto the great coastal barrens, rolling 137 kilometres to the Arctic Ocean. There, you can visit the Inuvialuit community of Tuktoyaktuk, jutting into the Beaufort Sea, with its famous whales, permafrost and ice-cored “pingo” hills.

Off the highway, even more opportunity awaits. East of Inuvik is traditional Paulatuk, and remote Tuktut Nogait National Park, cut through by the rushing Hornaday River. West is historic Aklavik, where the Mad Trapper once lurked. Up on Banks Island, paddlers tackle Canada’s most remote paddling trip, through muskox-dense Aulavik National Park, or make visits to the territory’s farthest north villages – artistic Ulukhaktok, and tiny, serene Sachs Harbour.

Communities of the Western Arctic

AKLAVIK
“BARRENGROUND GRIZZLY PLACE”
This Gwich’in/Inuvialuit town rests near the western foothills of the Richardson Mountains. Once the region’s administrative centre, locals were slated to be moved to Inuvik, but refused – hence their motto, “Never say die.”

FORT MCPHERSON
TEETĽIT ZHEH – “PLACE AT THE HEAD OF THE WATERS”
The first community you’ll encounter when driving north on the Dempster, this friendly Gwich’in town is set in the rolling Richardson foothills along the Peel River, a popular paddling route.

INUVIK
“PLACE OF MAN”
The northern Northwest Territories’ regional hub, this busy town was engineered in the 1950s as the territory’s first “planned” community. Today it’s a vibrant mix of Inuvialuit, Gwich’in and non-Native residents, all gathered on the boreal flats along the Mackenzie Delta.

PAULATUK
PAULATUUQ – “PLACE OF COAL”
Near the western mouth of the Northwest Passage, this is a small, traditional Inuvialuit community with deep roots in hunting, trapping and Arctic Char fishing.

SACHS HARBOUR
IKAAHUK – “PLACE TO WHICH YOU CROSS”
Our northernmost community, this tiny Inuvialuit settlement is the only outpost on Banks Island, Canada’s fifth largest and home to more than half the world’s muskoxen.

TSIIGEHTCHIC
“MOUTH OF THE IRON RIVER”
Stationed atop a commanding bluff at the confluence of the Mackenzie and Arctic Red Rivers, this Gwich’in village is steeped in traditional fishing, hunting and trapping.

TUKTOYAKTUK
“LOOKS LIKE A CARIBOU”
Our biggest town above the treeline, “Tuk” overlooks the Arctic Ocean. Over the years it has served as a base for Inuvialuit caribou and beluga hunting, a DEW Line radar site, and a centre of oil and gas exploration.

ULUKHAKTOK
“WHERE THERE IS MATERIAL FOR ULU KNIVES”
Formerly known as Holman, this Inuvialuit community wraps around the head of an Arctic inlet on the west coast of Victoria Island, the ninth largest on Earth.
EXPERIENCE THE DELTA

Just before the Mackenzie River slides into the Arctic Ocean, it fractures into a thousand watery tendrils. This labyrinth is home to a menagerie of animal life and a rich tapestry of human history. In summer, Inuvik-based outfitters offer tours by motorboat, while in the cold season, winter roads weave through the Delta. Year-round, bush pilots provide flightseeing trips, pointing out wild critters and sharing their tales of adventure.

DIP YOUR TOE AT TUKTOYAKTUK

Canada’s favourite Arctic town, “Tuk,” on a spit of soil poking bravely into the cold ocean, is a classic Inuvialuit community. Treeless tundra and icy seas are all around, patrolled by white whales, bears and caribou. Frozen summits called pingos burst from the permafrost. Best of all, the town is now the terminus of Canada’s northernmost road, the aptly named Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway.

PADDLE AMONG MUSKOXEN

Canada’s highest-latitude navigable river, the Thomsen, meanders through a polar paradise. Here, in Aulavik National Park, paddlers ride the current of snowmelt past the world’s highest population of muskoxen. Meanwhile, the sweeping treeless landscape is aglow with tundra flowers. Portages and difficult rapids? Zero. Adventure? 100 percent.

The Northwest Territories is a window to an older, wilder, deeper world.
**ACCESS**
Get revved up for the roadtrip of a lifetime. The epic Dempster Highway rolls from Dawson City to the sweeping Mackenzie Delta, visiting Fort McPherson, Tsiigehtchic and bustling Inuvik. From there, you can keep on driving: the brand-new Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway now reaches the Inuvialuit hub of Tuktoyaktuk on the shores of the Arctic Ocean. Inuvik receives jets daily from Edmonton, Norman Wells, Yellowknife and Whitehorse, and offers onward air service to Aklavik, Sachs Harbour, Ulukhaktok and Paulatuk.

**WEATHER**
Conditions vary dramatically between the Richardson Mountains, the Delta lowlands and the Arctic Islands. One thing you can depend on is the daylight – the sun is up 24 hours per day in summer. Inuvik enjoys July average highs of 19.5°C and March highs of -16.8°C. Up in Arctic Islands, expect July highs around 10°C and March highs of -23°C.

