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YELLOWKNIFE: AN INTRODUCTION

You've just arrived in the capital of the Northwest Territories and one of the most vibrant, diverse communities in Canada.



See the city from the air

MICHELE CULHANE

The Yellowknives and Tłjcho Dene have lived in and travelled through the region for thousands of years. Yellowknife was permanently settled 85 years ago, following the discovery of large gold deposits. From its rough-edged beginnings as a frontier mining town, Yellowknife has evolved into a city bursting with life, home to dozens of nationalities in a population of 20,000.

Yellowknife offers many of the

urban amenities you'd find in any Canadian centre. At the same time, the city is nestled in great Northwest Territories wilderness, where there are too many lakes to experience in one lifetime. In summer, the sun stays up for nearly 24 hours. Winter is a crisp, invigorating season of dogsledding, snowmobiling, ice fishing, and a life-changing Northern Lights experience that draws visitors from around the world.

Let this guide be your starting point as you explore your new surroundings. We've included everything you need to know—but you're sure to find surprises all on your own. Welcome to Yellowknife!



WHAT TO PACK

The North of 60 essentials



WINTER

DRESS IN LAYERS: This means longjohns, snowpants, fleece tops, and wool socks. On windy days, this is your ticket to staying warm. You can rent gear from My Backyard Tours (mybackyardtours.com) and NARWAL Northern adventures (narwal.ca) and it's best you do that in advance.

HAND AND FOOT WARMERS: Recommended for extended outdoor trips like hiking, skiing,

dogsledding and aurora viewing. Aurora Heat (auroraheat.ca) is a local option made from beaver fur.

CONTACT LENSES: If you wear glasses, be advised that your lenses will fog up when every surface of your skin is covered and you're breathing into a scarf or neck wrap. Contacts might be your best option.

MOISTURIZER AND LIP BALM: Yellowknife has the driest winter air in Canada—so be prepared.

KEEP YOUR CAR WARM: If you're spending the winter here, you'll want to buy a battery blanket and a block heater to keep it heated overnight—otherwise it won't start at -30C.

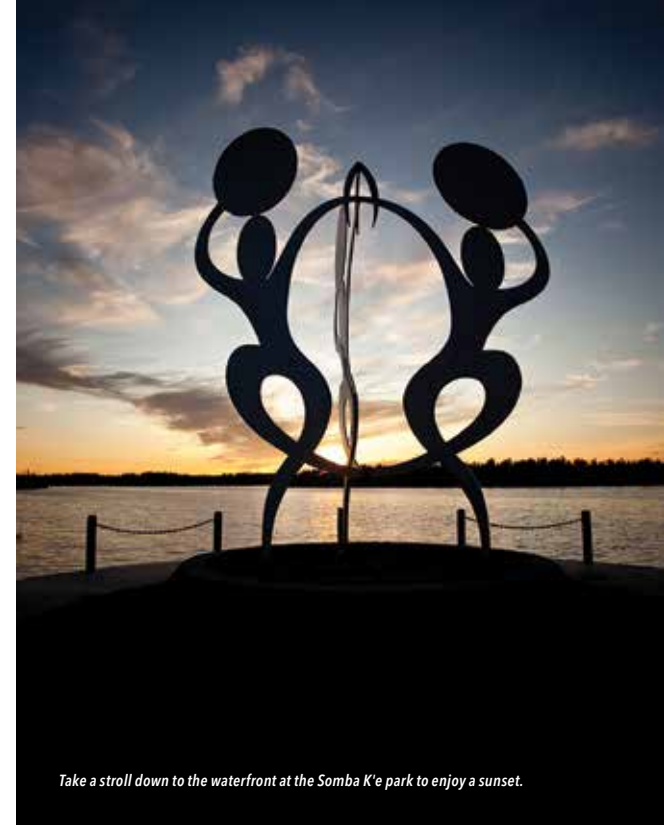


SUMMER

BUG SPRAY: You can purchase bug spray in town. If you plan to head out into the bush, a bug jacket is a good idea, too.

SWIMSUIT: Fresh water is our trademark. Be warned: it's chilly! Still, nothing beats a cool dip under the midnight sun.

FISHING ROD: Catch your own dinner. Flip to page 39 to find out what types of fish you can catch. Buy a fishing licence before heading out.



Take a stroll down to the waterfront at the Somba K'e park to enjoy a sunset.

DAVE BROSHA

SUNSCREEN, SUNGLASSES AND A HAT: There isn't quite 24 hours of daylight, but it gets pretty close. You might want to keep that in mind when heading to bed. An eye-mask can help with sleep.



THE LINGO

Some key words you'll hear around Yellowknife—and what they mean

BACK BAY: In Old Town, the sheltered body of water that lies across from Weaver & Devore, Bullock's and The Wildcat is called Back Bay. It's ideal for water activities.

DENE NATION: An organization that represents many of the NWT's First Nations: Denesoline, Tłjcho, Deh Gah Got'ine, K'ashot'ine, and Dinjii Zhuh (or, Gwich'in). In most of these languages, "Dene" means "the people."

A QUICK HISTORY

For centuries Weledeh Dene have lived and travelled in this region, fishing the Yellowknife River and hunting across the current Yellowknife townsite.

