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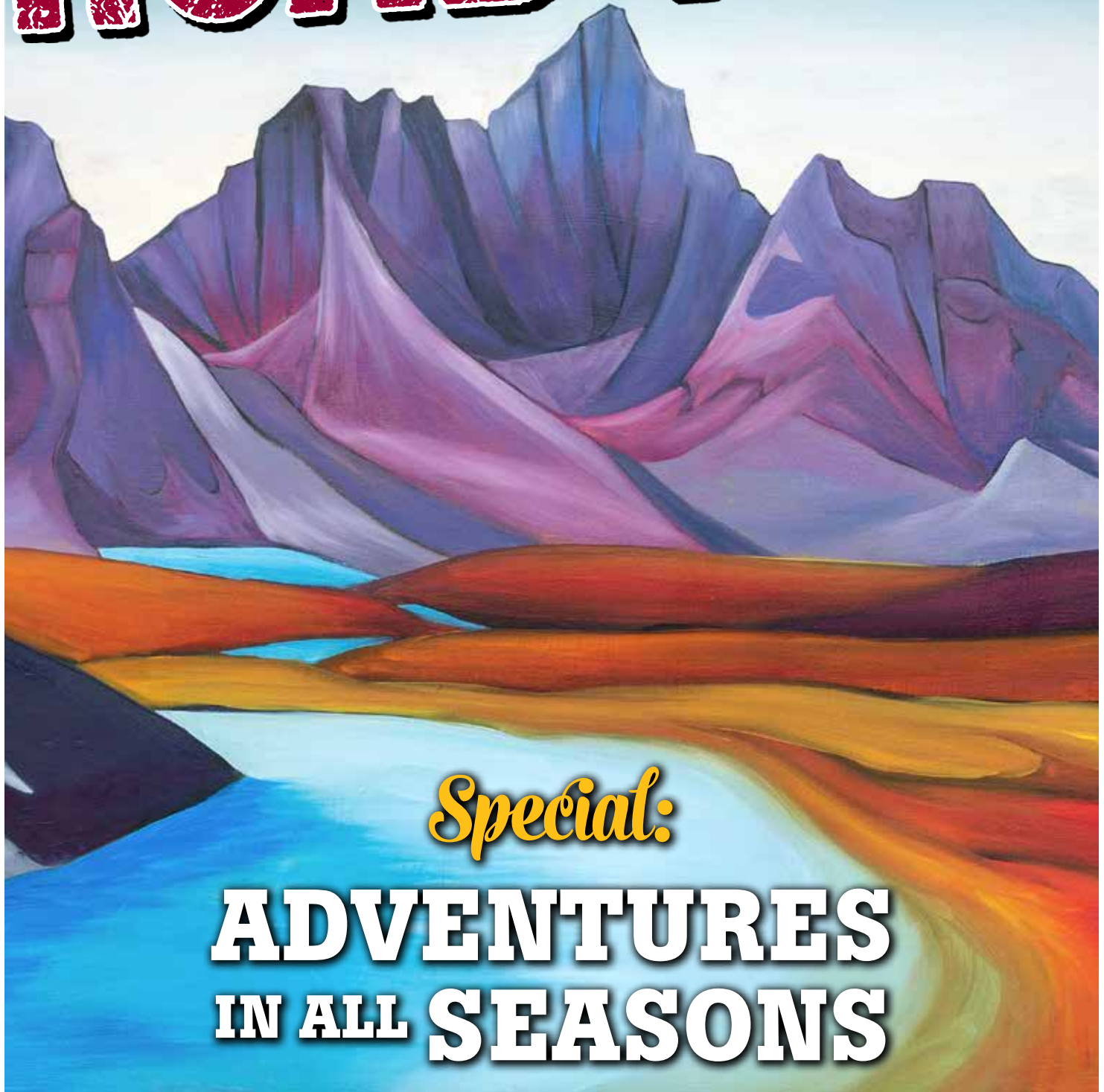
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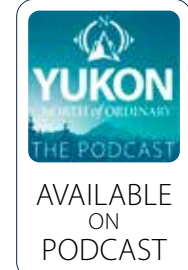
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# EVENTS BY MONTH



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## 2022

### MAY

- Faro Sheep and Crane Festival
- Haines Beer fest
- Caribou Days, Old Crow
- Clash of Generations bike event, Whitehorse

### JUNE

- Yukon River Quest
- Southern Lakes Gran Fondo
- Weekend on the Wing Festival, Tombstone Territorial Park
- National Indigenous Peoples Day events
- Reckless Raven trail race, Whitehorse
- Faro Golf Tournament
- Kluane Chilkat International Bike Relay, Haines Junction/Haines, Alaska
- Adäka Cultural Festival, Whitehorse
- Dust 2 Dawson motorcycle event

### JULY

- Canada Day events
- Dawson City Music Festival

### AUGUST

- Yukon River Trail Marathon, Whitehorse
- World Gold Panning Championships, Dawson
- Discovery Day celebrations, Dawson
- Yukon Riverside Arts Festival, Dawson

### SEPTEMBER

- Mount Lorne Misadventure race
- Klondike Trail of '98 Road Relay, Skagway, Alaska/Whitehorse
- Dark Sky Festival, Kluane National Park and Reserve
- Gravel Growler bike event, Whitehorse

### OCTOBER

- Yukon Beer Festival, Whitehorse

### NOVEMBER

- Yukon 48 Hour Filmmaking Challenge
- Out North Film Festival
- Christmas craft markets

### DECEMBER

- Christmas craft markets
- Christmas bird count

## 2023

### FEBRUARY

- Available Light Film Festival, Whitehorse
- Yukon Ski Marathon, Whitehorse
- Yukon Rendezvous Festival, Whitehorse
- Haines Junction Mountain Festival

### MARCH

- Thaw di Gras Spring Carnival, Dawson
- Percy DeWolfe Memorial Mail Race, Dawson
- Marsh Lake Loppet
- Buckwheat Ski Classic, White Pass

### APRIL

- Celebration of Swans, Marsh Lake
- First Light Image Festival, Whitehorse
- Dawson International Short Film Festival

## 2022/23 YUKON HOLIDAYS

- May. 23 Victoria Day
- Jun. 21 Nat. Indigenous Peoples Day
- July 1 Canada Day
- Aug. 15 Discovery Day
- Sept. 5 Labour Day
- Sept. 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- Oct. 10 Thanksgiving
- Nov. 11 Remembrance Day
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day
- Jan. 1 New Year's Day
- Feb. 24 Heritage Day
- Apr. 7 Good Friday

## OUTDOOR MARKETS

### WHITEHORSE

Fireweed Community Market  
Thursdays, 3–7 p.m.  
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Shipyards Park

### DAWSON CITY

Farmers' and Artists' Market  
Saturdays, 11 a.m.–5 p.m. (farmers)  
and 11 a.m.–3 p.m. (artists)  
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# YUKON FACTS

## FIRST NATIONS

There are 14 Yukon First Nations. In 1993, the Council for Yukon Indians (now known as the Council of Yukon First Nations), Government of Canada, and Government of Yukon signed the *Umbrella Final Agreement* as a framework for individual land-claim agreements. Since then, 11 of the 14 Yukon First Nations have negotiated land-claim and self-government agreements.



Carcross/Tagish First Nation	Carcross
Champagne and Aishihik First Nations	Haines Junction
First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun	Mayo
Kluane First Nation	Burwash Landing
Kwanlin Dün First Nation	Whitehorse
Liard First Nation*	Watson Lake
Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation	Carmacks
Ross River Dena Council*	Ross River
Selkirk First Nation	Pelly Crossing
Ta'an Kwäch'än Council	Whitehorse
Teslin Tlingit Council	Teslin
Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in	Dawson City
Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation	Old Crow
White River First Nation*	Beaver Creek

\*has not settled its land claims

## TAXATION

Purchases in the Yukon are subject to a

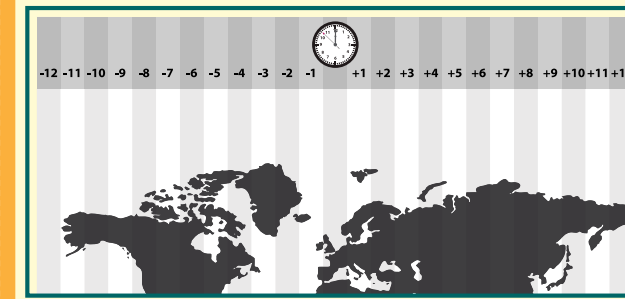
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goods and services tax (GST). There is no retail sales tax or territorial sales tax in the Yukon.



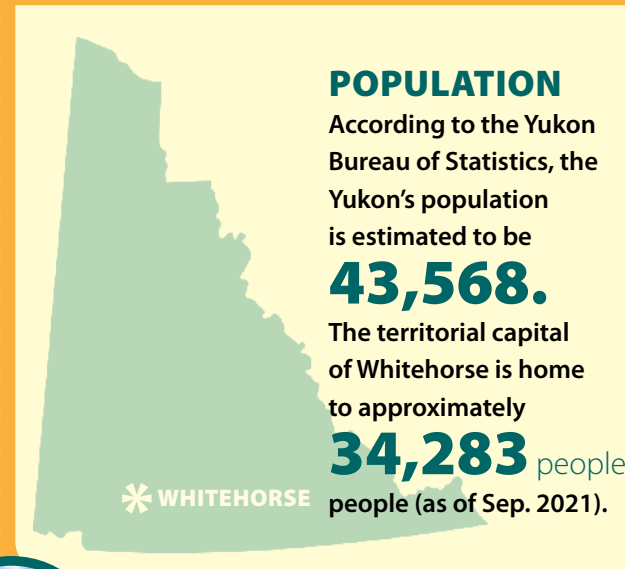
## GEOGRAPHY

The Yukon is in the northwestern corner of Canada. The territory covers 482,443 km<sup>2</sup> (474,391 km<sup>2</sup> of land and 8,052 km<sup>2</sup> of water). It represents 4.8 percent of Canada's total land area and most of the territory is boreal forest. The Yukon borders the U.S. state of Alaska to the west and northwest, the Northwest Territories to the east, and British Columbia to the south. The northern coast of the territory is on the Beaufort Sea. The Yukon is in the approximate shape of a right triangle.



## YUKON TIME

The Yukon is permanently 7 hours behind Coordinated Universal Time (UTC -7). There is no seasonal time change.



## POPULATION

According to the Yukon Bureau of Statistics, the Yukon's population is estimated to be

# 43,568.

The territorial capital of Whitehorse is home to approximately

# 34,283

 people (as of Sep. 2021).

## YUKON RIVER

The Yukon River is a major watercourse of northwestern North America. The river's source is in British Columbia, Canada, from which it flows through the Yukon Territory. The lower half of the river lies in Alaska, U.S.

Length: 3,190 km  
Mouth: Bering Sea  
Source: Atlin Lake  
Basin size: 854,700 km<sup>2</sup>

## OFFICIAL FLOWER

Fireweed (*Epilobium angustifolium* or *Chamaenerion angustifolium*) was adopted as the territory's floral emblem in 1957. It is a perennial herbaceous plant of the evening primrose family. It is native throughout the northern hemisphere, including large areas in the boreal forest. It is often abundant in open areas with slightly acidic soil, such as forest fire sites and forest clearings. The plant attracts bees and hummingbirds. Its magenta or purple flowers blossom from the bottom up.

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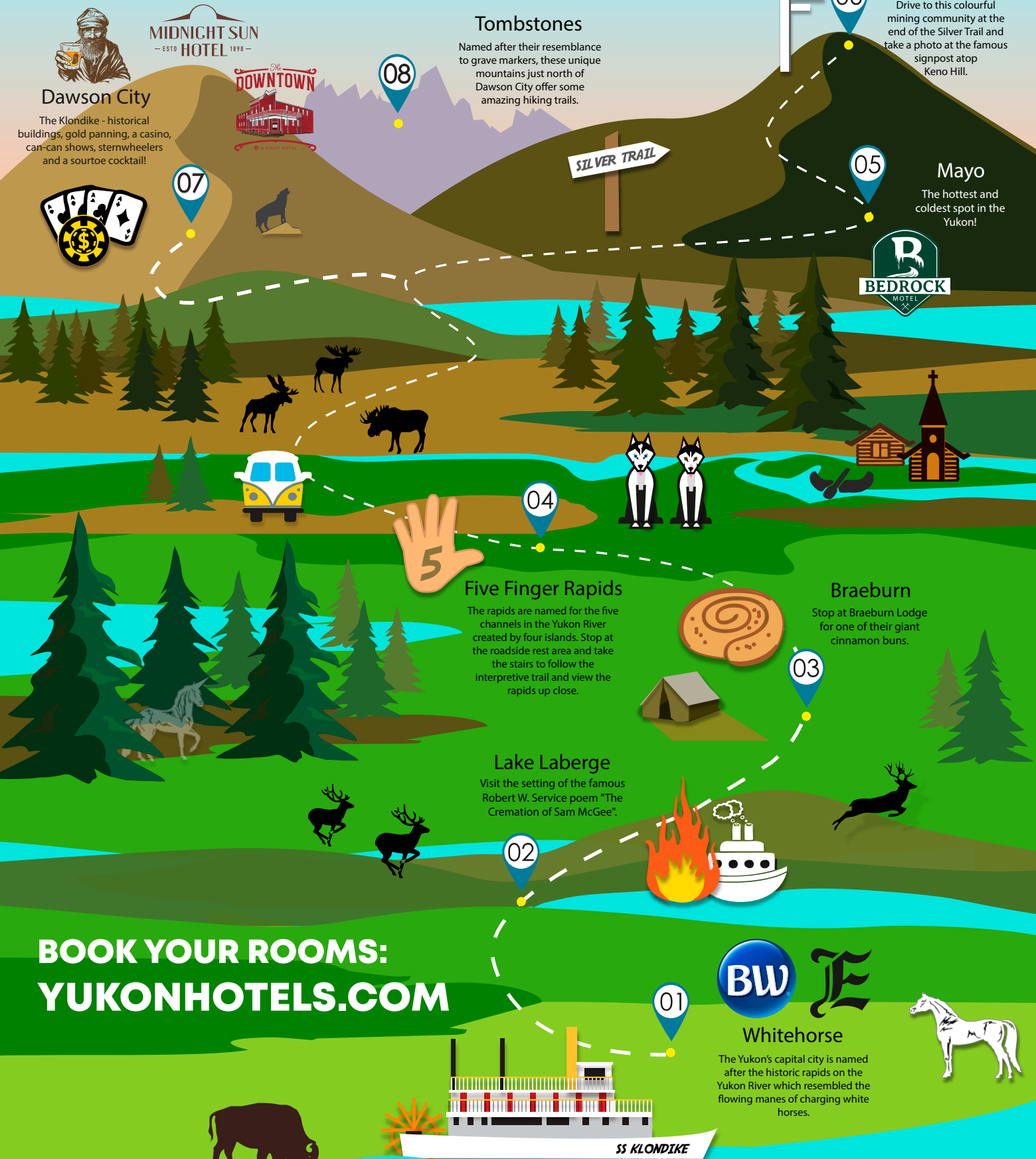
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## Tombstones

Named after their resemblance to grave markers, these unique mountains just north of Dawson City offer some amazing hiking trails.

## Keno City

Drive to this colourful mining community at the end of the Silver Trail and take a photo at the famous signpost atop Keno Hill.

## Mayo

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## Five Finger Rapids

The rapids are named for the five channels in the Yukon River created by four islands. Stop at the roadside rest area and take the stairs to follow the interpretive trail and view the rapids up close.

## Braeburn

Stop at Braeburn Lodge for one of their giant cinnamon buns.

## Lake Laberge

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## Whitehorse

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## TRAIL RUNNING

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**GET OUT:** Join a weekly Athletics Yukon trail run ([athleticsyukon.ca](http://athleticsyukon.ca)).



