DISCOVER OUR YELLOWKNIFE

The wild doesn’t end where the roads begin
If you’re visiting Yellowknife, stop by the Northern Frontier Visitors Centre Outcrop is offering visitors free use of a fleet of sturdy one-speed bicycles for touring anywhere within the city limits, any day of the week from early June until late September.
The City of Yellowknife WELCOMES YOU!

Discover Yellowknife is a cooperative effort from our own City staff, the friendly tourism staff at the Northern Frontier Visitor Centre and the team at Up Here Publishing.

Yellowknife’s unique location is the perfect start for an unforgettable experience. Stay a weekend, a week or a month, and discover our vibrant capital city on the shores of Great Slave Lake.

Many year-round adventures are to be had in Yellowknife and no matter the season, our parks and trails are worth a visit. Hike around the beautiful Frame Lake for a skyline view of downtown Yellowknife. During the winter, head out onto the Great Slave Lake ice road or visit the Snow Castle. Take the kids tobogganing or exploring in one of our many playgrounds around the city. Between June and September, join the locals for a picnic at Somba K’ee Civic Plaza as they gather for the weekly Farmer’s Market. Entertaining young and old, our parks and trails are a Yellowknife experience not to be missed.

After all, in Yellowknife the wilderness is only five minutes away. Whether you prefer a stroll around downtown, a self-guided tour in old town, or hiking in the wilderness, I am sure you will find your perfect getaway adventure here.

Welcome to Our Yellowknife!

Mayor Mark Heyck
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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's North.

While the Yellowknives and Tłįcho Dene have lived in and travelled through the region for thousands of years, Yellowknife was permanently settled 83 years ago, following the discovery of gold. From its rough-and-tumble beginnings as a frontier mining town, Yellowknife has evolved into a city brimming with life, home to many cultures, in a population of just less than 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 the Northwest Territories wilderness, where there are simply too many lakes to experience in one lifetime. In summer, the sun stays up for nearly 24 hours—meaning endless days of camping, fishing, or taking in tunes at the city’s famous Folk on the Rocks music festival. Winter is a crisp, invigorating season of dog sledding, snowmobiling and ice fishing. And we’re home to 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, though you’re sure to find surprises all on your own! Find us on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram or LinkedIn or come visit us in person at City Hall. Welcome to Yellowknife!

A QUICK HISTORY

FOR CENTURIES, Weledeh Dene lived in the region, fishing in the Yellowknife River in the summer.

1934-1937 A gold find at the west end of Yellowknife Bay spurs a mini gold-rush. Con Mine is developed and a town is settled.

1948 Giant Mine, Yellowknife’s other gold mine, begins production.

1967 Yellowknife is declared the capital of the Northwest Territories.

1991 Diamonds are found north of the city. Staking rush ensues.

1999 Nunavut breaks away from the NWT.

2017 The ideal year to visit to catch the Northern Lights. Seriously.

WHAT TO PACK

The north of 60 essentials

WINTER

Dress in layers. That means long-johns, snow pants, 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 NIRWAL 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, dog sledding and aurora viewing.

CONTACT LENSES: If you wear glasses, be advised that your lenses will fog up when every inch of your skin is covered and you’re breathing into a scarf or neck wrap. Contacts are a sure bet for sleeping purposes, too—an eyemask can take care of that.

MOISTURIZER AND LIP BALM: Yellowknife has really dry winter air—so be prepared.

KEEP YOUR CAR WARM: If you’re spending the winter here, you’ll want to buy a battery blanket and be able to plug in your car 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.

SWIMSUIT: The water may be cold, but that makes it especially refreshing. Go canoeing, kayaking, sailing, stand-up paddleboarding, or just cool down with a dip under the midnight sun.

FISHING ROD: Catch your own dinner. Flip to page 36 to find out what types of fish you can catch.

DENE NATION: An organization that represents many of the NWT’s First Nations peoples: Denesoline, Tłįcho, Deh Gah Got’ine, K’ashot’ine, and Dinjiži Zhuh (or, Gwich’in). In most of these languages, “Dene” means “the people.”

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

GREAT SLAVE LAKE: With a surface area of 28,368 square-kilometres, the big lake is the world’s tenth largest, and the deepest body of water in North America. Yellowknife borders its north arm. “Great” is used to distinguish it from the smaller Lesser Slave Lake in Alberta.

INUHKUHK: It isn’t actually indigenous to Yellowknife, but some artists still find inspiration from the rock statue that resembles a person, traditionally used by Inuit to navigate the land.

THE LEDGE: Short for the NWT’s Legislative Assembly, an architectural marvel where free tours are available (see page 66).