1934 - 1937

A gold find on Yellowknife Bay spurred a staking rush. Several small gold strikes were explored, and two grew into long lived mines, Negus and Con. Giant Mine was discovered in 1948.

1967

Yellowknife had grown rapidly, and was named the capital of the Northwest Territories - an area that stretched from the Mackenzie Mountains in the west to Baffin Island in the east.

1991

After a long search, diamonds were discovered on the tundra far to the north of the city. A massive staking rush followed, and two diamond mines eventually resulted.

1999

Nunavut was created from the eastern part of the Northwest Territories, and Yellowknife remained the capital city in the west. The two gold mines, Con and Giant closed three years later.

2012

The Deh Cho Bridge opened crossing the 1.6 km wide Mackenzie River at Fort Providence. This provided the first year round road connection between Yellowknife and southern Canada.



JOHN PERESKI

The YK Centre's temperature display is probably Yellowknife's most Instagrammed backdrop.



DETTAH: Dene community on the east side of Yellowknife Bay, 6.5 kilometres from the city as the crow flies. Its name means "burnt point" in Tjicho. In winter, an ice road across the bay connects the two communities.

GREAT SLAVE LAKE: With a surface area of 28,568 square-kilometres, the big lake is the world's tenth-largest, and the deepest body of water in North America. Yellowknife borders the lake's north arm. "Great" is used to distinguish this lake from the smaller Lesser Slave Lake in Alberta.

THE LEDGE: Short for the Legislative Assembly, it is the NWT's centre of consensus government. Free tours are available (see page 68).

MAHSI CHO: "Thank you very much" in Tjicho.

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RAGGED ASS ROAD: The famed lane in Old Town's historic Woodyard neighbourhood, where people chopped wood for the mines and for boats that crossed Great Slave Lake. In the 1970s, local prospector Lou Rocher jokingly named it Ragged Ass Road, since the alley was a bit of a dive. The city adopted the name but learned soon enough to weld the sign onto the posts—it was being stolen too often. Today, you can purchase souvenir replicas at local gift shops.

NACC: The Northern Arts and Cultural Centre—the local theatre where the arts come alive.

N'DILO: The Yellowknives Dene community on the northern tip of Old Town's Latham Island.

THE ROCK: The tallest point in Old Town. At the top, you'll find Pilot's Monument—a tribute to the North's bush pilot heroes.

SOMBA K'E: Yellowknife's Tjicho name, meaning: "Where the money is."



FACT OR FICTION

Clearing up some misconceptions

FACT: It gets cold. In winter it can drop below -30C (-40C if you're lucky). There is limited daylight in the winter months but when the sun is out it's bright and brilliant. Dress for the weather and experience Yellowknife. It's not cold all year—the average July temperature is 21C.

FICTION: You can see Northern Lights year-round. We are the world capital of aurora viewing for good reason. When it's clear, emerald ribbons fill the night sky. But due to the near-constant sunlight in summer, you can't see them until the dark returns in mid-August.

FACT: Houseboaters live on the lake all year. Whether frozen in or floating, their houseboats are home—the only thing that changes with the seasons is how they get there.

FICTION: There are polar bears. Phew! Our subarctic climate is not suited for the great white bears. Polar bears do live near the Arctic Ocean farther north.

FACT: You can drive on the ice. Ice roads are an important part of our transportation system. To be your own Ice Road Trucker, the Dettah Ice Road can be accessed from School Draw Avenue. Make sure it's safe, obey the signage and stick to the road!

FICTION: Yellowknife, the capital of the Yukon. This, to our disbelief, is still a common mistake. Yukon is our neighbour territory to the west.

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Starting July 1, 2019, new regulations restrict the import of harmful species into the Northwest Territories (NWT).

Restrictions to pack animals

- Llamas, alpacas, domestic sheep and goats are not allowed in NWT mountain areas

Restrictions to mule and white-tailed deer

- Deer parts must be tested for chronic wasting disease before they can be brought into the NWT
- You must provide proof the animal does not have the disease
- Applies to all deer harvested more than 100 km outside the NWT border
- Only boneless deer meat does not require testing

Find out more about the new regulations:
www.enr.gov.nt.ca



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GETTING HERE

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BY PLANE

We are well-connected, with direct flights from Edmonton, Calgary, Ottawa, Vancouver and Whitehorse via Air Canada, Canadian

North, WestJet and Air North. The Yellowknife airport (YZF) website has everything you'll need to know about arrivals and departures.



BY ROAD

You can access the Mackenzie Highway (NWT Highway 1) via Alberta's Highway 35 or British Columbia's Highway 77 and then the Liard Highway (NWT Highway 7). From Edmonton, the route is approximately 1,500 km—that's about 20 hours of driving. The road is paved most of the way. Try and minimize any time spent driving after nightfall: bison frequently wander onto the road and are hard to see (you don't want to hit a 1,500-kg ungulate). When you start to see distinctive pink granite along the side of the road, you're getting close to Yellowknife! For live updates of highway conditions visit www.gov.nt.ca.

GETTING AROUND HERE

You can pretty much walk anywhere if you needed to, but just in case...