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There are lots of options for canoeing, rafting, and kayaking in the territory. For those seeking a multi-day expedition and the ultimate northern experience, the Wind River is a must-do. It is one of the five great tributaries of the Peel River, in northern Yukon. The Wind flows 200 kilometres through the traditional territories of the Na-Cho Nyäk Dun and Tetlit Gwich'in before draining into the Peel River and continuing to the Mackenzie River and the Arctic Ocean. It is the least technical of the tributaries, making it popular for family trips.

**GET OUT:** Stop by a canoe outfitter in Whitehorse to get the maps, gear, and suggestions to suit your skill level and time constraints.

Photo: Peter Mather

## MOUNTAIN BIKING

Mountain-bike trails in the Yukon have gained a reputation as some of North America's best from magazines like *Outside* and *Canadian Cycling*. It doesn't hurt that these great routes are accompanied by stunning backdrops.

Whether you're a seasoned cyclist or just beginning, it's not hard to find coaching aimed at your skill level. Whitehorse's Contagious Mountain Biking Club (CMBC) is one outfit that offers workshops, group rides, and courses on bike maintenance.

**GET OUT:** Join Yukon's Contagious Mountain Biking Club ([cmbcyukon.ca](http://cmbcyukon.ca)) and check out the trails on Grey Mountain and Mount McIntyre in Whitehorse, as well as on the Midnight Dome in Dawson City.

Photo: Dan Barham





## WILD SWIMMING

Many Yukoners spend their summers treading, kicking, and crawling in lakes around the territory. It's an activity that has grown in popularity locally and internationally, gaining the hip epithet *wild swimming*. But lake swimming in the Yukon requires more courage than it does down south. The water here is cold even in the summer—anywhere between 8°C and 17°C. The typical gear is a two- or three-mm neoprene wetsuit, goggles, a swim cap, and gloves. Some people also bring a tow buoy, a colourful inflatable bag that makes swimmers more visible to other lake users, like canoeists, floatplane pilots, and boaters. For safety, never swim alone.

**GET OUT:** Join the Facebook group Wild Swimmers - Yukon.

Photo: Karen McCall



## WILD SKATING

The ephemeral nature of wild skating, also called free or Nordic skating, is one of its appeals. The season for skating on the Yukon's frozen bodies of water can end, sometimes before it even begins, with a single snowfall. Or, it can last weeks. But when the conditions are right and the ice freezes into a flawlessly smooth platform, there's nothing like it, according to Yukoner Lara Melnik. In 2019, Melnik, along with her partner Darren Holcombe, skated on 10 lakes in one day. "It's just so exhilarating, so much fun," she said. "You just have to have the information and seize the moment," added Holcombe.

**GET OUT:** The window for wild skating is generally between late October and early November. Gather information about lake ice conditions before you go and take appropriate safety gear.

Photo: Lara Melnik



## KICKSLEDDING

For those not into the learning curve of cross-country skiing, kicksledding offers a gentler, more physically accessible sport, said Anne Middler, owner of Kicksled Revolution. Originating in Scandinavia, kicksleds offer winter recreation and active transportation and are a "tool of pure joy" for northerners, said Middler. A kicksled is a lightweight sled propelled forward by a person standing on the runners and kicking out behind them, hence the name. Because of their design and ease of use—kicksleds don't require a high level of physical fitness or gear.

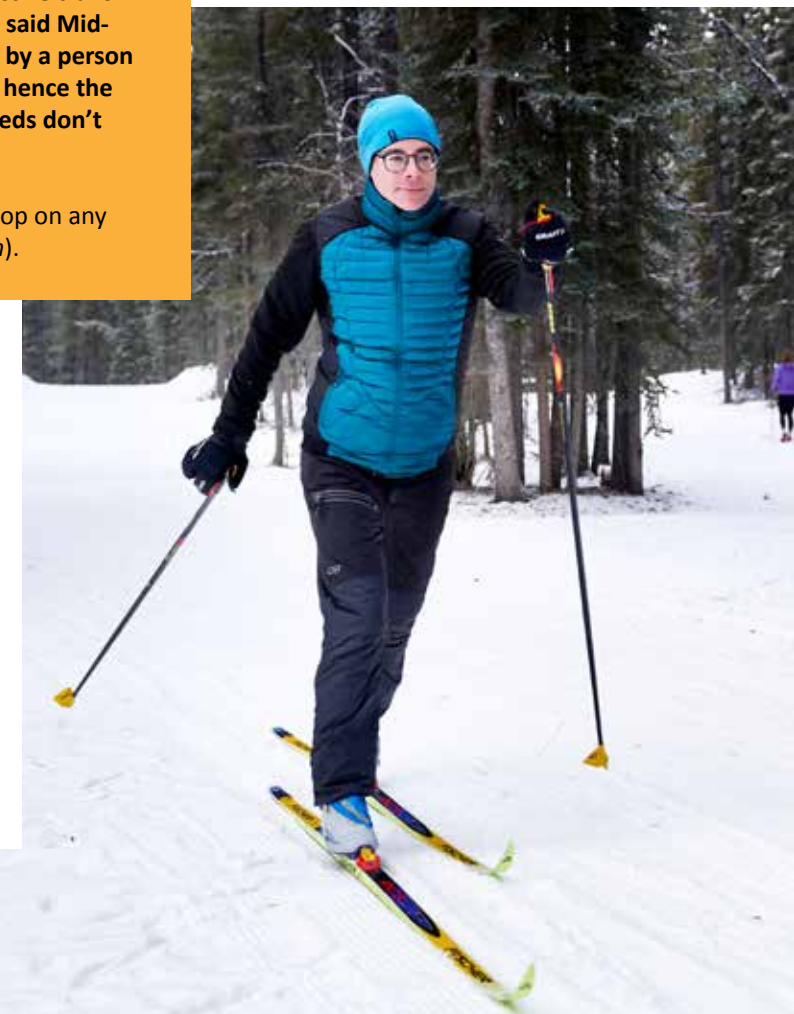
**GET OUT:** Rent or buy from Kicksled Revolution and hop on any frozen lake or snowmobile trail. ([kicksledrevolution.com](http://kicksledrevolution.com)).

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## CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Most Yukon communities maintain a network of cross-country ski trails, making it a versatile winter activity for the whole family. The Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club maintains 85 kilometres of groomed trails for classic skiing and skate skiing. There is also single track for snowshoeing and fat biking. "We are so lucky to have this world-class facility right here in town," said Benjamin Poudou, manager of the ski club.

**GET OUT:** Take a lesson and rent gear from the Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club ([xskiwhitehorse.ca](http://xskiwhitehorse.ca)).







## FAT BIKING

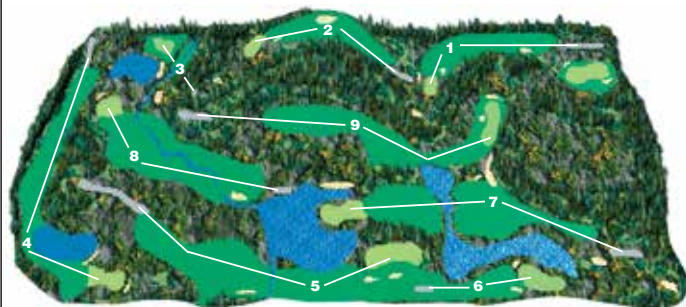
The Yukon's love affair with fat bikes is hard to miss. Fat-bike riders are easily identified by their layered clothing, giant mittens, and ability to make you feel good about your car's heated seats. But even if you fail to catch a glimpse of them at the local coffee shop, you can't miss their distinctive tracks left on trails around town. What many believed would be a passing fad has become a regular part of Whitehorse's winter.

**GET OUT:** Rent a bike from a bike shop in Whitehorse and download the Trailforks app. Volunteer groomers and riders use the app to provide trail-status updates.

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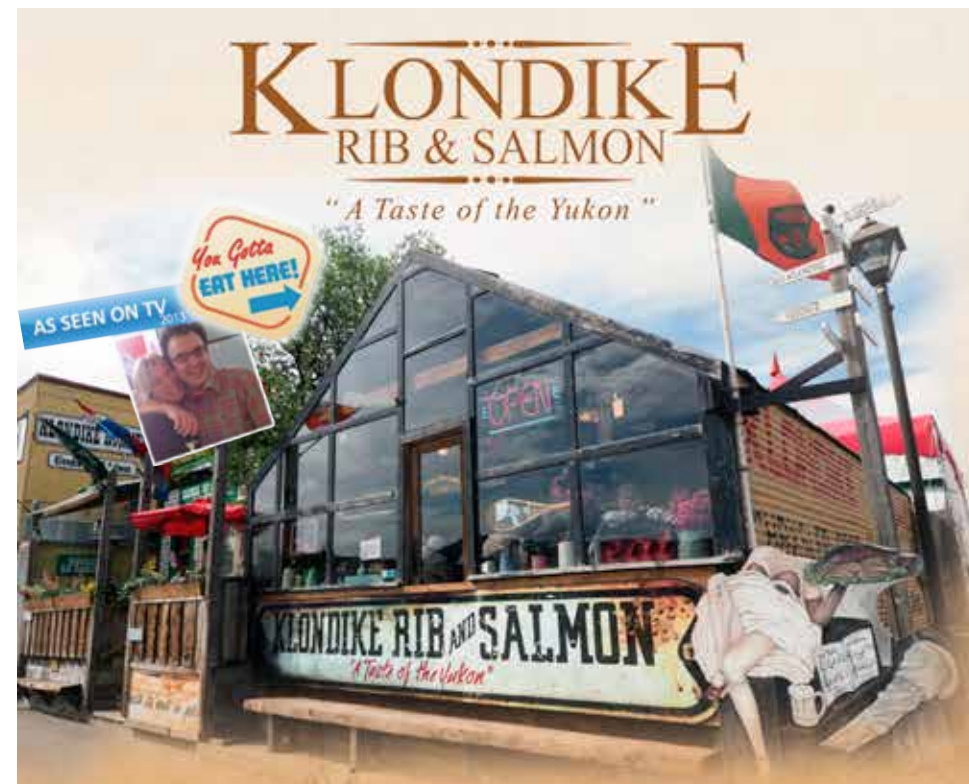


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# WHITEHORSE

Whitehorse is many things to many people. The territorial capital, it is also the "Wilderness City" and the epicentre of the Yukon's arts and culture scene. Located along the Yukon River in the traditional territories of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council, it has a population of about 34,283.

- GET TO KNOW THE CITY**
- Peruse the shops, galleries, and cafes downtown
  - Eat at a new-to-you restaurant and cafe
  - Invest in a piece of local art
  - Eat at a food truck
  - Go to a live music or theatre event
  - Have a picnic in a park

- ARTS AND CULTURE STOPS**
- Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre (1171 1st Ave.)
  - Yukon Arts Centre
  - Downtown galleries
  - Arts in the Park weekdays at noon (LePage Park, 303 Wood St.)
  - Fireweed Community Market (Shipyard's Park Thursday afternoons)

- PARKS AND PICNIC SPOTS**
- Shipyard's Park
  - Whitehorse Wharf (at the end of Main St.)
  - Teegatha'Oh Zheh Park (at the far end of Main St.)

- Rotary Park and splash park
- Bert Law Park (accessed from the Millenium Trail near Robert Service Campground)
- LePage Park (Wood St. and Third Ave.)

- BEST HIKES AND WALKS** (Found on TrailForks app or [yukonhiking.ca](http://yukonhiking.ca))
- There are more than 700 km of trails within Whitehorse city limits. Here are a few to get you started:
- Grey Mountain Ridge trail
  - Millenium Trail downtown
  - Wolf Creek Campground trails
  - Fish Lake Ridge
  - Hidden Lakes in Riverdale
  - Porcupine Ridge at Mount McIntyre
  - Icy Lake near Hillcrest

- BEST MOUNTAIN-BIKING TRAILS** (Findable on TrailForks app)
- Yukon River Trail
  - The Boogaloo trails at Grey Mountain
  - The 24 Hour loop at Mount McIntyre
  - Blown Away/Starbuck's Revenge on Mount McIntyre

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# DISCOVER THE GEOLOGY AROUND WHITEHORSE

## FISH LAKE

Fish Lake is a popular area for hiking, berry picking, and fishing. In the winter it's a destination for ice fishing, kite skiing, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, and fat biking.

The Fish Lake hike is a 7-km hike into the alpine that offers beautiful 360 degree views. It also has an interesting geological history. Half of the trail used to be underwater as part of Glacial Lake McIntyre. Looking east from the trail, across Fish Lake at Mt. McIntyre, you can see the ancient shoreline marked by a subtle horizontal feature about midway up the hillside. The glacial lake formed in the Fish Lake basin near the end of the last glaciation, when a section of ice blocked melt-water drainage to the north.

(Source: Yukon Geological Survey.)

Photos: Government of Yukon

## THE GREY MOUNTAIN CAVE

Limestone, formed over millions of years by reef structures and sediments, is susceptible to acid. Caves are formed when rain, which picks up carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, forms carbonic acid and, over thousands of years, dissolves the calcium carbonate in limestone. (Source: Yukon Geological Survey.) To hike to the cave, drive 9.5 km up the Grey Mountain Road. The cave is about 1 km from there. (See [yukonhiking.ca](http://yukonhiking.ca) for details.)



## MILES CANYON

Lava erupted over much of the Whitehorse area about eight million years ago. Once cooled, it formed a dark-coloured rock, rich in magnesium and iron which geologists call volcanic rock basalt. The lava formed a "blanket" that flowed into the Yukon River valley from the west. Geologists don't know the exact source of the vent from which the lava flowed, but believe it originated near the base of Mt. Sima. When basalt cools quickly, it can form columns, such as those seen in the canyon. The sponge-textured basalt was formed as a result of gas bubbles that were trapped in the lava.

(Source: Yukon Geological Survey.)







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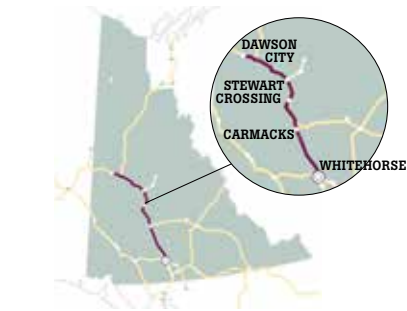


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## WHITEHORSE to DAWSON CITY North Klondike Highway (#2)

**DISTANCE:** 531 km

**Km 1,428.1 || Two Mile Hill**

Head westbound on the Alaska Highway for 9 km.

**Km 1,437 || Junction 2: North Klondike Highway**  
Exit here, heading north.

You are now at Km 191.8 of the North Klondike Highway. Kilometre markers are based on the distances from Skagway, Alaska.

**Km 191.8 || Junction with Alaska Highway**

**Km 195.5 || Takhini River Bridge**

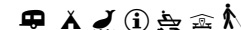


This is the take out for a half-day paddle down the Yukon River from Whitehorse.

**Km 97.8 || Takhini Hot Springs Road**

Access road for Yukon Wildlife Preserve (7.9 km), and Takhini Hot Pools & Campground (10 km).

**Km 224 || Access to Lake Laberge Terr. Campground**



2-km access road, 16 sites, 13 pull-through.

### LAKE LABERGE

To the Ta'an Kwäch'än, this lake is *Tà'an Män*, meaning "flat lake place" or "head of the lake." For generations, Indigenous people have fished these waters and hunted in the mountains above its rocky, wooded shores. The lake's history is also interwoven with the Klondike Gold Rush of 1898, as it was one of many hurdles faced by gold seekers travelling down the Yukon River to the goldfields. Then, in 1907, Robert Service put the lake on the lips of people around the world with his famous poem "The Cremation of Sam McGee," and the line "... Was that night on the marge of Lake Lebarge, I cremated Sam McGee."

**Km 239 || Fox Lake Viewpoint**

**Km 247.7 || Fox Lake Terr. Campground**



43 sites, no pull-through.

**Km 272 || Fox Lake Burn**



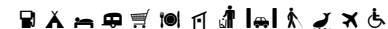
200-m interpretive trail leads to a pretty viewpoint.