MAHSI CHO: “Thank you very much” in Tłı̨chǫ (Or just mahsi—thanks—for short.)

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

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

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 it was a bit of a dive of an alley. The city adopted the name but learned soon enough to weld the sign onto its posts—it was being stolen too often. Today, you can purchase replicas at local gift shops for souvenirs.

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

SOMBA K’E: Yellowknife’s Tłı̨chǫ name, meaning: “Where the money is.”

FACT OR FICTION

Clearing up some myths about Yellowknife

FICTION: Yellowknife got its name from its golden origins. The city is actually named after the Yellowknives Dene First Nation. Explorer Samuel Hearne first referred to indigenous Yellowknives Dene as “Yellowknives” because of the yellow copper knives they used.

FICTION: Yellowknifeers live in igloos. Though, some of us build igloos recreationally. See NARWAL Northern Adventures (page 22).

FACT: It gets cold. In winter it can drop below -30C, or even -40C. (And we try not to think about the windchill.) Even though there is limited daylight in the winter months, when the sun is out, it is bright and brilliant. Rather than hibernate during the winter, dress for the weather and enjoy all that Yellowknife has to offer (see page 18). And it’s not cold all year—the average July temperature is 21 C.

FICTION: Northern Lights year-round. We are known as the world capital for aurora viewing—and rightly so. When the skies are clear, emerald ribbons fill the night sky most of the winter. However, due to the near-constant sunlight in summer, you can’t see them until it starts getting dark—around the middle of August.

FICTION: There are polar bears. Phew! Our sub-arctic climate is not right for the great white bears. Polar bears live near the Arctic Ocean, farther north, so they’re still an important NWT symbol.

FACT: You can drive on the ice. Ice roads are an important part of our transportation network. To be your own Ice Road Trucker, the Dettah Ice Road can be accessed from the main dock in Old Town, or off of School Draw Avenue. However, be sure to wait for the public announcement that the ice roads have been established for the winter. And do not go off the Dettah road!
GETTING HERE Remote but do-able

BY PLANE
We are well connected, with direct flights from Edmonton, Calgary, Ottawa and Whitehorse via Air Canada, Canadian North, First Air, WestJet and Air North. The Yellowknife airport (YZF) website has everything you’ll need to know about arrivals and departures.

BY ROAD
Driving to Yellowknife has never been easier since the 2012 completion of the Deh Cho Bridge, spanning the mighty Mackenzie River. 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 1,300 km—that’s about 20 hours of driving. 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.dot.gov.nt.ca.

BY BUS
Frontier Coach Lines, based out of Hay River, NWT, connects the communities of Fort Smith, Fort Providence, Behchoko and Yellowknife along the Mackenzie Highway (NWT Highway 3). For a little more than $100, they can get you from Hay River to Yellowknife on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (except for holidays), leaving Hay River at 9 a.m. and arriving in Yellowknife at 3 p.m.

BIKE RENTALS
You can rent bikes from Old Town Glassworks, at 3510A McDonald Drive.

FREE BIKES
During summer, 10 free bicycles are available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Northern Frontier Visitors Centre, provided by Outcrop Communications and its GoMobile program.

RENTING VEHICLES
Rental cars and trucks are available in the city and at the airport. Major rental firms include Hertz, Budget Car and Truck, National Car Rental, Royal Rent-a-Car and Yellowknife Motors.

TAXI SERVICES
Aurora Taxi: 867-873-5050
City Cab: 867-873-4444

CITY BUS SERVICES
There are three regular routes:
Route A – Borden/Forrest Dr.
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. Fares range from $2-$3 for single tickets; $50-$75 for monthly passes, and $20-$30 for 11-ride punch passes.

For more details, go to Yellowknife.ca/en/living-here/transit.asp

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

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See “What to do – Summer” for hiking and walking trails FLIP TO PAGE 32.
WHEN TO COME

AT A GLANCE: 
ONE YEAR IN YELLOWKNIFE

When is the best time of year to visit? The answer, obviously, depends on what you want to see and do. Here’s what the city has to offer month by month.

JANUARY
It’s prime aurora-viewing, dogsledding, snowmobiling and ice-fishing season.

Fireworks at Frame Lake begin at 8:15 p.m. on December 31.

World Snow Day: On January 15, learn how to build a snow shelter, play Ultimate Frisbee, and more.

Banff Mountain Film Festival: The tour lands in Yellowknife, January 20 to 21.

Brrrllesque: The hottest, raciest show in town also sells out really fast. January 25 to 28 at the Top Knight. Brrrllesque.ca

FEBRUARY
Some Yellowknifers escape to the Caribbean; others head to the bush.