RENTING VEHICLES

Rental cars and trucks are available in the city and at the airport. Rental firms include Budget, National, Hertz, and Royal Rent-a-Car.



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Yellowknife Cab: 867-873-6666



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Route B – Frame Lake/Northlands
Route C – Old Town/Niven

Buses run from 7:10 a.m. to 7:25 p.m., Monday to Saturday, all year. There is no transit service on Sundays or statutory holidays. For details, go to Yellowknife.ca/en/living-here/transit.asp

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AT A GLANCE: ONE YEAR IN YELLOWKNIFE

When is the best time of year to visit? Obviously, that depends on what you want to see and do. Here's what the city has to offer month by month.

JANUARY

It's aurora-viewing, dogsledding, snowmobiling and ice-fishing season.

Fireworks at Frame Lake:

Starts at 8 p.m. on December 31.

Banff Mountain Film Festival:

The tour lands in Yellowknife, January 16 to 18.

World Snow Day: On January 19, learn how to build a snow shelter, play ultimate frisbee, and more.

FEBRUARY

Some Yellowknifers escape to the Caribbean, others escape to the bush. The Northern Lights are better there.

NWT Ski Day: At the Yellowknife Ski Club, features a scavenger hunt and a tour to the ice falls, February 16. skiyellowknife.com

City of Yellowknife Heritage Week:

Get a taste of the city's history in mid-February.

Dead North Film Festival:

Made-in-the-North horror film festival with entries from across the circum-polar world. February 27 to March 1.

MARCH

With long, sunny days and aurora-filled nights, it's the best part of winter to play outside.

Snowking XXV:

Long live the King! The Snowking Festival takes place February 29 to March 29 on Yellowknife Bay. Visit the famous castle built entirely of snow and ice and stay for the art exhibits, live music, film festival, ice carving competition, pond hockey tournament, fish fry, snow playground... you name it! Snowking.ca

Frostbite 50:

The annual cross-country ski race starting and ending at the Yellowknife Ski Club, March 16. For runners, try the Frostbite Mini, a run along the ice road from the Long John Jamboree site to Dettah and back.

Long John Jamboree:

In and around the Snowking castle March 27 - 29. Family-friendly fun that includes ice carving and beard-growing competitions, a curling tournament on the lake, a cabane à sucre and fireworks. And don't forget the 150-mile Canadian Championship Dog Derby too! longjohnjamboree.ca; canadian-championshipdogderby.ca

APRIL

The melt begins! This marks the beginning of the aurora off-season.

Balsillie Cup: Annual old-timers hockey tournament that brings players in from across the territory. EarlyApril.ykoldtimers.com

Gumboot Rally: This annual event raises money for the Yellowknife Association of Community Living and involves costumes, competition and a lot of fun.

Ptarmigan Ptheatrics: Catch Yellowknife talent onstage at the Northern Arts and Cultural Centre's annual spring play. facebook.com/PtarmiganPtheatrics and nacnt.ca

MAY

Break-up time. The lake ice begins to crack, making it a rough commute for houseboaters.

NorthWords Writers Festival:

International and local authors come together to celebrate Northern and Indigenous literature with readings and workshops. May 30 - June 2. Northwordsfestival.ca

Spring Arts and Crafts Sale:

The YK Guild of Arts and Crafts and YK Quilters Guild's annual spring sale of handmade pottery and textiles. Early May. Ykguild.wordpress.com

JUNE

Welcome to summer! Celebrate the longest day of the year on June 21.

The Yellowknife Farmers' Market:

Fresh food, handmade crafts and local tunes are on offer every Tuesday evening from 5:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., starting in early June at the Somba K'e Civic Plaza outside City Hall. yellowknifefarmersmarket.ca

National Indigenous Peoples Day:

A statutory holiday in the NWT, June 21. Celebrate with the North Slave Métis Alliance's fresh fish fry and cultural performances at Somba K'e Plaza.

Canadian North Midnight Classic:

Golf under the midnight sun at Yellowknife's carry-your-own-grass golf course. Yellowknifegolf.com

Beer Barge: BBQ, beer and live entertainment by the water in Old Town, as the Mining Heritage Society puts on a reenactment of the first supply barge to reach Yellowknife in the 1940s. nwtminingheritage.com

Midnight Sun Classic Car and Motorcycle Show and Shine:

Check out some of the hottest wheels in town at this event hosted by the NWT Riders Association. Nwtra.ca

JULY

Heat, sun, lakes and music galore—it's all we've longed for all winter.

Canada Day: On July 1, gather for the annual parade down Franklin Avenue, followed by live entertainment at Somba K'e Civic Plaza outside City Hall.

Yellowknife to Hay River, a.k.a. YK2HR:

Three days, 500 kilometres, one monumental bike trip along the Mackenzie Highway.

Folk on the Rocks:

The biggest festival of the summer. Live music at Long Lake, food, arts and crafts. July 17 to 19. Folkontherocks.com

AUGUST

The nights are getting darker. Late in the month you can catch the Northern Lights—without a parka.