Five Finger Rapids

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**Km 280.8 || Braeburn Lodge**



Open year-round, Braeburn is a licenced restaurant and home to the famous Braeburn Lodge Cinnamon Bun, a dessert so large it can feed four hungry travellers.

**Km 298 || Rest area**



**Km 308 || Twin Lakes Terr. Campground**



18 sites, 8 pull-through.

**Km 322.4 || Montague Roadhouse Rest Area**



Historic roadhouse structure.

**Km 357 || VILLAGE OF CARMACKS**

- Home to the Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation
- Population: 543

### THINGS TO DO

- **Canoe/boat on the Yukon River:** paddle from Whitehorse to Carmacks (about 200 km).

- **Hike:** information about the Murray Creek Waterfall trail, Charlie Lake trail, and several other trails is available on the Village of Carmacks website.

[carmacks.ca](http://carmacks.ca)

- **Eat:** grab a burger and milkshake at the Coal Mine Campground or dine at one of the roadside restaurants.

- **Learn:** visit the Tagé Cho Hudän Interpretive Centre and see a mammoth snare diorama.

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**Km 358.6 || The Coal Mine Campground**



Cabins and camping. Canoe rentals available.

**Km 359.1 || Junction #4: Robert Campbell Highway**

Turnoff for Faro (182 km) and Ross River (234 km).

**Km 380 || Five Finger Rapids Recreation Site**



One of the most beautiful lookout points on the North Klondike drive. A long stairway and a trail leads 1.5 km to the famous rapids and the Yukon River Valley.

**Km 382.4 || Tatchun Creek Terr. Campground**



12 sites, 4 pull-through.

**Km 383.4 || Frenchman Lake Road**



Access to Tatchun Lake Terr. Campground, 8 km from North Klondike Hwy (20 sites, no pull-through), Nunatuk Terr. Campground (35 km; 10 sites, 4 pull-through) and Frenchman Lake Terr. Campground (42 km; 10 sites, 4 pull-through) and Robert Campbell Highway (51 km).

**Km 430 || Minto Road**



Short road leading to a former trading post.



**Km 463.6 || PELLY CROSSING**



Population: 387

Pelly Crossing is in the traditional territory of the Selkirk First Nation and is home to the Northern Tutchone people. Before the settlement of Pelly Crossing, trade in the area was centred at Fort Selkirk, a Hudson's Bay Company trading post built at the confluence of the Yukon and Pelly rivers. Fort Selkirk was a stopoff for sternwheelers travelling the river during the gold rush and served as a ferry-crossing point until the 1950s, when a bridge over the Pelly River was built along the North Klondike Highway, 40 km east of Fort Selkirk. Residents of Fort Selkirk eventually relocated closer to the bridge, where the community of Pelly Crossing now stands. Fort Selkirk can still be accessed by boat or plane and is a designated historic site.

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**Km 523.6 || Ethel Lake Road**



Turnoff for Ethel Lake Territorial Campground (24 km). 12 sites; 0 pull-through.

**Km 534 || Silver City Information Booth**



A small interpretive facility with historical information and guides to the Silver Trail Region of the Yukon. Open mid-May to mid-Sept.

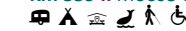
**Km 534.1 || STEWART CROSSING**



**Km 535.1 || Junction #11: Silver Trail**

Turnoff for Mayo (51 km) and Keno City (112 km).

**Km 559 || Moose Creek Terr. Campground**



**Km 580.4 || McQuesten River**



**Km 621 || Rest Area**



A great spot for birdwatching.

**Km 622.8 || Gravel Lake**

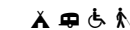
**Km 654.4 || Tintina Trench Viewpoint**



**Km 674.6 || Junction #5: Dempster Corner**



**Km 696.7 || Klondike River Terr. Campground**



38 sites, 2 pull-through.

**Km 697.5 || Dawson City Airport**



**Km 703.2 || Bear Creek Historic Site**

**Km 711.6 || Bonanza Creek Road**



Access to Gold Dredge No. 4 National Historic Site, Discovery Claim, Claim No. 6, and Ridge Road Trail.

**Km 711.9 || Bonanza Gold Motel & RV Park**



**Km 712 || Dawson RV Park**



**Km 712.2 || Klondike River Bridge**

**Km 713.4 || Dome Road**

Turn north for access to Dome Mountain (887 m; 2,911 feet) for fantastic views of Dawson City and the Yukon River.

**Km 714 || DAWSON CITY**



Population: 1,500

**Km 716 || Yukon River Ferry Landing**

A free ferry runs 24-hours during the summer. A territorial campground, golf course, and hostel are located on the other side of the river, which is known as West Dawson.

**Km 0 || Top of the World Highway (#9)**

**Km 0.1 || Dawson City River Hostel**



Wood-fired sauna, private rooms and cabins, and a firepit. Off-grid: no electricity or running water.

**Km 0.3 || Yukon River Territorial Campground**



98 sites, 18 pull-through.

**Km 3.9 || Dawson City Golf Course**



Nine-hole course, driving range, and pro shop.

**Km 105 || Canada-U.S. border**

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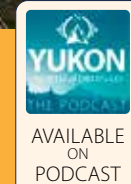


# DAWSON CITY

There's no bad time to visit Dawson City, even during the dark, cold months of November, December, and January (unless you don't like the dark and cold). In summer, visitors flood the town on the summer solstice to watch the sun not set from the Midnight Dome and for special events throughout July and August. In early September, the town gets another wave of guests, as nature lovers arrive to witness the fall colours emerge on the nearby Dempster Highway. September is also a wonderful time to see the aurora borealis. For those wanting a taste of a Klondike winter, there are no better months than February, when the sun returns and locals cheer on the Yukon Quest sled dog race, and March, when they celebrate spring at the annual Thaw di Gras Carnival.

### The best way to see Dawson City

- Start at the beginning and head to the Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre, located on the banks on the Yukon River in the centre of town. Here, you'll come to understand this region was never the desolate, empty place depicted in Jack London books and Robert Service poems. Rather, it has been the traditional territory of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in for millennia.
- Once you've grounded yourself in the region's extended history, you can enjoy the town's many tourist attractions devoted to the blip in time that was the Klondike Gold Rush.



**The cancan continues at Canada's oldest casino:** How Diamond Tooth Gerties got its start and stays relevant 50 years later.

- In the evenings, most visitors find themselves drawn to Diamond Tooth Gerties Gambling Hall, a community-run casino with three live cancan shows a night, each raucier and more raucous than the last.
- Some locals will tell you that no trip to Dawson is complete until you've done the Sourtoe Cocktail. After gold, perhaps the second-most famous export from the Klondike, the Sourtoe Cocktail is a severed, frostbitten human toe dropped in the libation of your choice and knocked back in such a fashion that "your lips must touch the toe."

### Adventure

- A popular multi-day canoe trip is from Whitehorse, Carmacks, or Minto Landing to Dawson.
- There are lots of old cemeteries in Dawson and even an informative brochure to help you navigate their history.
- Check out the 9th Avenue Trail and the Crocus Bluffs walking trails
- Dawson is known (at least locally) for its rowdy nightlife. Go bar-hopping and find out for yourself.
- Dawson City has recently become a destination for mountain biking. A popular option is to do shuttle laps of the new downhill trails on the Midnight Dome (see Trailforks app for trail info). For a historical adventure, consider the 33-km Ridge Road Heritage Trail.

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**A DAWSON INDEPENDENT**

Dawson City is a town of notable gold-rush buildings affixed with plaques detailing their historical importance. But there's one stately Victorian structure that bears no such marker. It enjoys no official status like Dawson City's other treasures, many of which are protected by Parks Canada. Glittering like a gem on Princess Street is Bombay Peggy's Inn & Pub. Much like her namesake, brothel owner and bootlegger Peggy Dorval, this elegant inn is one old gal who works for a living and answers to nobody. In its 119-year history, the building served variously as a mining office, family home, and gallery. Since the 1950s, locals have called the place Bombay Peggy's after Dorval, who they say ran a speakeasy and bordello there. Dorval lived in Asia before the Second World War and said she got her moniker when an aviator suitor flew low to drop gifts for her from the bomb-bay doors of his aircraft. Whatever the truth behind her name, she arrived in Dawson in the late 1940s to make her way alone.

addition and restored the building in Victorian style. Bombay Peggy's boasts nine rooms, each one of a kind and decorated with sumptuous bedding and antiques. Richly coloured walls hold gilt-framed mirrors and archival photographs of dance-hall girls. Rooms are equipped with a flat-screen TV, DVD player, telephone, refrigerator, and deluxe bathroom with a clawfoot tub. The Snugs, bright little rooms near the top of the house, share a WC and bathroom. The Attic—called the Honeymoon Suite by the locals because of its slipper-back tub—is much sought after, as is the deep magenta Lipstick Room. Locally roasted coffee is available in rooms and the parlour. During the summer season, guests will wake up to freshly baked croissants at their door.

That Bombay Peggy's Inn & Pub now stands as a graceful testament to its former madam is credit to current proprietor Wendy Cairns. In the late 1990s, Wendy was captured by the then-vacant building's elegance, even as it stood settling into a swamp. Wendy and her partners had an inkling there was life in the old girl yet. They hatched a rescue plan and bought, moved, and renovated her, putting the restored building to work as the inn that became a jewel in Dawson's crown.

Locals and visitors alike flock to Peggy's Pub, with its hand-carved bar and impressionist paintings by famous local artist Halin de Repentigny. The pub often features live music and events, and is known for having the sassiest martini menu in town. A picture of Peggy Dorval herself smiles down from above the bar.

So, who needs a plaque? At Bombay Peggy's, there's more to life than being a museum piece.

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THE DANCING MOOSE



Allyson Menzies, right, with sales associate Ainslie Organ.

## ECLECTIC LOCAL SELECTION

Looking for something unique to the Yukon? Then head over to the Dancing Moose, a stylish boutique on Dawson City's main drag along the Yukon River. Passersby peeking in from the wooden boardwalks along Front Street will catch a glimpse of Yukon-original products, including northern-inspired paintings, handcrafted jewellery, and locally grown treats and snacks.

If you are searching for distinctive souvenirs of the territory, look no further. The Dancing Moose offers a plethora of truly northern items from luxurious award-winning anoraks to stunning Yukon-made crafts, as well as unique and fashionable apparel and accessories. New to the shop is an exclusive line of Dawson-centric souvenirs. These funky and fun T-shirts, hats, and hoodies feature Klondike favourites like the George Black Ferry.

Long-time employee Allyson Menzies purchased the Dancing Moose from Dawson resident Diana Andrew, who opened the shop in 2001. "Owning a gift shop has been a dream of mine since I was a little girl, and I've always been drawn to the idea of running a boutique," Menzies says. "I enjoy the human interactions. It's fun to help tourists pick out that perfect souvenir to commemorate their time in the Yukon."



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The boutique is all about showcasing the work of talented local artists and artisans. It boasts a cozy and friendly atmosphere where everyone from Sourdoughs to Cheechakos are invited to come on in for a chat or to browse around. Menzies was born in the Yukon, but grew up in Halifax. She says she's thrilled to be a business owner in Dawson and share all the incredible creations made in the territory.

Whether you find yourself in Dawson during the spring, summer, fall, or winter, the Dancing Moose keeps its doors open no matter what the thermometer reads. Be sure to stop by and find locally made jewellery, crafts, apparel, accessories, and foods that are most certainly one of a kind.



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Have you ever been captivated by images of ancient gold jewellery?

I'm Leslie Chapman, jewellery designer, goldsmith, and owner of Fortymile Gold Workshop. I fabricate jewellery using placer gold from our family mine on the Yukon's Fortymile River. Our gold has a colour and lustre reminiscent of the gold ancient Egyptian and Pre-Columbian cultures used to fabricate their treasures.

I melt our gold dust, adding nothing to the gold. It is a natural alloy of 87 percent gold and 13 percent silver, making it over 20 kt., perfect for use in high-quality gold jewellery. I'm proud the gold I offer for sale is "green" gold, mined with careful regard to protecting the beauty of the Yukon wilderness.

Each of my pieces are one of a kind, individually made. I use many of the same traditional fabricating techniques passed on by the goldsmiths of antiquity, resulting in an organic, hand-wrought character to my jewellery.

I enjoy working with my clients to create pieces of jewellery with special significance for

them, both directly in my studio and online. In addition to 20k gold and refined 24k pure gold, my work often incorporates locally mined natural gold nuggets and mammoth ivory, as well as gemstones from around the world. High-quality guilt-free northern Canadian diamonds look stunning set in our rich gold.

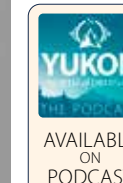
I invite you to visit my studio in the historic centre of Dawson City, at the corner of 3rd Ave. and York St., where you'll find me at work. My studio is also a gallery, where along with my own jewellery there are original paintings, jewellery, and artwork by some of the Yukon's best artists. You are welcome to come and browse.

### FORTYMILE GOLD WORKSHOP

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Photos (clockwise, from top): Forged bangles from natural 20K Yukon gold; caribou amulets with trade beads from the 1800s; Leslie welcomes you to visit her studio/gallery in Dawson; Canadian diamonds look great in Yukon gold; flushed set diamond ring for men or women; beautiful tourmaline—Leslie will design and make the ring of your dreams.



**The caveman of Dawson City:**  
Bill Donaldson moved into a cave across the Yukon River from Dawson City in the '90s. It's dark and damp but it's home, and he wouldn't have it any other way.

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## BERINGIA

You are in Beringia, an area that remained largely ice free during the last ice age.

- The last glacial maximum (when ice coverage was most extensive) was about 18,000 year ago. Beringia refers to the area between Yukon and Siberia that was mostly ice free during the last ice age.
- The Beringian ecosystem is known as mammoth steppe and was rich with grasses, herbs, and plants. It was also home to mammoths, steppe bison, Yukon horses, American lions, scimitar cats, and giant short-faced bears.
- The first people in the Yukon are believed to have migrated from Asia after the last ice age.
- The transition from the last ice age to the present warm period was completed about 11,000 years ago.
- Today, the Bering Strait is 85 km wide and less than 50 metres deep (source: University of Washington).

(Source: Yukon Beringia Interpretive Centre)



Photos: Government of Yukon

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**Lessons from the Dempster:** Melanie Bennett grew up at a camp on the Dempster Highway where the surrounding wilderness was her playground and schoolroom.

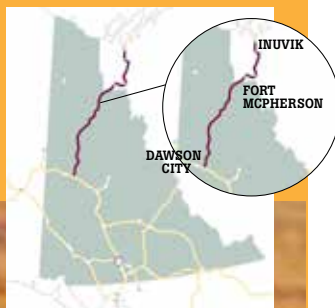
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# THE DEMPSTER

### WHEN AND HOW TO DRIVE THE DEMPSTER

- The roadway can be driven in 12–16 hours, but it is suggested you take about two days to complete the trip each way. That will give you time to take in all the spectacular views and wildlife along the route.
- If you're hoping to enjoy a northern-lights display, head out on the highway from February to April. (Check the forecast before you go, blizzards are not uncommon.) Make sure you're prepared with a shovel, satellite phone, sleeping bag, matches, stove, and snacks.

- To experience summer conditions and camping, plan your trip from June to September. Especially during late June and July, you'll take in the midnight sun, which extends your hiking hours.
- August and September are the best months to witness the stunning autumn colours.
- Caribou herds are usually spotted from mid-September to late October or in March and April.



## DEMPSTER HIGHWAY (#5)

**DISTANCE:** 734 km

**ROUTE:** Dempster corner is 39.4 km from Dawson City and 491.6 km north of Whitehorse, on the North Klondike Highway.

**ROAD CONDITIONS:** The Dempster is an unpaved road made of gravel, shale, and clay and can be very bumpy. Bring spare tires (at least one but two is better). Garage and gas services are hard to come by, so make sure you are prepared.