NWT Ski Day at the Yellowknife Ski Club, featuring a scavenger hunt and a tour to the ice falls, February 12. skiyellowknife.com

City of Yellowknife Heritage Week: Get a taste of the city’s history in mid-February. Check yellowknife.ca for details.

Dead North Film Festival: Made-in-the-North horror!

February 23 to 26.

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

Snowking XXII: Long live the King! The Snowking Festival takes place March 1-27 on Yellowknife Bay. Visit the famous castle built entirely of snow and ice and stay for the art exhibits, live music, a film festival, an ice carving competition, a pond hockey tournament, fish fry, the snow playground… you name it! Snowking.ca

Frostbite 50: The annual cross-country ski race that starts and ends at the ski club, March 18. Or try the Frostbite Mini, a run along the ice road from the Long John Jamboree site to Detah and back.

Long John Jamboree: Also on frozen Yellowknife Bay, 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! March 24 to 26. longjohnjamboree.ca; canadian-championshipdogderby.ca

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

First Air Easter Tournament: Hockey players across the North take this tournament very seriously. April 13 to 16. ykrecleague.ca

Balsillie Memorial Cup: The legendary old-timers hockey tournament. ykold timers.com

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

Ptarmigan Pheartrics: Catch Yellowknife talent onstage at the Northern Arts and Cultural Centre’s annual spring play. This year, it will be the Sound of Music. nacnt.ca or facebook.com/ptarmiganpheartrics

Yellowknife to Hay River: YK2HR: Three days, 500 kilometres, one monumental bike trip along the Mackenzie Highway in late May.

NorthWords Writers Festival: International and local authors come together to celebrate northern and indigenous literature with readings and workshops. May 31 to June 3. northwordsfestival.ca

JUNE
Welcome back, summer! Celebrate the longest and brightest 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 to 7:30, from early June until September at the Somba K’e Civic Plaza outside City Hall. facebook.com/ykfarmersmarket

The World Shore Lunch Competition: A cook-off that pits Yellowknife teams against each other as they whip up mouth-watering dishes with freshly caught Great Slave Fish.

Aboriginal 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.

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

JULY
It’s a time of heat, sun, water sports, and music galore—we’ve länged for all winter long is now in full swing.

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.

The Midnight Sun Fly-In: Gather at the Wardair dock in early December. Somba K’e Plaza is quite the sight to see, too.

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

The biggest festival of the summer. Live music at Long Lake, specialty food, arts and crafts. Kick up some sand on July 14 to 16. folkontherocks.com

SEPTEMBER
In the NWT, June 21. Celebrate with the Long Lake fishing derby.

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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 walk on it.

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 in 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, fishing and skidooning.

Holiday Lights: Take a stroll down McMahon Frame Lake Trail for the Christmas lights, starting in early December. Somba K’e Plaza is quite the sight to see, too.

yellowknife.ca or visityellowknife.com

Old Town Pond Sailor’s Regatta: The Snowking presents this annual mini-sailboat race, starting at the Old Town government dock. Most important rule: no electronics. visityellowknife.com

NEW YEAR’S EVE: Look for this guide to update yearly. The Midnight Sun Fly-In: Gather at the Wardair dock in early December. Somba K’e Plaza is quite the sight to see, too.
DISCOVER CANADIAN DIAMONDS

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- See the tools of the diamond industry and watch real diamond cutters at work!
- See real Canadian rough and polished diamonds, mined, cut and polished right here in Yellowknife!

Entry is free!
WHAT TO DO:

Winter

Hanging off the side of the YK Centre on Franklin Avenue, there’s a scrolling screen that displays the time, local ads and, most importantly, the temperature. You’ll pass people in parkas standing underneath, posing for photos and pointing up gleefully at the screen’s astounding temperatures of -30 C or worse. But despite the chill, winter is the season of fun for many Yellowknifers: a time of Northern Lights viewing, dogsledding, snow sports, frozen lakes and longjohns. In this section, you’ll find various ways to enjoy the season and have an unforgettable stay.

If you have 24 HRS

1. Take in winter’s greatest gift to the North. Sign up for an aurora-viewing tour and bask in the glow of Yellowknife’s most magical natural resource.

2. If you’re here in March, head out to the Snowking castle on Yellowknife Bay. It’s a favourite of tourists and locals alike. The design is different every year, but there’s always a café, an ice slide, and majestic ice and snow statues in the courtyard. And be sure to say hello to Yellowknife’s monarch, the Snowking.

3. Warm up with brunch at The Dancing Moose Café. There’s local artwork all over the walls, and if that’s not enough to look at, Great Slave Lake is right out the windows.