Old Town Ramble & Ride:

A street festival with Old Town merchants, artists and musicians. August 1 to 2. Oldtownyk.ca

NWT Pride: Workshops, storytelling, poetry slams, open mics, BBQs, live entertainment, watergun battles and open arms. nwtpride.com

Old Town Pond Sailor's Regatta:

The Snowking presents this annual sailing race, starting at the Old Town government dock. Most important rule: no electronics. extraordinarynyk.ca

Yellowknife hosts the annual 150 mile Canadian Championship Dog Derby in March.



SEPTEMBER

The trees show off their beautiful fall colours during prime cranberry-picking season.

Last Farmers' Market: In early September, the final installment of the weekly Farmers' Market is held. Time to stock up for the winter.

Prospecting 101: Yellowknife is a mining town and this weekend the NWT Mine Training Society offers an introduction to prospecting.

OCTOBER

It's hit-and-miss with the Northern Lights because of the clouds. There will be snow by the end of the month.

Yellowknife International Film Festival:

A collection of local, pan-Arctic and international films presented by Western Arctic Moving Pictures. Films are shown at the movie theatre and NACC. Late fall. yknfilmfest.com

NOVEMBER

Lakes begin to freeze up. Keep an eye on the City website for updates on ice thickness, so you know when it's safe to venture out on them.

Pumpkin Lane: The McMahon Frame Lake Trail gets decorated with Halloween jack-o-lanterns.

Santa Claus Parade: A parade that'll really make you feel like you're at the North Pole. Bring hot chocolate! yellowknife.ca/en/getting-active/Special-Events.asp

DECEMBER

Northern Lights season opens up and the ice is perfect for skating, skiing, ice fishing and sledding.

Holiday lights: Take a stroll down McMahon Frame Lake Trail for the Christmas lights, starting early December. Somba K'e Plaza is quite the sight to see, too, and the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre has a display visible from the park.

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WHAT TO DO: WINTER

When the temperature drops below -30C, you'll still find Yellowknifers out on the street, the ice, the ski trails or in the bush—albeit wearing a few extra layers. Despite the chill, winter is the season of fun: it's a time for Northern Lights viewing, dogsledding, pond hockey, and snowshoeing. If you're visiting in winter, here's what to do:

IF YOU HAVE 24 HRS

1 Tour the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre for a crash course in the history and culture of the territory's first peoples, Northern aviation, and the area's wildlife and geology. Bonus stop: the museum restaurant operated by the chefs behind local favourite Flavour Trader.

2 Walk down to the Yellowknife Book Cellar and browse its large selection of Northern literature. Then head downstairs to the Gourmet Cup for a hot coffee and some fresh baked goods.

3 If you only do one thing in Yellowknife, make time for winter's greatest gift to the city. Sign up for an aurora-viewing tour or venture out on your own. If you're driving, head out on Ingraham Trail to find a good viewing spot. Check the insert map. Please don't park on the highway.



Choose a guide and go ice fishing.

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IF YOU HAVE 72 HRS

1 Take a tour of Old Town, the original town site turned quirky neighbourhood and heritage hotspot. Did you forget your long johns or a pair of warm mitts? Weaver & Devore has your winter gear and other supplies. The general store has been open in Old Town since 1936.

2 The Snowking's Winter Festival on Yellowknife Bay runs throughout March. The famous snow castle hosts live entertainment for kids and adults, and its courtyard features an ice slide and snow sculptures.

3 Finish off the night at The Woodyard Brewhouse & Eatery for a bite and locally brewed beer.

4 You've seen *Ice Road Truckers*, now experience the ice roads for yourself. You can drive across Yellowknife Bay to nearby Dettah. Be sure to check conditions before leaving.

5 Snowmobiling is a practical and exhilarating way to experience the Canadian North. Guided snowmobile tours offered by many local operators will take you off the beaten track.

6 You must be hungry by now so make a reservation at Bullocks Bistro—it's always busy for a reason. The Old Town staple is known for its fresh-caught fish.



New Year's celebration on Frame Lake.

BILL BRADEN

IF YOU HAVE ONE WEEK

1 Explore the outdoors on skis, snowshoes or by fatbike. Head out to the Yellowknife Ski Club for groomed ski tracks.

2 Warm up with brunch at the Dancing Moose Café. Take in the local artwork on the walls and watch planes take off on frozen Great Slave Lake right out the windows.

3 Made famous by History Television's *Ice Pilots NWT*, Buffalo Airways has a unique fleet of vintage planes still in operation.

Hangar tours are available Monday to Friday by appointment only.

4 Visit the NWT Diamond Centre to learn how prospectors discovered kimberlite deposits in the territory and see first hand how the rough rocks become precious stones. Free diamond polishing demonstrations..

5 Go ice-fishing in style. Take a heated SnoBear—a fishing hut on wheels—over the ice to your fishing hole and pull pike with Bluefish Services.

6 Curious about consensus government? Walk the Frame Lake Trail and stop at the NWT Legislative Assembly where you can take a free, guided tour weekdays at 10:30 a.m. The Legislative Assembly also has one of the territory's best art collections.

7 Pick up some keepsakes and gifts in one of Yellowknife's many galleries and shops. Visit Northern Images to find a print from Cape Dorset's legendary Kinnigait Studios, or try Aurora Emporium Art Gallery for unique local crafts.