**ATTR ACTIONS**
Aulavik and Tuktut Nogait national parks draw intrepid paddlers, while the Mackenzie Delta is a naturalist’s dream. Camping, hiking and sightseeing are stellar along the Dempster and Tuk highways. Meanwhile, the communities of the Western Arctic are hotbeds of Indigenous art, music, culture and history.

**VISITOR CENTRE**
In Inuvik, the Western Arctic Regional Visitor Centre has helpful staff, maps and brochures, as well as a wealth of museum-quality exhibits – and, you can pick up your official Arctic Circle Adventurer Certificate.

**FISH & WILDLIFE**
Caribou, moose and grizzlies patrol the Richardson Mountains. The Mackenzie Delta is a sanctuary for everything from muskrats to migratory seabirds. And out on the Arctic Ocean and islands, bowhead whales, belugas, polar bears and muskoxen abound.

**PEOPLE**
The Western Arctic’s population is about 6,700. The southernmost two communities, Fort McPherson and Tsiigehtchic, are predominantly Gwich’in, while the coastal towns are mainly Inuvialuit. Aklavik is a mix of the two; likewise with Inuvik, with a substantial non-Aboriginal population as well.

**PARKS**
Aulavik National Park, on Banks Island, is crowded with muskoxen and washed by the Thomsen River. Tuktut Nogait, near Paulatuk, boasts caribou, canyons, waterfalls, and the Hornaday River. Along the Dempster Highway, a series of territorial parks facilitate fishing, hiking and camping. Finally, in the Yukon – but accessed through Inuvik – are Ivvavik National Park and Herschel Island Territorial Park, both rich in Inuvialuit culture and natural wonders.

**EVENTS**
Inuvik’s calendar is jam-packed: there’s the Sunrise Festival in January, the Muskrat Jamboree in April, and the July Great Northern Arts Festival, drawing creators and performers from around the Arctic. Meanwhile, each of the smaller communities has its own spring jamboree. For the world’s northernmost golf tournament, head to Ulukhaktok in July. And if you want an Indigenous and country-music hoedown, the Midway Lake Music Festival, held in August near Fort McPherson, can’t be beat.

**DID YOU KNOW?**
Arctic cruise ships transiting the Northwest Passage regularly pay visits to Western Arctic communities such as Ulukhaktok, Sachs Harbour and Tuktoyaktuk, as well as natural attractions, including the Smoking Hills near Paulatuk, Aulavik National Park on Banks Island, the Cape Parry Bird Sanctuary, and the Mackenzie Delta.
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**BARREN GROUND COFFEE**
T. (867) 688-1205
erick@barrengroundcoffee.com
We roast all of our specialty coffee, 5 kilos at a time, on our beautiful craft roastere. Drop by during retail hours (Tuesdays 4pm – 6pm, Sundays 11am-3pm), or check us out online.

**BIJOU BOUTIQUE**
T. (867) 766-2456
bijouboutique.yk@gmail.com
facebook.com/bijouboutique
A charming boutique in downtown Yellowknife offering homewares, souvenirs, jewelry and accessories.

**DOWN TO EARTH GALLERY**
T. (867) 920-0711
facebook.com/downtoearthgallery
Stuffed mainly by local artists, Down to Earth Gallery has Yellowknife’s largest selection of locally and northern-made arts and crafts.

**ERASMUS APPAREL**
T. (867) 444-0307
sarah@erasmusapparel.com
erasmusapparel.com
Erasmus Apparel delivers t-shirts with the most unique designs inspired by living in the North. Our aim is to deliver the northern aesthetic through printed apparel so you can show your love for the North everywhere.

**FIREWEED STUDIO**
T. (867) 920-4573
ykguild.wordpress.com
This historic log building is where Yellowknife Guild of Arts and Crafts members display their one-of-a-kind works for viewing and sale. Open Saturday June 21 until Labour Day as well as during the farmer’s market.

**FOR MEN ONLY**
T. (867) 873-5910
formenonly@theedge.ca
For Men Only (FMO), a quality menswear boutique carrying clothing, shoes and accessories. From causal to formal – head to toe – we’ve got you covered – on every occasion.

**FOR WOMEN ONLY**
T. (867) 873-9613
forwomenonly@theedge.ca
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**GALLERY OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN**
T. (867) 873-8064
galleryofthemidnightsun@theedge.ca
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**ICEBLINK**
T. (867) 873-3033
softclothing.lovelylthings@gmail.com
iceblinkclothing.com
Quirky sexy, soft and lovely, iceblink is a European-style boutique specializing in comfortable, quality clothing. iceblink also carries intimates, accessories, jewelry, books, giftware, and more!

**JUST FURS**
T. (867) 873-6748
justfurs@yahoo.ca
Unique shop in Old Town specializes in fur items – northern style hats, headbands, earmuffs, mitts, fur scarves, vests, slippers and mukluks. Check out our selection of handcrafted northern-made items for gifts or souvenirs.