4. With hot chocolate in hand, stroll through Old Town and get a glimpse of some of Yellowknife’s original buildings and heritage hotspots. Drop into Old Town Glassworks and channel your artistic side by producing your own personalized handmade recycled glass souvenir. Visit the Old Town galleries for souvenir prints, furs and jewelry. Finish your day off at the NWT Brewing Company’s Woodyard Pub with a tasty pint of Yellowknife’s own locally brewed beer.

If you have 72 HRS

1. Learn about the area’s geology and wildlife, and the history and culture of Yellowknife’s first peoples at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre. There’s also a restaurant open for lunch on the second floor. Try the Catch of the Day special.

2. Head to the nearby Legislative Assembly for a free, guided tour that explains the NWT’s consensus government system. Drop into the nearby Northern Frontier Visitors Centre for more travel tips, a real-time aurora forecast and take a selfie with Snowy the Polar Bear. (Don’t worry, he doesn’t bite!)

3. Lace up your skates and play some lunch-hour shinny hockey on Frame Lake outside City Hall.

4. Visit the NWT Diamonds Centre to learn how the NWT’s diamonds are mined. Find out how prospectors got creative to find the kimberlite deposits, just 300 kilometres north of Yellowknife, that power the territory’s economy and see first-hand how the rough rocks become shining stones. Stay for a free diamond polishing demonstration, presented Monday to Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

5. Enjoy a magical winter experience dogsledding across a frozen lake and twisting and turning through picturesque nature trails. Beck’s Kennels and Aurora Village have dedicated and devoted dog teams excited to give you a ride to remember.

6. When you’ve worked up enough of an appetite, plan for dinner at Bullocks Bistro in Old Town. Known for its fresh-caught fish and its locally harvested meat, Bullocks is almost always packed—so if you want to get a table, plan for an early dinner. Pro-tip: Bring a permanent marker to leave your mark on the North forever. If a burger is more to your liking, the Twin Pine Diner has got you covered with its comfort food made with an inventive twist.

7. Learn about local history and traditions by going on a cultural tour of the city and its surroundings. Visit a cultural camp and share some tea and bannock. Listen to the beat of the drums and join the excitement of Dene Hand Games. Get the whole story of Yellowknife by learning from the people who’ve lived here for generations.
WINTER

IF YOU HAVE
ONE WEEK

1. Explore the outdoors on your own terms—on skis, snowshoes or by fatbike. You can rent gear at Overlander Sports (visit overlandersports.com/our-services for information). Head to the Yellowknife Ski Club for groomed tracks or venture off to see the ice caves. If you like to blaze your own trails, take your skis to Frame Lake for a leisurely tour. Or rent a fatbike from Borealis Bike Tours Unlimited and see where two wheels will take you.

2. Cozy up next to the fireplace at The Explorer Hotel’s Traders Grill for a fancy gourmet feast—or for its Sunday brunch.

3. Snowmobiling is a practical and exhilarating way to experience the Canadian North. Numerous operators provide professionally guided snowmobile tours to some of our region’s most stunning spots—and getting there is most of the fun!

4. Made famous by History Television’s Ice Pilots NWT, Buffalo Airways has one of the world’s most unique fleets of vintage planes still in operation. Hangar tours are available Monday-Friday, by appointment only.

5. The Fat Fox has a selection of coffee and espresso drinks to wake you up after a late-night Northern Lights session, not to mention warm-you-up curries and other healthy options. Or head over to Birchwood Coffee Kjö for a coffee, a freshly made cinnamon bun and bannock.

6. Glide smoothly across the icy surface of Yellowknife Bay, through a neighbourhood of colourful houseboats, in a high-tech hovercraft with RY-LO Express.

7. 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.

8. Frozen Rock Studio is a collection of artists dedicated to cultivating the traditional fine art of Inuit carving. Drop by their studio to browse items available for purchase and watch them at work creating new masterpieces. Stop by Northern Images, a gallery with prints, carvings, paintings and jewelry from across the Arctic.

9. Vietnamese vermicelli or Arctic char sashimi? Korean bibimbap or Ethiopian goat tibs? We pride ourselves on the diversity of our local cuisine scene—check out our food section (page 48) and try something nobody back home will believe you ate in Yellowknife.
BOB TURNER ENTERPRISES
Ice fishing in the winter; drying fish in the summers. 867-446-6502. rtuner@theedge.ca

GREAT SLAVE ADVENTURES
Day trips, ice fishing and aurora viewing. Winter cabin rental. 867-445-2226. Greatslavefishing.ca

GREAT SLAVE LAKE TOURS
Catch and sample the catch on Great Slave Lake and stay for the aurora. 867-875-8077. nwtfishingtours.com, shawnbuckley@northwestel.net

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING AND SNOWSHOEING
For groomed cross-country ski trails, visit the Yellowknife Ski Club. You can also take your skis out on Frame and Great Slave lakes, or drive down the Ingraham Trail. But check ice thickness first at: Yellowknife.ca/en/living-here/ice-measurement-and-safety.asp.