8 Zip across a frozen lake and twist and turn down forest trails in a dogsled. Beck's Kennels and Aurora Village have dedicated and devoted dog teams excited to give you a ride to remember.

9 Learn about Dene history and traditions by visiting a cultural camp and share stories over tea and bannock. A history of Yellowknife is not complete until you learn about the people and culture living here for centuries (try B Dene Adventures).

Thanks to our prime spot below the auroral oval, Yellowknife is one of the best places in the North, and the world, to view the aurora borealis, the Northern Lights. There are two main seasons for aurora viewing, in autumn when the land and lakes are warm (mid-August to mid October), and winter when all is dark and frozen (early December till April).

Choose an adventure with one of our aurora companies, or head out on your own to one of several sites around the City and along the Ingraham Trail. Stop at one of our parks to capture your photos - please don't stop on the highway!

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Before you find a spot in the ice, get your fishing licence at the downtown Reddi-Mart, or online at licences.enr.gov.nt.ca/fishing-licence

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Some tours include indigenous ice fishing demonstrations and lunch. 124 Curry Drive. 867-873-5603. Beckskennels.com. info@beckskennels.com



RAVEN: Ubiquitous in Yellowknife, the garrulous raven can be heard conversing with its mates on rooftops or mimicking the sounds of the streets above a busy downtown intersection. Take a few seconds to watch them and they're bound to surprise you with their intelligence. They are clever problem-solvers and merry pranksters. The raven is also revered as a trickster and helper by the Dene.

FOX: Foxes are a bit like the raccoons of Yellowknife—they seem adept at co-existing with city folk. They wander out of the forests around the city to scamper across downtown streets and backyards. They may appear curious, but they are generally scared of humans. Still, do not approach them.



BISON: You won't see any of these massive ungulates in town, but once you get about 60 kilometres up Highway 3, you're sure to come across a bison (or 20) lazing or grazing along the side of the road. You don't want to get too close; though these docile beasts generally keep to themselves, do not feed or approach them.

PTARMIGAN: These bulbous white birds aren't so easy to spot in their white winter coats (which go brownish in the summer). That's why you'll see so many Yellowknife vehicles with bumper stickers that read "I brake for ptarmigan." A patient eye will spot these camouflaged birds, but if you want to increase your odds, look up among the branches of trees along city trails, or in a few Forrest Drive and Old Town yards that seem to be ptarmigan hotspots.



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INDOOR RECREATION

When the mercury dips to -40C, you might want to be indoors. Here are a few options.

THE MULTIPLEX

A multi-purpose facility at the intersection of Kam Lake Road and Old Airport Road. It includes two icesheets, a gymnastics club facility and more. Yellowknife.ca/en/getting-active/Multiplex.asp

RUTH INCH MEMORIAL POOL

Go online for program for swim times. 6002 50 Ave. 867-920-5683. yellowknife.ca

BEAR SAFETY

BE AWARE: This is black bear country. But a few tips will keep you safe on the trails. Stay alert and keep aware as you walk. Whether travelling with a companion (recommended) or alone, whistle or sing as you walk. Wildlife will hear you

coming and likely go in the other direction. If leaving the city, carry deterrents like bear spray, bear bangers, and/or an air horn, and become familiar with their safe usage beforehand. If you run into a black bear, stay calm. Raise your arms to make yourself appear big, talk firmly to the bear and back away slowly. If it approaches, use your deterrents. If camping, store food far from your tent, in bear-proof containers.



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YELLOWKNIFE CLIMBING CLUB

Indoor bouldering. 45 Kam Lake Road. ykclimbingclub@gmail.com



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Family-friendly curling facility. Open daily. 6008 Franklin Ave. 867-873-4805. yellowknifecurling.com

ICE SKATING

The city has five outdoor rinks—including one downtown on Frame Lake, just outside city hall. But be safe and check yellowknife.ca to make sure the ice is thick enough to venture out on.

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AURORA TIPS

What are the best ways to see the Northern Lights?

FORECAST: Although the aurora are unpredictable, the best months to view them are January through March and mid-August or early September. If you're here in April/May or October/November, you may not see much. The humidity coming from the breakup and freezeup of the lakes in and around Yellowknife tends to cloud the skies. Once you're here, check @Auroramax on Twitter, astronomynorth.com or auroraforecast.com for activity forecasts. And if you happen to spot a lighthouse near certain Yellowknife businesses, such as Aurora Ford, Gallery of the Midnight Sun or Sushi North, here's what their colours mean: green—there's not much going on; red—there's a Northern Lights storm.

VIEW: The trick is to simply get away from streetlights. If you're on foot, you'll see them better from Frame Lake. If you've got wheels, head to the ice road to Dettah and then stop along the side of the road for a magnificent view. If you're feeling even more adventurous, drive down the Ingraham Trail and turn off at any of the lake entrance parking lots. Careful, though: many a driver has been so caught up in the light show overhead, they've accidentally driven into a snowbank. Keep your eyes on the road!

CAPTURE: Want to give Northern Lights photography a shot? Be sure to bring a tripod and a spare battery; your batteries will drain quickly in the cold. Set your ISO to at least 800, and leave your aperture open as wide as it can go. If you're not planning to take your own photos, you can pick up a print or photo of the aurora-lit skies from various galleries and studios across town (see page 70).