**LOGISTICS:** There are two ferry crossings on the Dempster Highway, at Km 538.8 and 608.

**NOTE:** After Dempster corner there are no gas stations for 370 km

**Km 0** || Dempster Corner

Last gas for 370 km.

**Km 0.3** || Klondike River Bridge

**Km 50.5** || Tombstone Territorial Park boundary

**Km 58.9** || Grizzly Creek Trail (Tombstone Territorial Park)

Ask for trail info at the Tombstone Interpretive Centre (Km 71.5).

**Km 66.6** || North Fork Klondike River

**Km 71.5** || Tombstone Territorial Park Interpretive Centre & Campground

The centre is open May-September.

**Km 74** || Tombstone Mountain Viewpoint

**Km 82** || North Fork Pass Summit  
At 1,300 m (4,265 feet), this is the highest point on the Dempster.

**Km 84** || Angelcomb Peak

**Km 103.3** || Two Moose Lake

**Km 107.6** || Rest Area "Old 68 Mile"

Blackstone River

**Km 116** || Rest Area Chapman Lake

**Km 146** || Windy Pass

**Km 158.6** || Chapman Lake Airstrip

**Km 179.9** || Red Creek  
The red creeks and hills in the area are due to high levels of iron.

**Km 193.4** || Engineer Creek Terr. Campground  
15 sites; no pull-throughs.

**Km 221.2** || Elephant Rock Rest Area

**Km 259.8** || Ogilvie Ridge Viewpoint/Rest Area

**Km 369.2** || Eagle Plains Hotel

**Km 377.5** || Rest Area

Picnic spot with information about Albert Johnson, the Mad Trapper of Rat River.

**Km 405.6** || Arctic Circle Boundary Rest Stop

**Km 445.8** || Rock River Gov. Campground

15 sites; no pull-throughs.

**Km 450.8** || Gorge's Gap

**Km 465** || Yukon-N.W.T. Border Rest Area

Welcome to the Northwest Territories! This also marks a crossing of the Continental Divide. Time change! The N.W.T. is one hour ahead between March and November.

**Km 538.8** || Peel River Crossing  
Info at 1-800-661-0750 or [dot.gov.nt.ca/Highways](http://dot.gov.nt.ca/Highways)

**Km 540.5** || Nitainlai Territorial Campground & Visitor Information Centre (N.W.T.)

**Km 550.6** || **FORT MCPHERSON**

Population: 700  
This small hamlet is part of the traditional territory of the Teet'it Gwich'in First Nation, who represent over 80 percent of Fort McPherson's 776 citizens. Wildlife viewing, paddling, and fishing-adventure tours can be arranged through the Visitor Information Centre.

**VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE**  
Phone: (867) 952-2428

**Km 607.6** || Tsiiehnjik River

**Km 608** || Mackenzie River Crossing & Tsiiehtchic  
Population: 413  
Info at (867) 920-8771 or [dot.gov.nt.ca/Highways](http://dot.gov.nt.ca/Highways)

**Km 643** || Rengling River

**Km 692** || Ehjuu Njik Wayside Park

**Km 714** || Vadzaih Van Tshik Campground

**Km 711.9** || Nihtak Rest Area

**Km 723.8** || Airport Road turnoff  
The highway is paved from here to Inuvik.

**Km 730.5** || Jak Territorial Park

Climb the lookout tower for a view of the Richardson Mountains and Mackenzie River Delta.

**Km 736** || **INUVIK, N.W.T.**

Population: 3,140  
Inuvik will feel like a big, exciting city after a few days on the Dempster Highway! It has accommodation options en masse including a centrally located campground and a few places to find tasty bites. Attractions include the "Igloo Church," boat tours on the mighty Mackenzie River, and a visit to Canada's northernmost greenhouse. The history of Inuvik dates back to the 1950s and is fascinating. You can find out more about it at the Western Arctic Visitor Information Centre. Inuvik is home to the Gwich'in First Nation and the Inuvialuit.

**WESTERN ARCTIC VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE**  
Open daily from mid-May to mid-Sept.  
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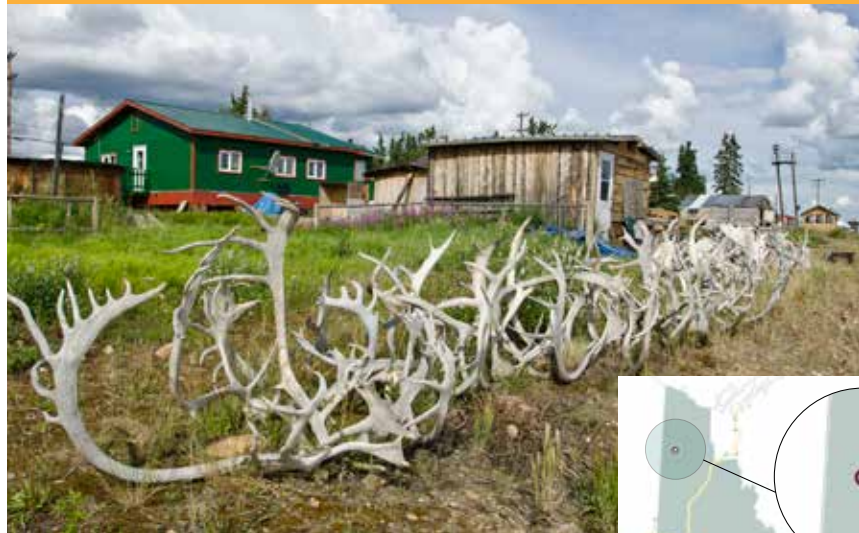
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# OLD CROW

Old Crow—named after Chief *Deetru* *K`avihdik*, which translates as “crow may I walk”—sits at the confluence of the Crow and Porcupine rivers, 128 kilometres north of the Arctic Circle. The community, with a population of about 300 people, is home to the Vuntut Gwich’in, or “People of the Lakes.” **It is the only fly-in community in the Yukon.**

### When to go:

March is an ideal month to see Old Crow in winter. The light is returning and days are warming up, making for good conditions to go dog sledding and cross-country skiing. It’s also an optimal time to see the northern-lights. Or, to get a taste of Gwich’in culture and heritage, visit Old Crow during the May long weekend for Caribou Days, celebrating the Gwich’in peoples’ connection to the Porcupine caribou herd.

### What to do:

- The best way to experience Old Crow is to walk around the community talking with people and getting a feel for remote northern life. Good day in Gwich’in is “*Drin gwiinzii*.”

- Visit the airy John Tizya Centre to take in displays highlighting the culture, history, and traditions of the Vuntut Gwich’in.

- Go see the Edith Josie House, where world-renowned journalist Edith Josie wrote her column, “Here are the News” between 1963 and 2005. Josie was recognized nationally for her work, receiving the Canadian Centennial Award, the Order of Canada, and a National Aboriginal Achievement Award.

- The listing, weathered Kenneth Nukon Cache near the centre of the village was once used to store meat, fish, and fur supplies, as well as personal belongings such as snowshoes, hunting gear, and harnesses that could not be stored inside a house in winter.

- The late Stephen Frost Sr. erected the community’s Antler Pole in the 1980s. Over the years, the pole has become an icon, with Yukon artist Jim Robb featuring it in one of his prints.

- Wander past St. Luke’s Anglican Church, built in 1959, and the Archdeacon McDonald Memorial Church, built in 1926. McDonald was a gifted linguist who translated the

Bible, prayer book, and hymnal into Gwich’in.

- For the adventurous, it’s possible to get to Old Crow via the Porcupine River. This is roughly a 10-day paddle starting from the Dempster Highway and travelling down the Little Bell, Bell, and Eagle rivers before reaching the Porcupine.

Photos: Government of Yukon



Photos: Peter Mather

# PORCUPINE CARIBOU

In May, as they have for millennia, over 100,000 Porcupine caribou will stream across ridges and rivers, hurrying to their customary calving grounds on the North Slope of Alaska and the Yukon.

Snow will decide how far west these caribou go, but in the best case, the herd will reach calving grounds on the coastal plain, an area known as the 1002 lands of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. If the caribou can make it this far, the survival rates of their calves can increase by 10 percent. However, if late winter snows are deep, like in 2018, the herd will halt in, and near, Ivvavik National Park to calve.

Regardless of where the caribou calve, the herd will move west into the 1002 lands in June, accessing high-quality forage and finding relief from swarming mosquitoes. By early July, the herd, with its two-month-old calves, will streak over mountain passes 350 km to the east and on to summer ranges at the headwaters of the Blow River, on Yukon’s North Slope.

While calving and post-calving ranges are critical, the Yukon’s summer ranges provide the forage and insect relief that determines whether a cow becomes pregnant during the October rut. All portions of the herd’s range are important to its long-term sustainability.

### FAST FACTS:

- The Porcupine caribou herd is named for the Porcupine River, which bisects the herd’s range from east to west.
- In 2017, the herd numbered 218,000 caribou, the largest recorded population ever.
- The herd is growing an average of 3.7 percent each year, the slowest growth rate of any large migratory caribou herd in the world. While this has led to a more stable herd, it also means the herd is not as capable of growing itself out of problems like other herds.
- The herd has been monitored by scientists since the early 1970s and is one of the planet’s best understood.

- The herd’s range is bounded by the Dalton Highway in Alaska, the Northwest Territories in the east, Dawson City, Yukon, in the south, and the Beaufort Sea in the north. Barren-ground caribou, including the Porcupine caribou, undertake the world’s largest land migrations of any mammal.

- Lichen forms the basis of the herd’s diet from September through June. Sedges, grasses, flowering plants, mushrooms, shrubs, and some lichen constitute the herd’s diet in the summer months.







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**Kusawa waith kids:** Time and again Jackie Zinger and her husband pack up the fat bikes, skis, or boat, as well as their twins, and head to Kusawa Lake, the family's four-season playground.



# KID-FRIENDLY CANOE TRIPS

## YUKON RIVER

30 Mile to Carmacks  
**Distance:** 216 km  
 Give yourself 7–10 days.  
**Logistics:** A boat shuttle from Lake Laberge Campground to the 30 Mile section (arranged through tourism operators) avoids a 50-km flat-water paddle with the potential for high wind and waves.

## YUKON RIVER

Minto Landing to Dawson City  
**Distance:** 312 km  
 Give yourself 8–10 days.  
**Logistics:** Starting at Minto Landing bypasses Five Finger Rapids.

## LOWER NISUTLIN RIVER

Nisutlin Landing to Teslin  
**Distance:** 137 km on the river plus 11 km on Teslin Lake. Give yourself 5–7 days, including a rest day (the Nisutlin is slower than the Yukon River).  
**Pro Tip:** The most challenging part of this trip could be the 11-km paddle on Lake Teslin at the end if it's windy.

### GENERAL TIPS:

- Putting a bit of extra time into planning and preparation before the trip will pay off when you hit the water.
- If you're travelling with toddlers, don't expect to cover long distances in a day. And remember, the most important thing is for everyone to have a positive experience (so you can do it all again next summer).
- Think carefully about kid-specific gear, such as canoe-appropriate toys, a mini potty, snacks, and clothing for rain, wind, and sun.
- Have the first night's dinner pre-cooked and ready to eat.
- It pays to think about the end of the trip before you go so you have a pre-arrange pick up from a tour operator or friend so you don't have to fuss around with a shuttle and hours of driving with cranky kids at the end of a trip.
- Diapers? Unless you're really hardcore, maybe wait until the kids are potty trained before you embark on our first family canoe trip.



Photos: Jackie Zinger

**DISCLAIMER:** There is no such thing as an "easy" river. Water and weather conditions can change quickly. Do your own research before embarking on similar trips.

## STEWART CROSSING to MAYO and KENO CITY Silver Trail (#11)

- DISTANCE:** 112 km one way (the road ends at Keno City)
- Km 0** || North Klondike Highway/Silver Trail Junction  
Go east on Silver Trail (Highway #11).
  - Km 10** || Devil's Elbow Rest Area
  - Km 19** || Viewpoint and rest area
  - Km 44.1** || Rest Area
  - Km 50** || Mayo Municipal Campground–McIntyre Park
  - Km 51.3** || **VILLAGE OF MAYO**
- Home to the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyak Dun
  - Population: 500

- Stay a day**
- Check out the Binet House Museum
  - Walk along the dike or do the more strenuous Mount Haldane Trail
  - Swim at the Five Mile campground
  - Stock up on supplies if you're continuing up the road to Keno

- THE BINET HOUSE**  
 (Visitor centre and museum)  
 Open Jun.–Sept., Phone: (867) 996-2926
- Km 52.8** || Mayo Airport
- Km 56.2** || Turnoff to Mayo Hydroelectric Dam
- Km 57.6** || Five Mile Lake Terr. Campground
- 20 sites; 3 pull-through.



## SAFE WILDLIFE VIEWING

### STOP, LOOK, LEAVE

Wildlife that can be seen from the highway is at risk of becoming habituated to human presence. This is potentially dangerous for both animals and viewers. Please follow this protocol to keep our wildlife wild and alive.

**1. STOP** only when it is safe to do so. Check behind you and slow down. Cars are travelling at high speeds and drivers don't expect to stop suddenly. Pull well off the road and allow traffic to safely pass you.

**2. LOOK** from the safety of your vehicle. Pull out your binoculars and observe from a distance. Animals may feel stressed by your presence and can react suddenly.

**3. LEAVE** after a minute of watching. This helps prevent animals from becoming habituated to your presence. Never bait animals to come closer to your vehicle with food or sounds. Not only is it dangerous, it's illegal.

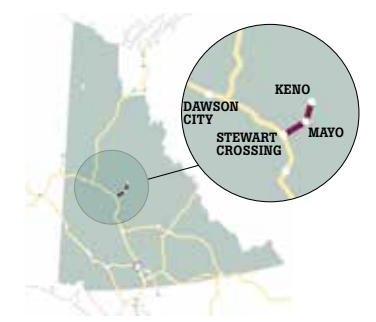
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- Km 63** || Rest area
  - Km 69** || Turnoffs for Duncan Creek Road and Minto Lake Road
  - Km 76** || Turnoff for Mount Haldane
  - Km 81** || Thermokarst Lakes
  - Km 97** || **ELSA**
- This "ghost town" was once home to a large mine, known as The Silver King, which employed many of the area's residents. Once the fourth-largest producer of silver in the world, the mine closed in 1989 due to low silver prices. This led to the desertion of the area. In recent years, mining operations have commenced again at the Elsa site and a reclamation project is underway for the surrounding community. The former townsite of Elsa and the mine are closed to visitors.

- Km 112.2** || **KENO CITY**
- Population: 20

- Lots to do**
- Take in the impressive indoor and outdoor collection at the Keno City Mining Museum
  - Find the house made of bottles
  - Take a selfie by the signpost 11 km from town
  - Check out one of the many other hikes in the area (maps and information at the mining museum)
  - Eat pizza at the only restaurant in town (open irregular hours; check before you go)
  - Have a drink at the only bar in town

**VISITOR INFORMATION**  
 Located in Keno Mining Museum  
 Phone: (867) 995-3103



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**Ice fishing—a frozen misery?** Is ice fishing as cold and miserable as it sounds? Erin Holm explains why burbot fishing is her favourite winter pastime.





Photo: Paul Burdidge

## BIKING THE NORTH CANOL TRAIL

The Canol Heritage Trail is one of the hardest hikes in North America because of its wild terrain and remoteness. The reputation of the route, which begins at the Yukon-Northwest Territories border and finishes 350 km later at Norman Wells, N.W.T., has also attracted mountain bikers.

Riding the North Canol is a river tour of sorts. The Tichu, Intga, Ekwi, Godlin, Twitya, Carcajou, and Little Keele and their crossings are milestones along the route. The muddy west bank of the mighty Mackenzie River is the finish line.