OVERLANDER SPORTS
Ski and snowshoe rentals. 867-873-2474. Overlandersports.com

STRONG INTERPRETATION
The boreal forest has many stories to tell in the winter. Strap on a set of snowshoes for this unique guided adventure. 867-873-5546. walkyellowknife@gmail.com, Experienceyellowknife.com

YELLOWKNIFE SKI CLUB
Skiing and biathlon programs; a heated two-story ski club, open to members; a biathlon range; 2 km of lit trails for night skiing. 867-669-9754. Skyellowknife.com, info@skyellowknife.com. Club members have free access to a 16x14 canvas tent with plywood floors and a wood stove off the Ingraham Trail. 867-444-8466. Skyellowknife.com клуб-факти/banting-lake-tent, banting.tent@gmail.com

ARCTIC TOURS CANADA
 Variety of packages offered in English, Japanese, Chinese and Korean. 867-446-7335. Arctictourscanada.ca

AURORA VILLAGE
Aurora-viewing tours include dogsledding during the day and aurora-viewing at night. 867-669-0006. Auroravillage.com info@auroravillage.com

AURORA WONDERLAND/ BECK’S KENNELS
Owned by dogsledding champion Grant Beck, this is the real deal. Also includes Dene ice-fishing demonstrations. 124 Curry Drive. 867-873-5603. Beckskennels.com, info@beckskennels.com

ICE FISHING
Before you find a spot in the ice, get your fishing licence. 867-446-7335. Arctictourscanada.ca

B. DENE ADVENTURES
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**FITNESS CLUBS**

**ARCTIC COMBAT FITNESS & MMA**
MMA, Judo, Muay-Thai and more. 160 Enterprise Dr. 867-445-2164.

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Brazilian Jiu Jitsu programs for adults and children. (Shares space with Just Fitness). 4920 54th Ave. 867-445-1687, Arcticbjj.com

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Weight and cardio rooms, personal trainers and fitness classes. 5003 48th Street. 867-920-4220. breakawayfitness.ca

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**SONNY AURORA & SUNSHINE, CANADA NORTH ADVENTURES**
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**YELLOWKNIFE NORTHERN LIGHTS TOUR**
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**RUTH INCH MEMORIAL POOL**
Check yellowknife.ca for swim times and descriptions. 6002 Franklin Avenue. 867-920-5683.

**YELLOWKNIFE CLIMBING CLUB**
Indoor bouldering. 113 Kam Lake Road. ykclimbingclub@gmail.com, ykclimbingclub.ca

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Family-friendly, eight-sheet curling club. Open daily. 6008 Franklin Avenue. 867-873-4805. yellowknifecurling.com

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**RY-LO EXPRESS**
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WHAT TO DO: SUMMER

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

IF YOU HAVE
24 HRS

Time is tight, so get around town quickly by picking up a free GoMobile bike at the Northern Frontier Visitors Centre and explore the city with the wind in your hair.

Stop by the iconic Wildcat Café for lunch. Sit on the sunny patio with a scenic view of Back Bay and imagine what Yellowknife must have been like in the early days, as Beaver and Otter floatplanes take off and land on the lake.

Rent a canoe, kayak or stand up paddleboard and take a tour through houseboat alley.

Stroll down the lanes and roads of Old Town. Marvel at the ramshackle shacks and the unique architecture—or better yet, use the Old Town Soundwalk app (ou le tour autoguidé Balado Discovery en Français) to get some context and learn the history behind what you’re seeing.

Finish off the day by treating yourself to dinner at the famous Bullock’s Bistro—with fish pulled from Great Slave Lake often that very same day. Here’s a secret: the pan-fried whitefish never disappoints.

Prospectors Trail to view the many interesting rock formations that first attracted gold-seekers. Or drive down the Ingraham Trail for longer hikes. Highlights include the Runney Hill and Big Hill Lake trails, which give some stunning views of the sub-arctic landscape, or nature hikes at Prelude Lake.

Tee off at the Yellowknife Golf Club. We promise that our 18-hole course, with its famed sand fairways, is unlike any you’ve played before. And keep your eye on the ravens—they’ve been known to steal a ball or two.