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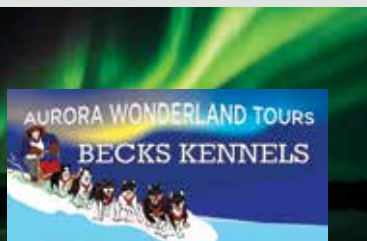
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WHAT TO DO: SUMMER

Though Yellowknife is undeniably a winter city, Yellowknifers live for their summers. Music and festivals under near-endless sunlight, and outdoor adventure both within city limits and outside, will keep you busy. Just don't forget to sleep.

IF YOU HAVE

24 HRS

1 Take a stroll through Old Town and snap some photos of its ramshackle shacks and eclectic architecture. Use the Old Town Soundwalk app to learn the history of Yellowknife's first neighbourhood.

2 Stop for lunch at The Wildcat Café. If there's room, find a seat on the sunny patio to watch floatplanes take off and land on Back Bay.

3 Head over to Old Town Glassworks to pick up a souvenir sandblasted glass made from a recycled wine bottle. Better yet, sign up for a workshop and create your own.

4 Treat yourself to some of the best fish and chips in the country at Bullocks Bistro. The whitefish, lingcod and lake trout are often pulled from Great Slave Lake the very same day. Tip: the pan-fried whitefish is a favourite.

5 End your day with a pint—or a flight—at NWT Brewing. The NWT's only brewery has a wide selection of craft beer on tap, and introduces new experimental small cask or seasonal brews all the time. Grab a growler to take home.

3 Now that you've built up an appetite, head over to Flavour Trader at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

4 Plan a downtown pub-crawl. Have a pint at the Black Knight Pub, but make sure you get to the Gold Range in time to hear Welders Daughter, the hardest working band just about anywhere. The Gold Range made such an impression on Canadian songwriter Joel Plaskett that he wrote a song about it.

5 After a night on the town, mingle with the regulars at breakfast (or brunch, if we're being honest) at the Gold Range Bistro.

6 No Yellowknife experience is complete until you've been out on the water. Book a tour on a commercial fishing boat with Great Slave Lake Tours and see nets get pulled. And then take home a whitefish for dinner from the fish plant or fish truck down at the government dock.

7 Before you leave, hop in a voyageur canoe and take the Floating Dinner Theatre tour with NARWAL Northern Adventures. Paddle around the bay and get a world-class fiddle concert at the same time. You'll see mini-plays, watch painters create works of art and get a traditional meal, too.

IF YOU HAVE

72 HRS

1 Wake up and grab a coffee and a bannock 'n' egger at Birchwood Coffee Qó.

2 Book a tee-time and hit the dunes at the Yellowknife Golf Club. The 18-hole course's famed sand fairways (portable grass provided) are unlike anything you've played before. Tip: Watch the ravens—they've been known to steal a ball or two.



Book a campsite and cook your fresh caught fish.



Summer in Yellowknife – a long weekend at Folk on the Rocks.



Walking trails circle the heart of the city.

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View the houseboats from Pilots Monument.

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IF YOU HAVE ONE WEEK

1 Take a hike. Yellowknife and the surrounding area have no shortage of historic or nature trails for the casual to experienced hiker. (See the fold-out map for details.)

2 Sample some of Yellowknife's excellent international cuisine—from sushi to Korean ribs, and Chinese hot pot to Vietnamese pho. Tip: Don't leave town without eating at Zehabesha, named one of Canada's best Ethiopian restaurants by the *Toronto Star*.

3 Drive up the Ingraham Trail to do some camping. Have a cookout at one of the many day-use areas just off the highway. A beautiful view and some peace and quiet are guaranteed.

4 Plan a trip to Great Slave Lake's East Arm, or book a fly-in visit to one of the many lodges in the North Slave region.

You'll find once-in-a-lifetime fishing experiences. (Yes, the trout really are this big.) Or just take a floatplane tour of the city. If you want to stay grounded, drive about an hour or two down Highway 3 and there's a good chance you'll pull up next to a hulking bison, or a whole herd. Marvel at North America's largest land mammal but please stay in your car.

5 Long summer days mean there's plenty of time to spend on the countless water bodies in and around the city. Rent a kayak or canoe and get exploring. If you don't know what you're doing, let NARWAL teach you.

6 Drop in at Somba K'e Plaza on Tuesday evening for the Yellowknife Farmers' Market. Browse the handmade crafts, home-cooked food and take in a local performance. And then stay up all night and watch the sun barely dip below the horizon.

The Yellowknife Guide to Bugs

They may not be poisonous but they can drive you mad. Here's how to stay sane:

MOSQUITOES: Newcomers who aren't accustomed to mosquitoes tend to get swollen welts from their bites at first. Not to worry—soon your body adapts and you will barely even notice a bite. Use bug spray, wear light colours, and avoid scented products. Smoke from your bonfire will keep them at bay. Other defenses are bug jackets or authentic moccasins made with smoky moose hide.

BLACKFLIES: These small suckers are going to aim for exposed skin at your neck, behind your ears, waist and ankles. Their bites don't hurt, they just bleed. Make sure you're on swatting patrol in June.