These same rivers were not given enough credit by the builders of the Canol. All the significant bridges have been washed away by flooding, many without a trace. Another draw of this ride is that the first 90 percent of the journey passes through the stunning Mackenzie Mountains. Riding the whole trail requires expert riding, route finding, and mechanical experience. Be prepared to push for hours, get a bit lost, ride 50 km of riverbed, and perform more than 10 river crossings. Three of these crossings will probably require a boat. Go in late-July or early-August to avoid the worst bugs and, potentially, highest water levels.

## DENA CHO TRAIL

This 51-km maintained trail connects Faro and Ross River along the Pelly River, following a traditional route used by the Kaska. There are four cabins along the way. For more information visit the Campbell Region Interpretive Centre.



Photos: Government of Yukon

# FARO

### FACTS

- Its name is derived from a game of chance popular in Klondike saloons in which the cards bore a stylized portrait of an Egyptian pharaoh
- When the mine closed, many people left town. The population of Faro dipped to a low of 97 in 1985
- After the mine closed, dozens of homes stood empty and were boarded up until recently, when the town acquired them and put them up for sale. Many are now being renovated.
- Faro sits in the Tintina Trench, a valley that extends across Yukon Alaska along a fault line, which serves as a travel route for migratory birds and other wildlife
- Faro has a sheep viewing station set up for spotting Fannin's and Dall's sheep

### Outdoor adventures

- Hike to Van Gorder Falls or explore one of the many other area trails
- Explore by ATV
- Canoe the Pelly River between Ross River and Faro.
- Play a round at Faro's nine-hole golf course
- Cast a line in one of the nearby lakes or rivers

### Wildlife viewing

- Listen for the sound of sandhill cranes flying overhead in spring and fall
- Look for Fannin's sheep at Faro's Sheep Viewing Station
- Birdwatch in the Tintina Trench

### Dig deeper

- Check out the interpretive displays in the Campbell Region Interpretive Centre
- Learn more about the disastrous Faro Mine

### Visiting in winter?

- Try cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, and ice fishing



## CARMACKS to WATSON LAKE

Robert Campbell Highway (#4), North Canol Road, and South Canol Road (#6)

**DISTANCE:** 582 km  
Carmacks to Faro: 178 km  
Faro to Ross River: 72 km  
Ross River to Watson Lake: 361 km

Highway kilometres count down from Carmacks (Km 582) to Watson Lake (Km 0).

### Km 582 || CARMACKS

Go east on the Robert Campbell Highway (#4).

**Km 555 || Rest area and interpretive signage for the Columbia Disaster, the worst accident in the history of Yukon riverboat travel.**

### Km 501 || Little Salmon Lake Campground



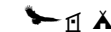
22 sites; 7 pull-through.

### Km 468 || Drury Creek Campground



10 sites; 5 pull-through.

### Km 417 || Fisheye Lake Recreation area



### Km 414 || Faro junction

A 10-km access road leads to Faro

### FARO

Population: 475

Faro has gone through some tough times since the Faro Mine closed in 1997, but its picturesque location and resilient residents have helped it pull through. Built on a plateau above the Pelly River, Faro offers plenty of activities to keep visitors busy.

### CAMPBELL REGION INTERPRETIVE CENTRE

Campbell Street

Ph: (867) 994-2288 (seasonal)

(867) 994-2728 (year-round)

Email: cric@faroyukon.ca

### Km 363 || Ross River junction

A 7-km access road leads into Ross River.

### ROSS RIVER

Population: 405

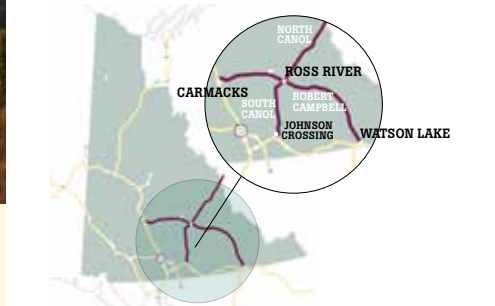
Ross River is a Kaska First Nation community located at the confluence of the Ross and Pelly rivers and the junction of the North and South Canol roads. The nearby Lapie River and its beautiful canyons are popular with whitewater paddlers.

### Explore the area

- Walk over the Pelly River on Ross River's historic suspension foot bridge
- Explore the North Canol or South Canol roads (no services)
- Hike the 50 km Dena Cho Trail to Faro
- Paddle whitewater on the nearby Lapie River
- Paddle the more mellow Pelly River from Ross River to Faro



Photo: Government of Yukon



### SOUTH CANOL ROAD

This scenic 230-km gravel road connects the Campbell Highway near Ross River to the Alaska Highway near Johnson's Crossing. There are no services along this road but there are pull-outs suitable for camping. (Km 0 starts at the south end of the road.)

### Km 212 || Lapie River Canyon and Yukon territorial campground



20 sites 5 pull-through.

### Km 191 || Fox Creek

### Km 164 || Lapie Lakes

A good place to camp. A short trail leads to the Ian H. Thomson Falls.

### Km 105 || Rose River

Another river popular with whitewater paddlers for a short period of time in the spring, when water levels are optimal.

### Km 99 || Quiet Lake Recreation Site



This is the starting point for a canoe trip on the Big Salmon River and is a good place for boating.

### Km 67 || Nisultin River Recreation Site



This is the starting point for a 180-km trip on the Nisultin River.

### Km 0 || Johnson's Crossing

### NORTH CANOL ROAD

The North Canol road starts on the north side of the Pelly River, in Ross River (a ferry operates May-October). The gravel road travels 232 km to MacMillan Pass and the border of the Northwest Territories. Built as a supply route for the short-lived Canadian Oil Pipeline, it's now a seasonal road offering spectacular wilderness access, travelling by lakes as well as the Itsi Mountain Range. There are no services along this road. The North Canol road starts at Km 222 (a continuation of the South Canol road).

### Km 338 || Dragon Lake

Non-maintained camping

### Km 363 || Sheldon Lake

Non-maintained camping

### Km 408 || Itsi Lake

### Km 437 || Army Vehicle Dump

Believe it or not, this material is protected under Yukon law.

### Km 462 || Yukon/N.W.T border

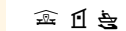
The 355-km Canol Heritage Trail starts here, following the old pipeline route. Creeks and rivers may be uncrossable at higher water.

### ROBERT CAMPBELL HIGHWAY CONT'D

#### 231 || Finlayson Lake

This 16 km long lake is on the continental divide. It drains into the Mackenzie River watershed while rivers north drain into the Yukon River watershed.

#### Km 171 || Frances Lake Campground



This is the largest lake in southeast Yukon and is popular with anglers. The territorial campground has 24 sites, no pull-through.

#### 108 || Nahanni Range Road

This gravel road leads 217 km into the alpine and a tungsten mine in the N.W.T. There are no services along the road but the Nahanni Range Territorial Campground is at Km 84, near the Hyland River.

#### 0 || Watson Lake



# FARO STUDIO HOTEL

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## MARSH LAKE

### When to go:

- **Summer:** Army Beach is a popular day destination for its sandy beach and playground. In early June, the Southern Lakes GranFondo follows a 175-km circuit through Marsh Lake, Teslin, Tagish, Carcross, Mount Lorne, and Golden Horn. [southernlakesyukongranfondo.com](http://southernlakesyukongranfondo.com)
- **Fall:** Try a staycation at one of the area's vacation rentals or hike the M'Clintock West Ridge. [yukonhiking.ca](http://yukonhiking.ca)
- **Winter:** Marsh Lake has several kilometres of groomed ski trails as well as a trail on the lake between Judas Creek and Army Beach.
- **Spring:** The Celebration of Swans is Apr. 1–30 at Swan Haven. [yukon.ca/swans](http://yukon.ca/swans)

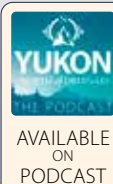


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## TESLIN

Scenic Teslin sits on the edge of Nisutlin Bay and Teslin Lake, offering great fishing, boating, and paddling opportunities. Located in the traditional territory of the Tlingit people, Teslin means “long narrow water.” Teslin boomed briefly during the gold rush. It was a stopover on the “All-Canadian Route” that started at the mouth of the Stikine River in northern B.C. This route was promoted heavily by the federal government as an alternative to the Chilkoot Trail through Alaska. Like other gold-rush trails, its life was short-lived. Today, Teslin lays claim to having the longest bridge on the Alaska Highway (584 m).

- Visit the Teslin Tlingit Heritage Centre
- Birdwatch in the Nisutlin Delta
- Cast a line in Teslin Lake or a nearby waterway
- Ply Teslin Lake in a kayak or powerboat
- Tour the George Johnston Museum



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**Trapping a way of life:** Minnie Clark grew up on a trapline. She continues to trap and craft to stay connected to her Tlingit culture.

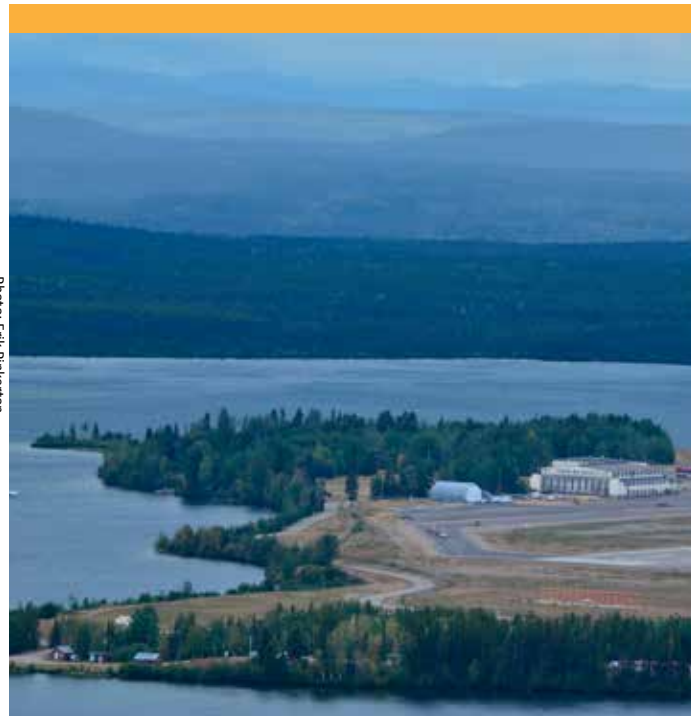


Photo: Martina Volfova

# WATSON LAKE

- Home to the Liard First Nation
- Access to the town's eponymous lake is at the Watson Lake territorial campground
- Population: 1,500

### What to do:

- On summer Saturdays, browse local art, homegrown produce, and good eats at the Summer Market/Arts in the Park, 12–3 p.m., at Wye Lake Park.
- Explore transportation history at the Alaska Highway Interpretive Centre (behind the Signpost Forest) or the Watson Lake Airport terminal (13 km north on the Robert Campbell Highway). The airport, a heritage building, sits on a peninsula—there's water at both ends of the runway.
- Hike or bike: popular walks include the trail from Lucky Lake Park to the Liard River Canyon and the Wye Lake Park boardwalk trail for birdwatching. Use the Trailforks app to find local bike trails. Swimmers can take a dip in Watson Lake or try the 150-metre-long Lucky Lake waterslide. For a warmer soak, head two hours south of town to the Liard River Hot Springs. It's the perfect place to unwind after a long day on the road or trails. Entry is free, but BYO towel.
- Play a few rounds at the Watson Lake Golf Club.
- Don't forget to check out the recreation centre's

community events schedule for what's happening in town.

## WHITEHORSE to WATSON LAKE Alaska Highway (#1)

**DISTANCE:** 438 km

**Km 1,419.3** || Robert Service Way  
Turn east onto the Alaska Highway.

**Km 1,416.2** || Miles Canyon



Access to Miles Canyon and the Whitehorse Rapids which posed a dangerous obstacle for stampedes coming down the Yukon River during the gold rush. Guided walks are offered by the Yukon Conservation Society starting late-June.

**Km 1,408.2** || Wolf Creek Campground



Scenic walking trails along the Yukon River.

**Km 1,402.9** || Caribou RV Park



**Km 1,404.4** || Carcross Cut-off/Junction #2:

**South Klondike Highway**

This is the exit for Mount Lorne, Carcross, and White Pass.

**Km 1,393.1** || Yukon River Bridge  
and Marsh Lake Dam Rest Area

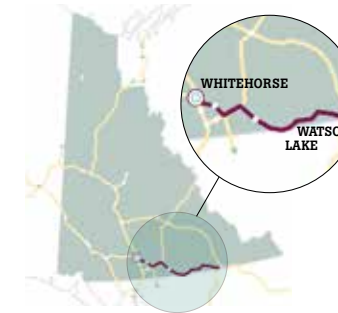


**Km 1,381.8** || Swan Haven Interpretive Centre



### SWANS

The shallow, nutrient-rich water at the north end of Marsh Lake, where the M'Clintock River enters, attracts thousands of Tundra and Trumpeter swans in April and May. They stop here to rest and feed on their journey north to their nesting grounds. The Swan Haven Interpretive is open during the entire month of April to host “A Celebration of Swans,” an annual birding festival that heralds the return of both the swans and spring. The centre is closed during the summer but the deck remains open for picnicking and bird watching. (Source: Yukon government.)



**Km 1,379** || Marsh Lake Terr. Campground



**Km 1,341.6** || Jake's Corner/Tagish Road junction



This is the exit for Tagish and Atlin.

**Km 1,315.9** || Squanga Lake Campground



**Km 1,296.2** || Johnson's Crossing Lodge



**Km 1,295** || Junction #6: Canol Road

Yukon Highway #6 (Canol Road) heads northeast to meet the Robert Campbell Highway near Ross River.

**Km 1,258** || Teslin Lake Yukon Terr. Campground  
and Rest Area



**Km 1,248.2** || Teslin Tlingit Heritage Centre  
Informative displays on the history and culture of the Tlingit people. Open June to September.

**Km 1,244.2** || George Johnston Museum  
Open seasonally. Colourful exhibits, dioramas, and artefacts honour the life of the Tlingit trapper, entrepreneur, and photographer, as well as other local residents.

**Km 1,244** || TESLIN

☺ Population: 495

**Teslin Tlingit Heritage Centre**

Open June–Sept., Km 1,248.2

Phone: (867) 390-2532 ext. 335

Exhibits and gift store. Admission fee applicable.

**Km 1,243.5** || Nisutlin Bay Bridge

**Km 1,203** || Morley Lake Forest Recreation Site



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## TAGISH

Tagish is 130 km from Whitehorse via the Alaska Highway and Tagish Road. It is the traditional home of the Carcross/Tagish First Nation.

- Fish for lake trout and northern pike in the Tagish River
- Rent a cabin or camp and kick back
- Birdwatch along the Tagish River, part of a 600-km chain of lakes and waterways
- Explore Tagish Lake by boat or by foot along the shore



Photos: Manu Keggenhoff



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**Off-grid luxe:** Manu Keggenhoff shares about cabin life, cabin fever, and all the work that goes into living—and working—off grid.

# ATLIN

## FACTS

- In the traditional territory of the Taku River Tlingit First Nation
- Atlin Lake is 5 km wide in front of town and 136 km long
- Population: 500

## HIKE, BIKE, PADDLE

- Hike or bike one of the myriad mining roads in the area. Check out Atlin Mountain Biking ([atlinmountainbiking.weebly.com](http://atlinmountainbiking.weebly.com))
- Explore the new Como Lake Trail
- Visit Atlin/Áa Tlein Téix'i Provincial Park (you'll need a boat or kayak and several days)
- Paddle the class three whitewater on the O'Donnell River

## CULTURE

- Check out the art at the Atlin Courthouse Gallery (2nd Ave.)
- Visit the Atlin Museum (3rd St.)
- Learn about the MV *Tarahne* on Atlin Lake
- Take a historic walking tour (brochures available at the Atlin Museum)
- Experience live music or another event at the Globe Theatre

## ENJOY THE VIEW

- Hike Monarch Mountain
- Take a flightseeing tour of the nearby Juneau Icefields



Photos: Manu Keggenhoff

## WHITEHORSE to ATLIN Atlin Road (#7)

**DISTANCE:** Whitehorse to Jake's Corner on the Alaska Highway: 77 km  
Jake's Corner to Atlin and Tagish Road on Highway #7: 96 km  
**FYI:** There is no cell service in Atlin.