You must be hungry by now. Head over to the Somba K’e Plaza, which hosts Yellowknife’s Farmers’ Market every Tuesday evening. All sorts of foods and desserts are served up, alongside artisanal crafts and wares, and with live musical performances.

You’ve spent a long day on the water. Reward yourself with a pint of local craft beer and a burger at The Woodyard Brewpub & Eatery.

IF YOU HAVE
72 HRS

Why not start your trip with a hike? Yellowknife and the surrounding area have no shortage of pristine trails. The casual sightseer might prefer the McMahon Frame Lake Trail, which provides a nice tour of the city and Canadian Shield, or the marshy byways of Niven Lake, with its waterfowl, beaver and muskrat. If you’re feeling a little more adventurous, head to Fred Henne Park on the outskirts of town to the

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It’s true—in the summer, it feels like the sun never sets. But that doesn’t mean there’s no nightlife. Plan your own downtown pub crawl, but make sure you get to the infamous Gold Range in time to hear the live house band. We guarantee it’ll be a night you won’t forget—in fact, it made such an impression on Canadian songwriter Joel Plaskett last summer, that he wrote a song about it!

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IF YOU HAVE
ONE WEEK

Long summer days and nights mean there’s plenty of time to explore the many waterways and lakes in and around the city. So jump—or better yet, let Old Town Paddle & Co. teach you how to stand up first—on a stand-up paddleboard and get to know this place.

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After a night on the town, brunch is necessary. If you ended your night at the Gold Range, why not head back for eggs, bacon and coffee with the friendly faces at the Gold Range Bistro?

You haven’t experienced Yellowknife until you’ve been out on the water. Book a fishing tour where you can sample your catch with a classic shore lunch. You can even go out on a commercial fishing boat with Great Slave Lake Tours and watch them pull their nets.

Later, swap the boat for a voyageur canoe and a Floating Dinner Theatre tour with NARWAL Northern Adventures. Paddle around Old Town while being regaled by a world-class fiddle player. You’ll see mini-plays, watch painters create works of art and get a traditional meal, too.

Head up the Ingraham Trail and have a cook-out at one of its many day-use areas. The drive alone is beautiful, and no matter where you decide to stop for a picnic or to put your line in the water, it will be pristine and serene. You might feel millions of miles from your troubles, but in reality, you’re only a half-hour from civilization.

Take an extended 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 and hunting experiences—yes, the trout really are this big. If that’s not your style, there’s always a flightseeing tour. Or if you want to stay grounded, set out on Highway 3—once you’re an hour out of town, there’s a good chance you’ll pull up next to a hulking bison, and maybe even a whole herd.

Check in for a night or two at a houseboat bed and breakfast in Yellowknife Bay and start your day off with a jump in the lake.

Our summers are buzzing with activity. Stay up all night and watch the sun barely dip below the horizon—and then pop back up. Start planning your trip back.
ON THE WATER

This city is blessed with water. We fish, canoe, kayak and boat around all summer. Arrange a guided tour with local operators or head out on your own.

LONG LAKE BEACH
Out at Fred Henne Territorial Park, by the airport; beach-volleyball facilities.

RENTALS, FISHING TOUR AND DAY TRIP OPERATORS

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NARWAL NORTHERN ADVENTURES
Tours, instruction and canoe and kayak rentals. The Floating Dinner theatre on Thursday nights is three hours of live entertainment, traditional dinner and paddling in Voyageur canoes. 867-873-6443. Narwal.ca, outdoors@narwal.ca

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OLD TOWN PADDLE & CO.
Rent a stand-up paddleboard, or take lessons. Oldtownpaddle.com

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Rent fishing boats and pontoons at Prelude Lake Territorial Park, 30 km east of Yellowknife on the Ingraham Trail. 867-446-5779. Preludelakemarina.com

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Autumn aurora-viewing packages around town and Trout Rock Lodge. 867-873-4600. 867-444-8179, Yellowknifetours.com, aurora@yellowknifetours.com

The following lakes in and around Yellowknife have boat launches:

- Great Slave Lake (both Old Town and Giant Mine site)
- Vee Lake/Walsh Lake
- Prosperous Lake (at Cassidy Point and Secondary)
- Madeline Lake
- Pontoone Lake
- Prelude Lake
- Powder Point (for Prelude East/Hidden Lake)
- Reid Lake
- Tibbitt Lake

FISHING LICENCES

Visitors and residents between 16 and 65 can purchase NWT fishing licences online, as well as at some government offices, at the downtown Reddi-Mart, Canadian Tire, Old Town Emporium and Polar Tech (licences are free for anyone over 65). Canadian visitors can purchase a seasonal licence for $20, or a three-day licence for $15. Non-residents pay $40 for a seasonal licence, $30 for a three-day licence. Be sure to carry your licence at all times while fishing.