**LISTINGS**

**BEHCHOKO**

**TLĮCHO ONLINE STORE**
T. (867) 392-6925
onlinestore@tlicho.com
Welcome to the Tłįcho Online Store, selling handmade authentic native art and crafts made by the Tłįcho, including First Nations and artists from the Northwest Territories. Visit us online or at our store location in Behchoko.

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**LUTSELK’E**

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T. (867) 370-3051
Contact the office for more information regarding where to purchase local art work.

**WEKWEETI**

**TLĮCHO GOVERNMENT OFFICE**
T. (867) 713-2814
Display of local art and crafts at the office. Office will also provide information to contact artists directly.

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LULUZ MARKET
T. (867) 873-2003
info@luluz.ca
facebook.com/luluzmarket
We’re a fine food grocer with a large selection of international food and organic, vegan, gluten-free products, fine cheese, meats, kitchenware and giftware. Drop in for a cappuccino and biscotti, or sample our daily homemade lunch specials.

NORTHERN IMAGES
T. (867) 873-5944
ni.yellowknife@arctic.coop
northernimages.ca
Featuring a large selection of Inuit and Dene art and crafts, including carvings in stone, bone, antler and ivory. We also carry moose hair tufting, moccasins, birchbark baskets, jewelry, books and custom framing.

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T. (867) 669–7654
info@oldtownglassworks.com
oldtownglassworks.com
Old Town Glassworks Gift Studio and two-hour creative glassmaking workshops—open daily. Unique northern designs on repurposed glassware: bowls, vases, glasses, mugs, jewelry, mirrors and more. Located in Hudson Bay historic buildings.

OVERLANDER SPORTS
T. (867) 873-2474
sales@overlandersports.com
overlandersports.com
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T. (867) 873-6999
lakeawry@raggedassroad.ca
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WEAVER & DEVORE
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info@yellowknifebooks.com
yellowknifebooks.com
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T. (519) 941-6654
info@canoenorthadventures.com
canoenorthadventures.com
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T. (867) 699-6922
denefurclouds.com

A group of Dene artisans take their inspiration in designing a line of hand knit fur garments and accessories. The luxurious sheared beaver, Arctic hare, fox and lynx fur products are sustainable and warm.

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T. (867) 872-2899
info@nlmcc.ca
nlmcc.ca

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T. (867) 872-2606
admin@rustyraven.ca

In our historic building we proudly sell northern arts and crafts in our gallery and gift store. Our espresso bar offers fresh baked goods and the best specialty coffees in the NWT.

FORT MCFHERSON

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T. (867) 952-2179
contact@fortmcpersontent.com
fortmcpersontent.com

Fort McPherson Tent and Canvas manufactures canvas wall tents and teepees made with superior craftsmanship, resulting in high

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winniesdeneartgallery@yahoo.ca

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ladeedahboutique@hotmail.com
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T. (867) 699-3511
snowshoe@issimicro.com
snowshoeinn.ca

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Indigenous arts and crafts from the surrounding area – carvings, ulus, paintings, jewelry, fur hats, mitts, beaded moccasins, mukluks, etc. Custom orders available.

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T. (867) 777-7900
gwichin.nt.ca

Providing a great selection of traditional Gwich’in arts and crafts.

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T. (867) 777-7003
cstore@inuvialuit.com

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mojogrant@northwestel.net

Great gift store with souvenirs and art.

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T. (867) 777-2433
originalsonmackenzie@gmail.com

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**ULUKHAKTOK**

**ULUKHAKTOK ARTS CENTRE**
T. (867) 396-4231
contact@ulukhaktok.com

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BLACK KNIGHT PUB
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facebook/blackknightpub
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THE CELLAR BAR & GRILL
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cellarbarandgrill@outlook.com
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ON FRANKLIN
T. (867) 873-8880 or T. (867) 873-8881
coyotes168@gmail.com
ykcoyotes.com
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<td>The Fat Fox is Yellowknife’s premier independent café. We came together to provide a cozy and comfortable space for people to meet up, spend time enjoying the unique atmosphere, or just to pop in for tasty treats to go.</td>
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<td>Enjoy fresh brewed coffee, loose tea, a creamy latte or a light lunch. Giftware, custom blended coffee and loose tea available. Gourmet Cup located on the lower level YK Centre.</td>
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<td>Traditional Korean food, featuring big portions and authentic offerings. From kimchi to bulgogi, we have something for you. Open 11am to 8pm, Monday through Saturday.</td>
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<td>Open daily in the Days Inn Hotel, serves a delicious brunch on Sundays.</td>
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<td>Enjoy the bistro lunch menu. Open year-round and located on the second floor of the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre. Open Monday through Friday. Closed Saturday, Sunday and all Statutory holidays.</td>
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<td>Fine Japanese restaurant. We offer cooked food as well. Comfortable atmosphere, eat-in or takeout. Closed on Sundays, but open statutory holidays except Christmas, New Year’s Day and Thanksgiving.</td>
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<td>Fine Japanese sushi rolls for take-out or dine-in. Many tasty varieties to choose from!</td>
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