HORSEFLIES/BULLDOGS: Their names are representative of their force. These guys are not fun to deal with. They're big and common around lakes. Bug spray won't work—your only defense is baggy clothes.





Yellowknifers love summer.

By June, there's 20 hours of daylight and temperatures can rise to 30 degrees C. We swim, sail, water ski, paddleboard, bike, golf, and most of us also like to fish! Golfers love our 18-hole sand course with carpeted greens. Walkers and bikers haunt our many well-marked trails. There are float planes for a city air tour. There's a public beach at Long Lake, and delightful lakes for water sports on the Ingraham Trail.

And yes, there are fish here! Take a guided trip to catch your shore lunch or dinner of pike, trout, whitefish or grayling on Great Slave Lake or smaller lakes nearby. Fish for a weekend or a week at lodges listed under Tours at the back of this Guide.

All summer long there are events – Indigenous displays, music in the park, art displays and every Tuesday evening, a farmer's market.



ON THE WATER

The city is surrounded by pristine lakes and waterways, with plenty of room for fishing, canoeing, kayaking and boating. Arrange guided fishing expeditions and tours with local operators, or rent your own vessel.

LONG LAKE BEACH

Remember your sunscreen and swimsuit. Long Lake Beach is at the Fred Henne Territorial Park, out by the airport; beach volleyball nets available.

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JACKPINE PADDLE CO.

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Autumn aurora-viewing packages around town and out at Trout Rock Lodge. 867-873-4600. Yellowknifetours.com, aurora@yellowknifetours.com



Traditional Dene drying of fish.



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Central to our past, present and future, Yellowknife's bush planes come in many shapes and sizes. Here's a quick guide to tell the difference between the planes you see in the sky.

DC-3

Physical characteristics: Full, tapered belly resembling a fish; low wings that angle toward a central, three-pronged tail; plumage variable, but Northern species often have a green mask. **Sound:** Single persistent howl. **Population:** 607 (produced 1936-42, 1950). **Related planes:** None. It's been said that the only replacement for a DC-3 is another DC-3. **Fact:** Starred in the History Channel's Ice Pilots NWT.

Pilatus Porter

Physical characteristics: 11m long; box-shaped snout, wiry legs and square wing-tips; unattractive but spry. **Sound:** Noisy growl, similar to the Beaver. **Population:** 562 (produced 1959-present). **Related planes:** Helio Courier, Helio Stallion. **Fact:** The Pilatus holds the world record for highest landing by a fixed-wing aircraft: in 1960, it touched down on a 5,750-metre mountain peak in Nepal—but then crashed on its way out.

Piper Cub

Physical characteristics: 6.8m long; highly recognizable by its eager, snub nose and open, friendly face, the Cub's low-hanging belly and stocky legs lend to it a slow, sturdy air. **Sound:** The butterfly of bush planes, the Cub flies nearly silently. **Population:** 19,888 (produced 1938-1947). **Related planes:** Super Cub. **Fact:** The Cub is the most popular training plane.

DeHavilland Beaver

Physical characteristics: 9.2m long; box-shaped body and blunt, pug-like nose; once described as a "big ol' pelican"—slow, cumbersome, but carries its weight in fish. **Sound:** Loud snarl punctuated with piston-like bangs and pings. **Population:** 1,657 (produced 1947-1967). **Related planes:** Norseman, Turbo Beaver. **Fact:** The Beaver is named after Canada's national animal, but the first Canadian-designed DeHavilland was named after the Chipmunk.

DeHavilland Twin Otter

Physical characteristics: 15.8m long; sleek, pointed nose and full, bottom-heavy breast; long, blunt-tipped wings set toward the centre of the back; plumage variable, but notable species include the Kenn Borek (red, black and white underbelly) and the Canadian Forces (solid red with a large blue dot under the wing). **Sound:** Quiet growl, intermittent low whooshes when propellers reverse direction mid-flight. **Population:** 844 (produced 1965-1988, 2008-present). **Related planes:** The single-engine Otter. **Fact:** In 2001, when Antarctica's resident doctor needed a medevac from her -60C winter outpost, the Twin Otter was the only plane rescuers trusted to perform the mission.

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LAKE WHITEFISH

Coregonus clupeaformis

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NORTHERN PIKE

Esox lucius

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INCONNU

Stedon leucichthys

Inconnu average from 3 to 5kg, although it's not uncommon to reel them in at 9 to 14kg. Some even reach up to 22kg. The name is French for "unknown," but they're well known in Great Slave Lake and Marian Lake, where they're often called coney.



LAKE TROUT

Salvelinus namaycush

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IN YELLOWKNIFE:

MCPHON FRAME LAKE TRAIL

This 9 km trail circles Frame Lake in the centre of town, and is popular with walkers, bicyclists, joggers and dog-walkers. An extension towards the Bristol Monument, Lakeview Cemetery and Jackfish Lake. Pack bug spray!

NIVEN LAKE TRAIL

Running alongside a marshy ecosystem, home to amphibians, waterfowl, muskrats and beavers, this 2 km trail is a must for wildlife lovers.

PROSPECTORS' TRAIL

Accessible from the Fred Henne Park Campground, this 4-km trail is full of geological phenomena.