Soak up the sun, kick up some sand at the Folk on the Rocks music festival in July
LAKE TROUT
Salvelinus namaycush
Lake trout average 4.5kg, but catches of 18kg are common. They grow slowly in our cold water, taking 12 or more years to mature. The big ones can be found out in the East Arm of Great Slave Lake.

WALLEYE
Sander vitreus vitreus
Also commonly called pickerel (a misnomer), these are arguably the most prized shorelunch around—what you catch is culinary quality. On average, walleye weigh in at 1 to 2kg, but people have been known to reel them in at 3kg. You can catch these year-round throughout the Mackenzie River watershed and in the tributaries of Great Slave Lake, as well as other little lakes in the area.

LAKE WHITEFISH
Coregonus clupeaformis
Found in Great Slave Lake’s Yellowknife Bay, as well as at Tartan Rapids outside the city and in lakes along the Ingraham Trail, whitefish average 1kg. These fish provide a lot of action but must be hooked gently, as they have fragile mouths.

ARCTIC GRAYLING
Thymallus arcticus
Grayling are treasured by anglers for their feistiness, which guarantees an exciting battle, but are limited to the open water season. Members of the whitefish family, the pretty little fish with sail-like dorsal fins are found at the mouths of rivers. They average from 0.5 to 1kg and can reach up to 1.5kg.

INCONNU
Stedonus leucichthys
Inconnu average from 3 to 5kg, although it’s not uncommon to reel in 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 Marion Lake, where they’re often called coney.

NORTHERN PIKE
Esox lucius
Pikes are greedy, so they’re relatively easy to catch. But hold on tight; they’re fighters! Often called jackfish, pike generally run from 2 to 7kg, and some tip the scales at more than 18kg. Pike prefer warm, slow-moving, weedy water. You can catch these year-round.

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ON LAND

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An introduction to the city for visitors and new arrivals alike—try the Live Like a Local Tour. 867-446-2799, howtobeayellowknifer.com, tours@howtobeayellowknifer.com

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THE OUTDOOR RANGE
Head down Highway 3, turn when you see the sign for the sandpits. BYOG—Bring Your Own Guns. Yellowknifeshootingclub.ca

YELLOWKNIFE GOLF CLUB
An 18-hole, par-72 golf course with sand fairways and reasonable green fees sits just off Highway 3, near the airport. If you don’t have time for the full 18, whack a few balls on the driving range. 867-873-4326, Yellowknifegolf.com

 TENNIS
The city’s three outdoor tennis courts are at Somba K’e Park, McNiven Beach and near the Multiplex. 867-920-5616. yellowknifetennis.com, info@yellowknifetennis.com

Hiking Trails

IN YELLOWKNIFE

MCMAHON FRAME LAKE TRAIL
This 5 km trail circles Frame Lake in the centre of town, and is popular with walkers, bicyclists, joggers and dog-walkers. An extension of it leads to the Bristol Monument, Lakeview Cemetery and Jackfish Lake. Pack bug spray!

NIVEN LAKE TRAIL
Running alongside a marshy ecosystem, home to amphibians, waterfowl, muskrat and beaver, this 2-km trail is must for wildlife fans.

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

The Yellowknife Guide to Bugs
They may not be poisonous but they can still drive you mad. Know how to stay sane:

BLACKFLIES: These small suckers are going to aim for the backs of your ears and neck. Their bites don’t hurt, they just bleed. Be on swatting patrol in June.

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Tennis

Yellowknife is a hiker’s dream. For the casual afternoon stroll, there are a multitude of trails within the city. For an overnight adventure or longer expeditions, you’ll find them in abundance just outside the city, with many stops along the Ingraham Trail as popular jump-off points.

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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE
Central to our past, present and future, Yellowknife’s bush planes come in many species. Here’s a quick guide on how to tell the difference between our workhorses and our play-planes.

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 1965-1998, 2008-present). Related planes: The single-engine Otter. Fact: In 2001, when Antarctica’s resident doctor needed a medevac from her -60°C winter outpost, the Twin Otter was the only plane rescuers trusted to perform the mission.

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 sticky legs tend to it a slow, stumpy 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 another noble ambassador: the Chipmunk.

Cessna 185
Physical characteristics: 7.9m long; feline nose, slender tail, agile, lithe, maneuvers well, highly responsive; can fly on floats, wheels, floats with wheels, and skis. Sound: On take-off, it emits a pint followed by an uninterrupted, full, low-pitched howl. Population: More than 4,400 (produced 1961-1985). Related planes: Found Bush Hawk. Fact: Founder Clyde Cessna tested all his prototypes and once leapt from an inverted plane mid-flight.