From Whitehorse, travel eastbound on the Alaska Highway from Robert Service Way for 77 km to Jake's Corner.

**Km 1,341 || Jake's Corner/Tagish Road Junction**  
Exit here, driving south for 1.7 km.

**Km 0 || Tagish Road-Highway #7 Junction**  
Exit here, going south.

*You are now at Km 0 of the Atlin Road. Highway markers countdown to Atlin (Km 94). There are no gas stations before Atlin.*

**Km 3.8 || Rest Stop**  
Good spot to see Mount Minto, elev. 2,107 m (6,913 feet).

**Km 7.5 || White Mountain Climbing**  
Walk a short distance to a sport-climbing area.

**Km 8 || White Mountain Trailhead**  
A 300 m gravel road to White Mountain Trailhead. In 1983–84, there were 12 mountain goats transplanted from Kluane National Park to White Mountain. They can often be seen from the road. For hiking information, visit [yukonhiking.ca](http://yukonhiking.ca).

**MOUNT WHITE GEOLOGY**  
The limestone of Mount White probably originated in an ancient super ocean that existed during the time of the supercontinent Pangea. The limestone may have formed as a coral atoll that slowly moved thousands of kilometres through plate tectonics and eventually crashed into ancient North America 180 to 170 million years ago. (Source: Yukon Geological Survey.)

**Km 25.6 || Snafu Creek**  
The Atlin Road was built in 1949 by the Canadian Army who gave the creek its name. It is an acronym for "situation normal—all fouled up."

**Km 26.4 || Snafu Lake Terr. Campground**  
1.1 km access road. 10 sites; no pull-through.

**Km 30.7 || Tarfu Creek**  
Tarfu stands for "things are really fouled up."

**Km 33 || Tarfu Lake Terr. Campground**  
3.8 km access road. 10 sites, no pull-through.

▲: camping, 🎣: fishing, 🏠: lodging, ♻️: litter disposal, 🚽: outhouse, ⛽: fuel, 💰: pay phone, 🍽️: food/restaurant, 🚿: showers, 🏪: store, 🧭: hiking/walking trails, 🗑️: dump station, 🐾: pet friendly, 🛖: covered picnic table, ♿: wheelchair access, ✈️: airport, 🦅: wildlife viewing, 🚲: bike trail, ⓘ: info, 🏥: medical service, 🚐: RV park, 🚤: boat launch, 🚗: garage, ☺️: all amenities

- Km 34 || Marcella Lake**  
Stocked lake (rainbow trout).
- Km 42.6 || B.C.-Y.T. border**
- Km 42.8 || 60° latitude**
- Km 45.8 || Minto View Lookout**  
You can see Mount Minto across Atlin Lake.  
*The road is windy and steep. Drive carefully!*
- Km 53 || Hitchcock Creek Rest Area**  
Scenic rest area with lake access.
- Km 84 || McDonald Lake Recreation Site (B.C.)**  
Three campsites.
- Km 94 || Atlin, B.C.**  
10-km access road. Four campsites.



- Km 91 || Como Lake Recreation Site (B.C.)**  
Three campsites.
- Km 94 || Atlin, B.C.**

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## HAMLET OF MOUNT LORNE

### WHEN TO GO

**Spring/Summer:** Hang out on the beach at Kookatsoon Lake, paddle whitewater on the Wheaton River, or check out the summer farmers' market. You can also play a \$5 round at the adventurous Annie Lake Golf Course, built during the Second World War by the U.S. Army. In addition to the excellent hiking in and around Mount Lorne, there are many ATV trails to rip around on. If art is more your thing, Gray Ridge Lodge on Annie Lake offers painting and sketching classes as well as a harvesting tour that teaches guests about plants and flowers. Mount Lorne is a good spot for wildlife photography, too; keep your eyes peeled for Dall's sheep on nearby mountain slopes, as well as grizzly bears and moose. **Fall:** As the leaves start turning colour but before snow falls, hike Mount Lorne's many mountain trails, including Red Ridge, Tally-Ho, and the community's namesake mountain. **Winter:** Go for a cross-country ski on the community association's 12 km of trails or skate on the ice rink. (Visitors are asked to pay a \$5 day rate to use the community's recreational offerings.) You can also go on a dog-sledding trip with a local musher, but if you just want to watch the action, attend the Carbon Hill sled dog and skijor race held annually in January.



Photo: Manu Kegenhoff

# CARCROSS

### FACTS

- In the traditional territory of the Carcross/Tagish First Nation
- Name comes from "Caribou Crossing"
- Population: 477

### ADVENTURE

- Hit the mountain-bike trails on Montana Mountain
- Kite surf on Bennett Lake
- Hike Caribou or Nares mountains or the Sam Magee trail ([yukonhiking.ca](http://yukonhiking.ca))
- Paddle the Watson River

### TAKING IT EASY

- Grab a coffee and a snack at one of the cafes
- Stroll the shore of Lake Bennett
- Peruse the Matthew Watson General Store



**Choutla—the search for children who never came home:** families of the students who attended Choutla residential school in Carcross seek closure.

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### FAMILY FUN

- Climb on the playground in the Carcross Commons
- Frolic at the Carcross desert
- Build a sandcastle on the shore of Lake Bennett
- Grab an ice cream from one of the vendors

### CULTURE

- Admire art and learn about the Carcross/Tagish First Nation at *Haa Shagóon Hídi* (our Ancestors' house/Learning Centre), guarded by eight towering totem poles
- Go on a historic walking tour of town (brochures at the visitor information centre)
- Dig into local history at the Skookum Jim House
- Wander the remains of the SS *Tutshi*



Photo: Government of Yukon

## GEOLOGICAL ODDITY

- Affectionately known as the smallest desert in the world, the Carcross Desert receives too much moisture to be classified as a true desert.
- It is technically not a desert at all; it is a series of sand dunes.
- The dunes cover an area approximately 2.6 km<sup>2</sup> (260 hectares).
- Formerly the bed of a Pleistocene glacial lake.
- Remains dry due to the rain shadow effects of the mountains in the Southern Lakes region of the Yukon.
- Home to unusual flora, like Baikal sedge (normally found only off the coast of Lake Baikal in Siberia).

## CHILKOOT TRAIL FACTS

- The trail stretches 53 kilometres from Dyea, Alaska, to Lake Bennett, B.C. (In 2021, due to international border restrictions, Canadians only have access to the B.C. side of the trail.)
- Before the arrival of gold seekers, Tlingit traders used the route for exchanging resources with interior First Nations. The Raven clan of Chilkoot village owned and managed the Chilkoot Trail.
- Tramways weren't built on the trail until late 1897 and early 1898, so stamperers carried their possessions on their backs or hired packers, who were often Tlingit.
- An estimated 20,000 to 30,000 people trekked over the pass during the first year of the rush.
- It became a major access route from the coast to the Yukon goldfields during the

## WHITEHORSE to CARCROSS South Klondike Highway (#2)

**DISTANCE:** Whitehorse to Carcross: 68 km

**Km 1,419.3** || Robert Service Way  
Travel eastbound on the Alaska Highway for 15 km

**Km 1,404.4** || Carcross cutoff:  
South Klondike Highway #2 junction.  
Exit here, going south.

*You are now at Km 158 of the South Klondike Highway. Highway markers count down to the U.S. border (at Km 24.3)*

**Km 158** || Klondike Highway Junction (Carcross Cutoff)

**Km 152** || Kookatsoon Lake Recreation Site

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**Km 139.5** || Robinson Roadhouse

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**Km 118** || Emerald Lake

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**Km 109** || Caribou Crossing Trading Post

A good place for family fun.

**Km 106.8** || Carcross Desert

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**Km 106.5** || Tagish Road Junction

**Km 105.8** || Montana Services and RV Park

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**Km 105.5** || **CARCROSS**

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Klondike Gold Rush, between 1897 and 1899.

- The trail is one of three glacier-free corridors through the Coast Mountains between Juneau and Yakutat, Alaska.
- The trail reaches an elevation of 1,074 metres at the pass.
- In 1899, the White Pass & Yukon Route railway arrived at Lake Bennett, leading many to abandon the Chilkoot Trail in favour of the newer, faster, more convenient option for moving people and goods to the interior.
- Hiking the entire Chilkoot Trail usually takes three to five days.

**You must reserve a permit for overnight hikes or day use of the Canadian portion of the trail through Parks Canada. Go to [pg.gc.ca/chilkoot](http://pg.gc.ca/chilkoot) for more details on permits and reservations.**

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## CARCROSS to SKAGWAY, ALASKA South Klondike Highway (#2)

### DISTANCE:

Carcross to Skagway: 105 km

**Km 105** || Leave Carcross southbound on the South Klondike Highway #2

**Km 95** || Bove Island rest stop  
A nice view over Tagish Lake.

**Km 89.5** || Conrad Campground

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Yukon's newest territorial campground, on the south shore of Windy Arm on Tagish Lake.

**Km 89** || Montana Mountain

lower trailhead/parking area

Unmarked pullout on lake side. This is where you should park your car if you are riding Mountain Hero trail and doing a vehicle shuttle.

**Km 80** || B.C./Yukon border

**Km 43.9** || Log Cabin

(Chilkoot Trail National Historic Site)

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**Km 38.8** || Rest Area

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**Km 37** || Fraser (railway station)

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This is a popular spot to board the White Pass & Yukon Railway to Skagway.

### WHITE PASS

**At 888 m, White Pass is at the boundary with Alaska and British Columbia. A scenic alpine area, it's a fantastic area to hike, picnic, or at least snap a few photos.**

**Km 36.5** || Canada Customs

Open 24 hours between April and October.

**Km 25** || Rest Area

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**Km 24.3/Mi. 15** || Canada/U.S. Border

**Note the time change! Alaska time is one hour behind during the summer. Highway markers and speed limits are now in miles.**

**Mi. 14.5/Km 23.3** || Alaska State Sign

**Mi. 14/Km 22.5** || White Pass summit

3,292 ft/1,003 m

**Mi. 7/Km 11.3** || U.S. customs and immigration

**Mi. 2.1/Km 3.4** || Dyea Junction

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Access to Dyea historic townsite, Dyea State Park campground (8 mi.), and the Chilkoot Trail.

**Mi. 0** || **SKAGWAY, ALASKA**

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# SKAGWAY

Skagway is protected as a Klondike Gold Rush National Historic Park and looks the part of an authentic gold-rush town. Locals describe summer days by the number of cruise ships in port. Luckily, Skagway's generous selection of restaurants and attractions can handle the influx of visitors who magically disappear in the evening, when the boats generally depart.

**FACTS**

- Skaqua or Shgagwéi means a windy place with "white caps on the water" in Tlingit
- Nearby Dyea, at the foot of the Chilkoot Trail, had a population of 30,000 during the Klondike Gold Rush
- Population: 1,060

**HISTORY AND CULTURE**

- Wander the boardwalks
- Visit the Skagway Museum (700 Spring St.) or the Klondike Gold Rush National Park museum on Second and Broadway
- Ride the White Pass and Yukon Route Railway

**ADVENTURE**

- Make a reservation for a multi-day hike on the Chilkoot Trail
- Stroll to Smugglers Cove
- Do the strenuous Dewey Lakes hike

**WATER TIME**

- Enjoy the ocean views
- Raft the Taiya River

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## HIKE OR BIKE THE COTTONWOOD TRAIL

The Cottonwood Trail in Kluane National Park and Reserve originated as an exploration road in the late 1950s, built from Kathleen Lake to access a high-grade bornite deposit near Sockeye Lake that was ultimately abandoned. The road remained, however, and after the national park was established, in 1972, the road was linked via a Parks Canada-cut trail to another old exploration road at Dalton Pass to the south, creating the 85-km Cottonwood Trail.

- Check for trail status and closure information at [parkscanada.gc.ca/Kluane](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/Kluane). Registration is required for backcountry camping.
- Be prepared for anything. The trail is 85 kilometres of wilderness and a variety of terrain, including loose rock and roots.
- There are multiple stream crossings on the Kathleen Lake side of the trail that can be challenging to cross and sometimes impassable.
- Allow four-six days for hiking the trail and 11–14 hours for biking it due to the eroded, hike-a-bike sections.
- Be bear aware and make lots of noise, especially in berry season. Bear sightings are common.



Tincup Lake, YT



Photo: Government of Yukon

# HAINES JUNCTION

### FACTS

- In the traditional territory of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations
- Gateway to Kluane National Park and Reserve
- Population: 960

### COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Haines Junction and the adjacent Kluane National Park have something on offer year-round. In summer, there is hiking, paddling, and fishing as well as activities in the village, with seasonal art galleries, a vintage clothing shop, and restaurants. In winter months, activities include ice fishing, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling.

### What to do:

Your first stop in Haines Junction should be The Champagne and Aishihik First Nations' *Da Kų* (Our House) Cultural Centre ([cafn.ca/da-ku-cultural-centre](http://cafn.ca/da-ku-cultural-centre)). The facility also houses the Kluane National Park Visitor Centre and the Yukon Government's Visitor Information Centre, making it a wealth of information for newcomers to the area.

### Where to eat:

During the summer season in particular, Haines Junction offers a surprising number of restaurant options given its size—to burgers and ice cream at Frosty's to fresh baked goods and coffee at the Village Bakery (where you can find a salmon bake and live music on Friday nights). Don't let the winter cold deter you, though. Reliable fare is offered any day of the year at 1016 Pub, Lucky Dragon, and the Kluane Park Inn Restaurant, among other locations. Also open year-round is the Little Green Apple, a small grocery store offering fresh produce, pantry and freezer items, and fresh baked goods.



Photo: Manu Keggenhoff

## WHITEHORSE to HAINES JUNCTION Alaska Highway (#1)

**DISTANCE:** 154 km

**Km 1,428.1** || Two Mile Hill Whitehorse exit  
Head west on the Alaska Highway.

**Km 1,437** || Junction #2: North Klondike Highway

**Km 1,477** || Access to Spirit Canyon Hike, on the north side of the highway. (See [yukonhiking.ca](http://yukonhiking.ca))

**Km 1,468.6** || Takhini River Bridge

**Km 1,486.6** || Takhini Valley pullout

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**Km 1,488.6** || Kusawa Lake Access Road and Territorial Campgrounds

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Takhini River Campground (15 km): 13 sites, no pull-through. Kusawa Lake Campground (23 km): 56 sites, 8 pull-through. A local hotspot for camping, canoeing, and fishing.

### TAKHINI RIVER GEOLOGY

The mountains and hills above the Takhini River record over 600 million years of Earth's history, including the remnants of volcanic islands that formed far west of ancient North America. As North America drifted westward, it collided with these volcanic islands. Mt. Vanier, located just west of the mouth of Takhini River near Kusawa Lake, is made up of volcanic rocks that were pushed up onto the continent. More recently, during the peak of the last glaciation (around 18,000 years ago), this area was covered by a massive lake known as Glacial Lake Champagne. It eventually drained, leaving behind the high, silty banks along the Takhini River.

**TIP:** The Takhini River is a popular spot for paddlers. The main put in is at the Takhini River Campground and the take out is at Mendenhall Landing. There is one class two rock-garden rapid and a class two/three (depending on water levels) rapid called the Jaws of Death.

**Km 1,554** || Access road for Tors hike.  
[yukonhiking.ca](http://yukonhiking.ca)

**Km 1,546** || Otter Falls Cut-off

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**Km 1,546.6** || Otter Falls Rest Area  
Check out the old Canyon Creek Bridge, built in 1903.

**Km 1,572** || Pine Lake Terr. Campground and Day Use Area

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42 sites, 6 pull-through. Good swimming beach.