RANGE LAKE TRAIL

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ON THE INGRAHAM TRAIL:

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THE PRINCE OF WALES NORTHERN HERITAGE CENTRE

The museum houses artifacts and collections from across the Northwest Territories and has rotating exhibits throughout the year. Donations are welcome on entry. Tours available Fridays at 11:45 a.m. In July, tours run M-W-F at 11:45 a.m. 867-873-7551. pwnhc.ca

SOMBA K'E CIVIC PLAZA

All kinds of free events are held here beside City Hall in the summer, from outdoor movies and markets, to live performances and drop-in yoga classes.

SWIMMING

There's too much fresh water around to not jump right in! You can't swim in Frame or Jackfish Lake, but Long Lake is great, as are Great Slave and the larger Ingraham Trail lakes.

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ARTS & CULTURE

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AUTHENTIC NWT PRODUCTS

Art and crafts from city and territorial residents are available in more than a dozen retail stores in Yellowknife. The NWT Arts logo identifies authentic Northwest Territories arts and fine crafts, created by artists registered with the NWT Arts Program. Artists create one-of-a-kind handmade pieces that capture our northern spirit and share our unique stories.

WHAT YOU CAN BUY

Items available for sale range from traditional to contemporary. Beautifully beaded clothing, exquisite birch bark baskets decorated with moose hair tufting or porcupine quill work, Dene drums and more tell the cultural story of the North, while paintings, glass mosaics, pottery, jewellery, carvings and fur products are some of the more contemporary items that tell the story of the North.

PUBLIC ART

There are more than 100 pieces of public art located downtown and in Old Town. They range from massive sculptures to unique wall murals, to painted benches, utility boxes, lamp posts and dumpsters. Overhead lightpost banners celebrate our arts, too.

The brochure *Art Walk Yellowknife*, available at the Visitor Centre, is a detailed guide to viewing and buying art in the city. Don't miss: **Two unique sculptures in Somba K'e park** - the dancing drummers called *United in Celebration* by Francois Thibeault, and Elon, the muskox with a coat of living plants, a gift from Quebec. **Four interesting attractions at McAvoy Rock in Old Town** - the hands on the rock, a raven and a bronze sculpture and steel teepee. Artists are Armand Vaillancourt, John Sabourin, Sonny MacDonald, and Eli Nasogaluak. **Underfoot**, there's a stone dragonfly by Diane Boudreau. **There are two impressive mosaics** - one on the Bromley Building on 50th Avenue and 52nd St. called *Northern Strata* by Dot van Vliet and Norma Hislop, and one called *Summer Flies* by on the historic Canadian Pacific Airways Building on Wiley Road near the Wildcat by Dot van Vliet and Vicki Tompkins. Some of the larger wall murals are *Charlie Delorme* by Terry Pamplin on the Somba K'e Dental Centre, *The Helon* on 50th Avenue's Swap Shop by Lauren Sinnott, and *The Tribute to Gold and Diamonds* on the Coldwell Banker Building.

HISTORIC BUILDINGS

The (free) Yellowknife Soundwalk recalls some of the romance of buildings in Old Town, including some with a less than upright past. Favorites include the first Toronto Dominion Bank, on Otto Drive, the Wildcat Café on Wiley Road, the old Bay store and Bullock's restaurant. There's a fine view of Old Town as it was in the little park at the far side of the McMeekin causeway. These and others were designated historic sites by the Yellowknife Heritage Committee.

ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

ARTLESS COLLECTIVE

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PRINCE OF WALES NORTHERN HERITAGE CENTRE (PWNHC)

The museum exhibits art from or relating to the NWT. 4750 48 Street. 867-873-7551. pwnhc.ca



If Yellowknife was distilled into a flavour, it would be the mouth watering taste of smoked fish.

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WESTERN ARCTIC MOVING PICTURES (WAMP)

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The volunteer-run organization supports and promotes arts groups in Yellowknife. facebook.com/ykarcc

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At the Somba K'e Civic Plaza, beside City Hall, you will not only find food galore, but locally made crafts every Tuesday night starting at 5:15 p.m. from early June to mid-September. yellowknifefarmersmarket.ca



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Look for authentic NWT art at these local businesses:

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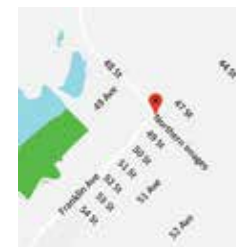
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Watch the sunrise over Yellowknife Bay.

Grab a coffee at one of our top-notch shops, choose your vantage point (we'd suggest Pilot's Monument or Twin Pine Hill) and be dazzled.

ON YOUR LUNCH BREAK:

Walk the Frame Lake Trail. It's accessible from downtown, probably minutes away from your conference. The whole loop can take about an hour and runs behind the Legislative Assembly and along the far side of the lake.

Check out the museum. If you've got more time to take in all the exhibits, great. But if lunch is all you've got, make the most of it at the restaurant.

IN THE EVENING:

Hike up Pilot's Monument.

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Take a stroll through the eclectic shacks in the Woodyard and continue through Old Town for a few more vantage points of Houseboat Bay.

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