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 hoot. Population: 667 (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.

TIN CAN HILL
A popular off-leash dog walking trail that links Yellowknife with the old Con mine site.

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ON THE INGRAHAM TRAIL
BIG HILL LAKE
A hidden treasure of the Yellowknife area, this trail is accessible by driving down the Ingraham Trail to Made-line Lake (25 km east), with parking available on a rough pull out on the south side of the highway. The 6-km round trip hiking trail is well-marked in the summer months only. It is a great destination for an overnight camping trip. No facilities.

CAMERON FALLS FALLS TRAIL
This 2-km round-trip trail to Cameron Falls on the Cameron River is accessible from the Ingra-ham Trail, 46 km east of Yellowknife. The falls are a prime day trip destination with many beautiful views of the taiga landscape.

RANGE LAKE TRAIL
Connects to the Frame Lake Trail from the hospital, through the uptown supermarket and starts behind the Shell convenience store and gas station.

PRELUDE LAKE TRAIL
This scenic 2.5-km nature trail within the Prelude Lake Territorial Campground (30 km east) provides gorgeous views of Prelude Lake with interpretive signage explaining everything you need to know about the North’s wildlife and vegetation.

RUNNY HILL
It’s 2.5 km of unmarked trail, but following the clearings is easy enough. At the end, climb the pink granite of Runny Hill. At the top? A panoramic view of the Yellowknife area and its wilderness. To get to the trailhead, drive about 6 km on the Ingraham Trail and turn on Vee Lake Road. Parking is on the left shoulder, right at the trailhead.

BE BEAR AWARE: this is bear country. But a few tips will keep you safe on the trails. Stay alert 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 the other direction. If going outside of city limits, carry deterrents like bear spray, bear bells, 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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**FARMERS’ MARKET**
Grab a bite, listen to some music and run around with the kids until they get tuckered out. Somba K’ee Plaza, Tuesdays from 5:15-7:30 p.m. from early June until September.

**FLIP FOR GYMNASICS**
Register for gymnastics programs or drop-in for some fun. 41 Kam Lake Road, Multiplex, 867-920-7771, info@ykymnastics.com, yellowknife/ykymnastics.com

**LEARN TO SKATE**
Yellowknife is a winter city—so six months of the year, skating is almost as important as walking. Learn from those in the know. ykskatingclub@outlook.com, https://www.ykskatingclub.ca/pages/LEARN-TO-SKATE/

**LOVE THE LIBRARY**
All kinds of readings, arts and crafts activities and programs throughout the year at the Yellowknife Public Library. Second floor of the Centre Square Mall, 5022 49 street, 867-920-5642, Yellowknife.ca/ypl

**MAKE BELIEVE AT THE MUSEUM**
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**MINI-MUSIC MAKERS**
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**PLAY TOGETHER**
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Kam Lake, Yellowknife.

Sitting in the cellared bar at Bullock’s Bistro looking out the window on Franklin Avenue.

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BRISTOL MONUMENT
The Bristol freighter, once operated by Wardair, now overlooks Highway 3 near the Yellowknife Airport. In 1967, it became the first plane to land at the North Pole, and three years later, it was donated to the city as a monument. It has stood in this spot ever since.

DAY-USE AREAS
Picnic at any number of day-use areas. Fred Henne is close to town. For a little more privacy, try the Yellowknife River or Pontoon Lake along the Ingraham Trail. Grab your fishing rod and catch your lunch!

FRAME LAKE TRAIL
Maintained year-round, this is a relaxing walk around the city.

HOUSEBOATS
Start out from Old Town’s public docks to reach the colourful houseboats of Yellowknife Bay. Our distinctive, floating community got its start in the 1970s. Today, owners live year-round, canoeing to the mainland in summer and walking on the ice starting around mid-November.

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Visit the site of Giant Mine's "A" shaft near the Great Slave Cruising Club's public boat launch on Highway 4. Here, you can find ore cars and tram tracks, machinery, old photos from the mine's heydays and more. Pack some snacks and enjoy them at the nearby picnic tables.

PILOT’S MONUMENT
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THE PRINCE OF WALES NORTHERN HERITAGE CENTRE
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SWIMMING
There's too much fresh water around to not want to just jump right in! You can't swim in Frame Lake or Jackfish Lake, but Long Lake and Great Slave Lake are all good, as well as the pristine bodies of water along the Ingraham Trail. Just steer clear of boats and fishers.

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Leela Gilday
JUNO AWARD-WINNING ARTIST

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Yellowknife has a rich and diverse arts scene. Dive in!

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