**Km 1,577.5** || Da Kų Cultural Centre & Visitor Information Centre

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Worth a visit! Facility is run by Champagne and Aishihik First Nation, Yukon Tourism, and Parks Canada.

### HAINES JUNCTION, Y.T.

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🏕️: camping, 🚶: fishing, 🚲: lodging, 🗑️: litter disposal, 🚰: outhouse, ⛽: fuel, ☎️: pay phone, 🍽️: food/restaurant, 🚿: showers, 🗄️: store, 🚶: hiking/walking trails, 🗑️: dump station, 🐾: pet friendly, 🍽️: covered picnic table, ♿: wheelchair access, ✈️: airport, 🦅: wildlife viewing, 🚲: bike trail, ⓘ: info, 🏥: medical service, 🚰: RV park, 🚶: boat launch, 🚰: garage, 🌐: all amenities



## HAINES JUNCTION to HAINES, ALASKA Haines Road (#3)

**DISTANCE:** 238 km

Kilometres count down from Haines Junction to Haines, Alaska.

**Km 246** || Village of Haines Junction

*Kluane National Park & Reserve (KNP&R) extends along the west side of the highway for the next 60 km.*

**Km 239** || Auriol Trailhead (Kluane National Park & Reserve)

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Moderate 15-km loop leading through forest to the subalpine.

**Km 227** || Kathleen Lake Viewpoint

Check out the UNESCO World Heritage site plaque after you snap your scenic photos.

**Km 221** || Kathleen River Bridge

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A popular fishing spot.

**Km 219.5** || Kathleen Lake Campground and Day Use Area (KNP&R)

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Trail access and camping. No pull-through sites.

**Km 202** || Rock Glacier (KNP&R)

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Short interpretive trail with a view of Dezadeash Lake.

**Km 196** || Dezadeash Lake Terr. Campground

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20 sites, no pull-through.

**Km 192.5** || Mush Lake Road (KNP&R)

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Unmaintained road for high-clearance, 4-wheel drive vehicles only.

Access to fishing and hiking trails.

**Km 186.7** || St. Elias Lake Trail (KNP&R)

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An easy 3.8-km trail leads to this small, pretty lake.

**Km 183.2** || Klukshu Village

Small First Nations fishing camp with several old log cabins and information panels detailing First Nations history.

**Km 164** || Turnoff to Shawshe/Dalton Post

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A 5 km/2 mi. steep and winding access road leads to the old Dalton trail.

**Km 162** || Pringle Mountain Viewpoint

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**Km 159** || Million Dollar Falls Terr. Campground

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33 sites; no pull-through.

A short walk leads to a viewpoint of the falls.

**Km 145** || Yukon/British Columbia Border

*Note that Haines Road is now B.C. Highway #4*

**Km 144.5** || Stanley Flats

Headwaters of the world-famous Tatshenshini River. Try an exciting day of rafting! [tatshenshini-yukon.com](http://tatshenshini-yukon.com)

**Km 106** || Rest Area and trailhead (unmarked)

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An old mining road (not suitable for vehicles) leads 7 km one way to a view of Samuel Glacier. The last part of the hike does not follow a trail.

**Km 102.4** || Chilkat Pass Summit

Elevation 1,070 m/1,722 ft.

Stop and enjoy the scenery!

### HAINES PASS

A popular area for backcountry skiing and snowmobiling, in the summer old mining roads throughout Haines Pass provide great access to hiking. At 1,070 m, the summit area is above the treeline, but not above the buckbrush. For hiking ideas go to [yukonhiking.ca](http://yukonhiking.ca).

**Km 96.2** || Seltat Pullout

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Unmarked trailhead for Copper Butte trail that leads to the old mine.

**Km 91.6** || The Three Guardsmen Lake Rock

**Km 64.8** || Pleasant Camp

Canada Customs & Immigration Offices

**Km 64** || Delton Cache

U.S. Customs & Border Protection

*Note the time change!*

*Alaska time is one hour behind in the summer.*

*Haines Road is now Alaska Route #7.*

*Highway markers and speed limits are in miles.*

**Mi. 32.8/Km 52.8** || 33 Mile Roadhouse

**Mi. 27/Km 43.7** || Mosquito Lake State Recreation Site

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3.4 km/2.1 mi. access road.

**Mi. 21.4/Km 34.4** || Turnoff for KluKwan

Native Village

**Mi 19.3/Km 31** || Alaska Chilkat

Bald Eagle Preserve

A few hundred bald eagles frequent the Chilkat Valley year-round. Peak viewing time is October to February, when thousands congregate and catch spawned-out salmon.

**Mi. 0/Km 0** || TOWN OF HAINES, ALASKA

☺️ Population: 1,713





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# HAINES, ALASKA

Welcome to Haines, a charming port town on the Chilkat Inlet, where soaring peaks and Arctic tundra meet temperate coastal forests. Its spellbinding location makes it perfect for land- and sea-based exploration; hence, its reputation as the “Adventure Capital of Alaska.”

## FACTS

- To the Tlingit people, this area is *Dei-Shu*, meaning “end of the trail”
- Population: 1,713

## HISTORY AND CULTURE

- Discover Tlingit Culture at the Sheldon Museum
- Go the Hammer Museum
- Visit during Alaska State Fair Weekend

## WILDLIFE

- View bears feeding on salmon at Chilkoot Lake
- Look for marine life and shorebirds on the Battery Point Trail

## PURE FUN

- Hike, bike, kayak, and fish
- Taste away at the Great Alaska Craft Beer and Home Brew Festival



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## CAN'T GET A CAMPSITE? CHECK OUT THESE LESSER FREQUENTED CAMPGROUNDS AND RECREATION SITES

### NEAR WATSON LAKE

- **Watson Lake Campground** (Alaska Highway Km 984): Located on the south shore of the eponymous lake, there's also a historic telegraph trail to check out.
- **Liard Canyon Recreation Site** (Alaska Highway Km 971): A 2.2-km trail leads to a view over the canyon. (Day use only.)

### SOUTHERN LAKES AREA

- **Tarfu Lake Campground** (Atlin Road Km 32): A good base camp for paddling and viewing wildlife, including mule deer and common nighthawk.

### NEAR WHITEHORSE

- **Twin Lakes Campground** (North Klondike Highway Km 308): Several lakefront sites to choose from as well as trails to check out.

### KLUANE REGION

- **Million Dollar Falls Campground** (Haines Road Km 159): A boardwalk leads to a viewpoint of the the 60-m waterfall on the Takhanne River.
- **Lake Creek Campground** (Alaska Highway Km 1791): At the base of the Kluane Range mountains, along the Koidern River.

### ON THE ROBERT CAMPBELL HIGHWAY

- **Frances Lake Campground** (Km 171): A popular spot for anglers.
- **Lapie Canyon Campground** (Km 364): Take a short walk to the picturesque canyon.

### NEAR THE SILVER TRAIL

- **Ethel Lake Campground** (North Klondike Highway Km 524): Popular for boating and fishing.



### NEAR CARMACKS

- **Nunatuk Campground** (18 km down Frenchman Road): A mix of forest and lakefront sites.
- **Tatchun Lake Campground** (Klondike Highway Km 382): Small bays and islands to explore by boat.

### ON THE DEMPSTER

- **Engineer Creek Campground** (Dempster Highway Km 193): Located near a collection of dolomite cliffs and access to a day hike.





KLUANE MUSEUM OF HISTORY

## YUKON WILDLIFE AND FIRST NATIONS HISTORY

They say never judge a book by its cover, and that could not have been better said when talking about the Kluane Museum of History. This humble-from-the-outside museum houses a world-class wildlife exhibit, with animals, birds, and fish in diorama settings depicting their natural habitats. Included are displays of First Nations clothing, tools, and weapons, as well as Yukon minerals. This museum occupies approximately 530 sq. m (5,700 sq. ft.).

The story of the museum is unique. A Yukon College instructor and his class designed the building at the request of Father Henrik Huijbers, a Dutch immigrant living in the area. Originally intended to be a church, the museum is shaped like a cross.

The gift shop has many Yukon-made crafts, including beaded, fur-trimmed moccasins made of moosehide. A large parking lot with two entrances makes it easy for vehicles as big as transport trucks to pull through. You will not be disappointed by your visit so be sure to stop in. We are located right next to the World's Largest Gold Pan.

### KLUANE MUSEUM OF HISTORY

Historic Mile 1,093/Km 1,700 Alaska Hwy., Burwash Landing  
 Appointments encouraged Jun.–Aug.  
 Email [manager@kluanemuseum.ca](mailto:manager@kluanemuseum.ca)  
 to book your appointment  
 (867) 841-5561  
[f/Kluane Museum of History kluanemuseum.ca](https://www.kluanemuseum.ca)

## YUKON PLACE NAMES

For Yukon First Nations people, place names reflect a deep connection to the environment and are part of an oral tradition. Many Indigenous names reflect a view of the land that involves use of a place, not ownership of a place.

The outsiders who came to the Yukon in the 19th century had a different approach to naming places that was based on a written tradition. Early cartographic records from the Yukon Archives document how newcomers tried to make sense of the new landscape by putting it in the context of what they already knew. Naming places and inscribing those monikers on maps, plans, and other records reflected the attitude that lands were there to be tamed or managed.

This process often involved replacing Indigenous place names with familiar names that reminded the outsiders of home. The Little Salmon/Carmacks people call the Big Salmon River *Gyò Cho Chú*, while the Ta'an Kwäch'än people call it *T'à Tlèn Hini*. Both terms mean "big salmon river." U.S. Army Lieutenant Frederick Schwatka, who carried out an exploration of the Yukon River in 1883, renamed the Big Salmon River after a French explorer. The change was disallowed by George M. Dawson, and the river retained the meaning of its Indigenous names. Dawson explored the Yukon District in 1887 on behalf of the Canadian government and was one of the first people to record First Nations' place names. A decade later, the federal government established the Geographical Board of Canada with a mandate to approve place names across the country. Today, the Yukon Geographical Place Names Board has responsibility for Yukon place names. A range of participants, including First Nations representatives, have a say in how names are chosen, and it is much more difficult to name a place after a person. (Source: Yukon Archives.)

## HAINES JUNCTION to BEAVER CREEK Alaska Highway (#1)

**DISTANCE:** 291 km

### Km 1,578 || HAINES JUNCTION

**Km 1,578.5 || Junction of Alaska Highway and Haines Highway**  
 Exit here, heading north.

*Kluane National Park and Reserve is on the west side of the highway for the next 75 km.*

### Km 1,589 || Aisek Valley Trail (Kluane National Park & Reserve)

**⚠️ ⓘ**  
 This 26-km (one-way) trail follows an old mining road. (Viewpoint after 6 km.) Hikers and high-clearance 4WD vehicles only. Be bear aware!

### Km 1,596.5 || Spruce Beetle Trail (Yukon Terr. Parks)

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 1.4 km interpretive trail with a nice view of Mount Archibald.

### Km 1,608.1 || Jarvis River

### Km 1,634.6 || Kluane Lake Viewpoint

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 Interpretive panels on lake geology.

### Km 1,648.7 || Tachäl Dhäl/Sheep Mountain Visitor Centre & trailhead access (KNP&R)

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 Interpretive displays, wildlife viewing deck, and knowledgeable staff. The best time to see Dall's sheep is in the off-season: late-August to early-June. The centre is open May–Sept.

### Km 1,650.4 || Soldier's Summit Trailhead (KNP&R)

**⚠️ ⓘ**  
 Short (1 km return) interpretive trail to the site of the 1942 opening ceremony of the Alaska Highway. Listen to a clip from the original radio broadcast!

### Km 1,651.4 || Boat launch

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### Km 1,658.4 || Cottonwood RV Park

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 This popular RV park backs onto Kluane Lake.

### Km 1,666.1 || Congdon Creek Terr. Campground

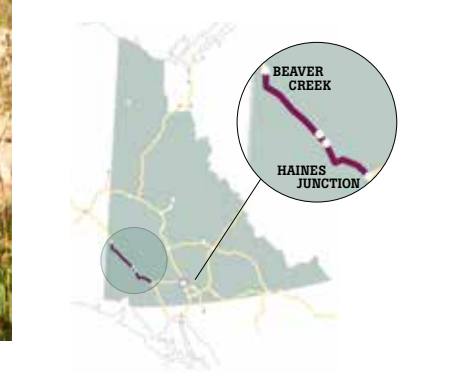
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 81 sites, 26 pull-through. Due to high bear activity in the area tent camping is restricted to an electric-fence enclosure.

### Km 1,683.5 || DESTRUCTION BAY

**🏠 🚰 🚰 🚰 🚰 🚰** Population: 56  
 This small lakeside community started out as a highway construction camp and got its name after a windstorm destroyed part of town in the 1940s.



Photo: Manu Keggenhoff



### Km 1,700.5 || BURWASH LANDING

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 • Population: 107  
 • Home to the Kluane First Nation  
 • *Lu'an Man* is the traditional name for Kluane Lake, meaning "place of fish" in Southern Tutchone

### EXPLORE BURWASH

- Visit the Kluane Museum of History
- Check out this village's historic buildings
- Walk along the shore of *Lu'an Man*

**Km 1,700.5 || Kluane Museum of History and the "World's Largest Gold Pan"**  
 An interesting collection of First Nations cultural items and a world-class wildlife exhibit. The gift shop sells locally made crafts.

*The road from here to the Alaska border is infamous for its potholes and frost heaves. Drive with care!*

### Km 1,755.1 || Donjek River Interpretive pullout

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### Km 1,726 || Rest Area

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### Km 1,791 || Lake Creek Territorial Campground

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 27 sites, 13 pull-through.

### Km 1,801.7 || Pickhandle Lake

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 Not recommended for large RVs.

### Km 1,818 || Discovery Yukon Lodgings

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### Km 1,850 || Snag Junction Terr. Campground

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 15 sites, 3 pull-through.

### Km 1,870 || BEAVER CREEK

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 • Population: 100  
 • Home to the White River First Nation

Established in the early 1900s as a camp for workers surveying the Canada-Alaska border, Beaver Creek is Canada's westernmost community.

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 867-862-7340  
[bordertownyukon@yahoo.ca](mailto:bordertownyukon@yahoo.ca)

**VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE**  
 Alaska Highway Km 1,870  
 (867) 862-7321

**POST OFFICE:** Behind the Visitor Centre

Canada-U.S. customs is just north of Beaver Creek.

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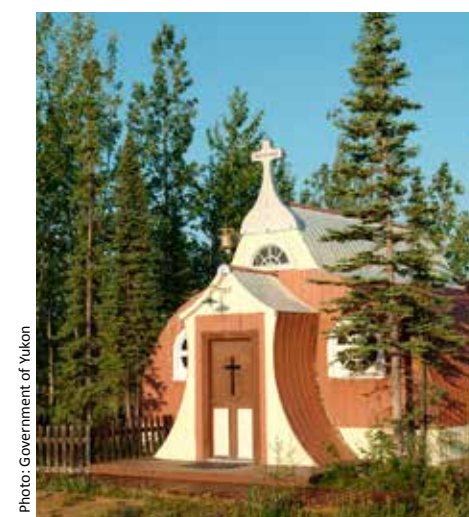


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## BEAVER CREEK to DAWSON CITY

Alaska/Taylor/Top of the World Highways

**DISTANCE:** 431 km  
**Km 1,872** || Canada Customs  
 Open 24 hours.  
**Km 1,901.5** || Alaska-Yukon Border at the 141st meridian.  
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 Good photo opportunities!  
**Km 1,902.2/Mi. 1,221** || United States Customs  
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 Open 24 hours.

*Time change! Alaska time is one hour behind in the summer. Here's where things get wonky... Starting here, highway mileposts don't correspond with the overall Alaska Highway distances. Or vice versa. This road log follows the highway mileposts you see along the road.*

- Mi. 1,225** || Border City Lodge  
 ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ
- Mi. 1,226.1** || Scottie Creek Enterprises  
 ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ
- Mi. 1,229** || Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Centre  
 ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ  
 Interpretive displays, program and trail information, and friendly staff.
- Mi. 1,234.6** || Seaton Recreation Site (Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge)  
 ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ  
 Short interpretive trails, hiking and camping access.
- Mi. 1,240** || Hidden Lake Trailhead (TNWR)  
 ⓘ ⓘ  
 Easy 2 mi./3.2 km return hike.

- Mi. 1,249** || Deadman Lake Campground (TNWR)  
 ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ  
 1 mi. access road. Evening interpretation programs.
- Mi. 1,256** || Lakeview Campground (TNWR)  
 ⓘ  
 Not suitable for large RVs.
- Mi. 1,264** || Northway Junction  
 ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ  
 The village of Northway is 9 miles southwest.
- Mi. 1,301** || Tetlin Junction
- Mi. 1,305** || Tanana Bridge Rest Area  
 ⓘ ⓘ
- Mi. 1,306** || Tanana River Boat Launch  
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- Mi. 1,309** || Tok River State Recreation Site  
 ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ
- Mi. 1,313** || Jack Wade Gold and Tok RV Village

**Mi. 1,314** || **TOK**  
 Population: 413  
 Nicknamed "Mainstreet Alaska" for the amount of travellers cruising through, Tok is the first Alaskan community many visitors experience on their great northern road trip. It offers no shortage of services for the ready-to-rest traveller. There are several great RV parks and campgrounds, hotels, and gift shops (and no sales tax!). Tok has a couple full-sized grocery stores—likely the last you'll see for a while, so you might want to stock up! There's also the one and only Mukluk Land, a theme park and outdoor museum featuring oddities such as an outhouse village, house of dolls, and snowmobile graveyard.  
 Tok is called the Sled Dog Capital of Alaska for the popularity of winter dog mushing. Fishing, canoeing, and hiking are popular summer activities and are well served by the area's nearby lakes, rivers, and mountains. Regardless of your fancy, your first stop should be to Tok's helpful Visitors Centre.  
**TOK VISITORS CENTRE**  
 Mi. 1,314  
 Phone: (907) 883-5775  
**TETLIN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**  
 Phone: (907-883-5312)

**TOK, ALASKA, TO DAWSON CITY, Y.T.**  
**DISTANCE:** 186 mi./300 km  
 Tok to Chicken: 78 mi./126 km  
 Chicken to Dawson City: 108 mi./174 km.  
**ROAD CONDITIONS:** The Taylor and Top of the World highways are windy at high elevation and partly unsurfaced. The average driving time to Dawson City is 6 hours.

- Road log distances follow the highway mileposts.*
- Mi. 1,314** || Tok  
 Drive 12 mi./19 km south to Tetlin Junction.
  - Mi. 0** || Tetlin Junction  
 Exit here, heading north.
  - Mi. 35/Km 56.3** || Mount Fairplay Wayside Viewpoint  
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 A nice view of 5,441 ft./1,689 m Mount Fairplay.
  - Mi. 49/Km 78.9** || West Fork Campground and River Access (Bureau of Land Management)  
 ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ
  - Mi. 66/Km 106.2** || **CHICKEN, ALASKA**  
 Population: 12  
 ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ
  - Mi. 68/Km 109.4** || Mosquito Fork Dredge Trail  
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 A 3 mi./4.8 km return hike to a lookout over the Mosquito Fork Dredge, dating back to 1936. The trail is moderately steep.
  - Mi. 75/Km 120.7** || South Fork Bridge River Wayside  
 ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ
  - Mi. 82/Km 132** || Walker Fork Campground  
 ⓘ ⓘ
  - Mi. 95/Km 152.9** || Jack Wade Junction

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**EAGLE**  
 Population: 89  
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**EAGLE VISITOR CENTRE:**  
 (907) 547-2233

*Time change! You are now on Yukon Time. Distances are now in kilometers and countdown to Dawson City. Canada-U.S. border is Km 105.9 of the Top of the World Highway.*

- Km 3.9** || Top of the World Golf Course  
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 Nine-hole course, driving range, and pro shop.
- Km 0.3** || Yukon River Territorial Campground  
 ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ ⓘ  
 98 sites, 18 pull-through.
- Km 0.1** || Dawson City River Hostel  
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 Wood-fired sauna, private rooms and cabins, and a fire pit. Off-grid: no electricity or running water.
- Km 0** || Yukon River Ferry Landing  
 A free ferry runs 24-hours during the summer. A territorial campground, golf course, and hostel are on the other side of the river.

**DAWSON CITY**  
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**Top of the World Highway continued:**  
**Mi. 9.3** || Boundary Lodge  
 One of the first Alaskan roadhouses.  
**Mi. 12.5** || David Dome Wayside Rest Area  
 ⓘ ⓘ  
 Alaska State sign and viewing platform.

ⓘ: camping, ⓘ: fishing, ⓘ: lodging, ⓘ: litter disposal, ⓘ: outhouse, ⓘ: fuel, ⓘ: pay phone, ⓘ: food/restaurant, ⓘ: showers, ⓘ: store, ⓘ: hiking/walking trails, ⓘ: dump station, ⓘ: pet friendly, ⓘ: covered picnic table, ⓘ: wheelchair access, ⓘ: airport, ⓘ: bike trail, ⓘ: wildlife viewing, ⓘ: info, ⓘ: RV park, ⓘ: boat launch, ⓘ: garage, ⓘ: all amenities



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In 1966, a young Oregonian named Bonnie arrived in Alaska and knew immediately that she had found home. After working as a secretary, bartender, waitress, and sales clerk in businesses all over Alaska, she finally went to Fairbanks in the mid-1970s. It was there that she met and fell in love with her very own gold miner, "Singin'" Sam Achman, and his Rainbow Mine.

Sam moved to Fairbanks in 1952 from Minnesota, finding work at the Fairbanks Exploration Co. on the last big gold dredge to operate in the area. Aside from the occasional "Outside trip" to visit family and to serve in the military, Sam didn't leave Alaska for more than a couple of weeks in 50 years. Sadly, Sam has passed away, but his spirit and history live on.

Both Sam and Bonnie felt that they were born 100 years too late, but were still lucky enough to catch the last part of the great northern gold rushes. They mined at Jack Wade Creek, in the historic Fortymile mining district, which is known for larger-

than-average nuggets and a raw average gold content of 21–22 karats. As a graduate gemologist and goldsmith, Bonnie makes jewellery from these nuggets in their store, the Jack Wade Gold Co., in Tok, Alaska.

There is one nugget that Bonnie isn't going to touch, however—a find that makes the storybooks. In August of 1983, Sam's eyes caught an unusually large gold-coloured rock in the sluice box. Assuming the crew was playing a prank on him, he made several more trips by the box before he finally leaned over and picked up his pet rock: a five-pound natural gold nugget. At the time, it was the 12th-largest nugget ever found in Alaska. Not unlike finding a crown jewel in their sluice box, they kept the nugget and occasionally show it to visitors who come by their Tok store.



Bonnie Achman shows off some of the bigger nuggets she's mined. If you're lucky she may even show you the biggest nugget they ever found, weighing in at over five pounds!

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## SOURDOUGH CAMPGROUND &amp; RV PARK

## KEEPING THE SOURDOUGH TRADITIONS ALIVE

Tok welcomes Tracy and Tim Hulett, new owners of Sourdough Campground & RV Park. The Huletts plan to keep Sourdough pretty much the same as it's always been, with just a few new menu items, and a different look to the gift shop.

Breakfast is served 7–10 a.m., featuring authentic sourdough pancakes. You can build your own breakfast with pancakes or French toast and choose reindeer or pork sausage or bacon. A breakfast sandwich and side orders are also available.

Dinner is served 5–7 p.m., featuring reindeer chilli in a sourdough bowl. You can also order burgers or reindeer or Polish dogs, all served with fresh cut fries.

The world famous Sourdough Pancake Toss happens every evening at 7:30 p.m., as well as a campfire where you can roast marshmallows. Bring your instrument for open mic!

More than just a place to camp, Sourdough Campground offers easily accessible wooded sites that can accommodate any size RV or tent. Sourdough maintains a rustic feel with memorabilia dating back to the gold-rush era adorning the gift shop and outdoor walk-through museum. Modern amenities include



free Wi-Fi, unmetered showers, laundromat, and a high-pressure RV car wash.

Tim was born and raised in Bozeman, Mont., and moved to Helena, Mont., in 1983 to study truck diesel mechanics and RV mechanics. Tracy was also born and raised in Montana, where she studied accounting. In 1985, she moved to Helena, which is where she met Tim. They married in 1987.

Tracy and Tim purchased a mobile home park in Clancy in 2001. Then, in 2003, moved to Bullhead City, Ariz., to start Mohave RV Repair. They grew that business to include sales, rentals, and repair for both RVs and marine vessels.



In 2013, a person who came in for repairs told them about Sourdough Campground. To make a long story short, they came up, fell in love with Tok and the business, and here they are.

The Huletts would love to have you stop in and get acquainted!

Sourdough is the stuff of legends in the North, and a visit to Alaska would not be complete without it. Old-timers wore pouches of sourdough starter around their necks or even tucked it away in their long johns to keep it warm enough to ferment. Sourdough Campground & RV Park has embraced the history of sourdough and are doing their part to keep the tradition alive.

## SOURDOUGH CAMPGROUND

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## TUNDRA RV PARK AND BAR



## RELAXED ATMOSPHERE

Tundra RV Park and Bar welcomes you to experience a true Alaskan adventure. Anisa and Tim Nelson have taken over running the family owned and operated business in 2019 and will continue to provide the friendly, personal service that Barb and Don Abbott, Anisa's mom and dad, had provided since 1992. Barb and Don purchased Tundra Lodge and RV Park in 1992 and strived to provide their guests with friendly service and a memorable Alaskan experience.

Tundra Lodge started out in the late 1950s as an early Alaska Highway roadhouse with the original log lodge building. Over the years the lodge building and park was expanded to meet the needs of adventurous and weary travelers of the Alaska Highway. The park has transformed to meet the changing needs of the guests and is now focused on RV and camping travelers. The name was changed in 2019 to better reflect those changes.

Tundra RV Park and Bar is a full-service RV park, set-back off the highway in a wooded area where the sites are well spaced, unlike the

usual cramped "parking lot"-style parks. They offer big-rig friendly pull-through full hook-up sites with water, sewer, and electric (50/30/20 amp connections), partial hook-up sites with water and electric (50/30/20 amp connections), and spacious tent sites, all with fire-pits and picnic tables. Also available to their guests are showers with plenty of hot water, a coin-operated laundromat, car-wash, full service bar, and Wi-Fi hot-spot in the lodge.

## TUNDRA RV PARK AND BAR

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TOK RV VILLAGE

## IT'S ALL IN THE FAMILY

When driving the Alaska Highway, the first Alaskan RV park you encounter is Tok RV Village (Mi. 1,313.4), built and run by the Jernigans, a long-time Alaska family. The campground opened in 1986, with 50 sites, and was developed the previous year while Jerry Jernigan worked on the Alaska pipeline (the reason he and his family moved from Portland, in 1975) and his wife, Rose, and son, Michael, were employed by a construction company in Anchorage.

Over the following six summers, Jerry, Rose, and Michael commuted from Anchorage to Tok each weekend, as they oversaw management of the park, added amenities, increased the number of sites (now 161), and improved services. Their hard work paid off: Good Sam RV Club gives Tok RV Village its highest rating of any park in Alaska—9.5 out of 10.

The Jernigans retired in 1991 and now live in Tok full-time. Jerry, Rose, and Michael run the park with the help of Michael's son, Chad, and daughter, Ashley (both born and raised in the RV park). Rose is responsible for guest registrations, reservations, and operation of the gift store, while Jerry and Michael handle ongoing maintenance and improvements.

The Jernigans pride themselves on the cleanliness of the RV park. "Clean is an understatement," Jerry says.

The park is big-rig friendly, with over 100 pull-throughs, and has sites for smaller RVs, electricity to tent sites, and ample space and greenery. There also have seven cabins with bathrooms. When asked what visitors appreciate most about the park, Michael says, "Everything works. You want 50 amps? You get it—the breakers aren't popping off. Lots of hot water, washers and dryers work, and the Wi-Fi, Internet, and cable TV are always up and running." They recently added four BBQs for the convenience of guests.

Tok Junction was chosen for the park for its location as a jumping-off point for all highway traffic entering and departing Alaska. It's roughly a day's drive from several major cities. The Jernigans are always eager to answer travel questions and assist with plans for visiting the "Last Frontier."

"We really enjoy meeting all the people," says Jerry, with a smile. "That's what makes this such a nice business."



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## HOME OF THE PIE LADY, CHICKEN KITSCH, AND THE PANTY CANNON

Downtown Chicken isn't the first business you'll see as you enter this ptarmigan-loving town, but it may be the most memorable. Owner Sue Wiren runs a cafe, bar, gift shop and has the cheapest gas in town. She offers homemade food, cold beer, souvenirs, and Alaskan hospitality. There are always cabins for rent and you can tent or park your RV for free! If you're really lucky, you might even hear a story or two about the history of Chicken to take home with you.

Times have changed since Sue set up shop in Chicken almost 30 years ago, when outliers were attracted to the area because of its isolation and gold-filled streams. "We still have gold miners, but now we also have RV parks," she says.

Change isn't necessarily a bad thing, Sue says. "If people are looking, they can still find part of that old Alaska. I think that's the charm of Chicken."

When Sue moved to the Chicken as a young mother, she saw it as a life sentence. She spent eight long winters in the community, where the road is closed off during the winter. Her family melted snow for water and relied on frozen vegetables, canned food, and wild game for months on end. Since then, her "sentence" has become her life's opportunity.

Now, she just spends her summers in Chicken and loves it. "It's so beautiful here," she says. Chicken Sue is so busy pumping out her famous baking that she barely takes an afternoon off between May and September. Try her tasty chicken soup, bison chili, and wild salmon burgers and make sure you save room for her delicious pie.

Chicken Sue's son Max says her saloon is the "epitome of a dive bar," and that's part of its charm. The cozy space is filled to the brim with personal items visitors have tacked on the wall, including baseball caps, business cards, and panties, which are shot through a homemade cannon (at the panty owner's request).


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After you have had a beer in the saloon, you can head over to the gift shop to pick up a T-shirt or other Chicken souvenir, with designs created and trademarked by Sue herself.

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- [ ] Bike the single-track trails in Whitehorse, Carcross, Atlin, and Dawson City
- [ ] Run in one of the many organized trail-race events
- [ ] Hike the Chilkoot Trail
- [ ] Tee off at midnight or golf at every course in the Yukon
- [ ] Rent a paddleboard and splash around on a lake
- [ ] Take a flight tour over the St. Elias Icefields and see Mount Logan, Canada's highest peak
- [ ] Go on a guided whitewater-rafting day trip on the Tatshenshini or Tushi rivers



Photo: Government of Yukon

## FOR NATURE LOVERS

- [ ] Visit the Whitehorse Fish Ladder
- [ ] Wander around the Yukon Wildlife Preserve
- [ ] Go on a guided walk led by Yukon Wildlife Viewing
- [ ] Take photos of plants and wildlife and post them to the iNaturalist app
- [ ] Photograph foxes in and around Whitehorse
- [ ] Download the Yukon bird checklist at [yukonbirds.ca](http://yukonbirds.ca) and start counting
- [ ] Go to the Faro Sheep & Crane Festival

# YOUR YUKON BUCKET LIST



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## FOR TAKING IT EASY

- [ ] Sample craft beer and local fare at pubs and restaurants in Whitehorse and Dawson City
- [ ] Have a picnic at Miles Canyon
- [ ] Visit a farmers' market in Whitehorse, Dawson City, or Watson Lake
- [ ] Cast a line at one of the many stocked lakes
- [ ] In spring and summer, stay up late for sunset
- [ ] In fall and winter, stay up late for northern lights and star viewing





### FOR MAKING THE BEST OF COLD WEATHER

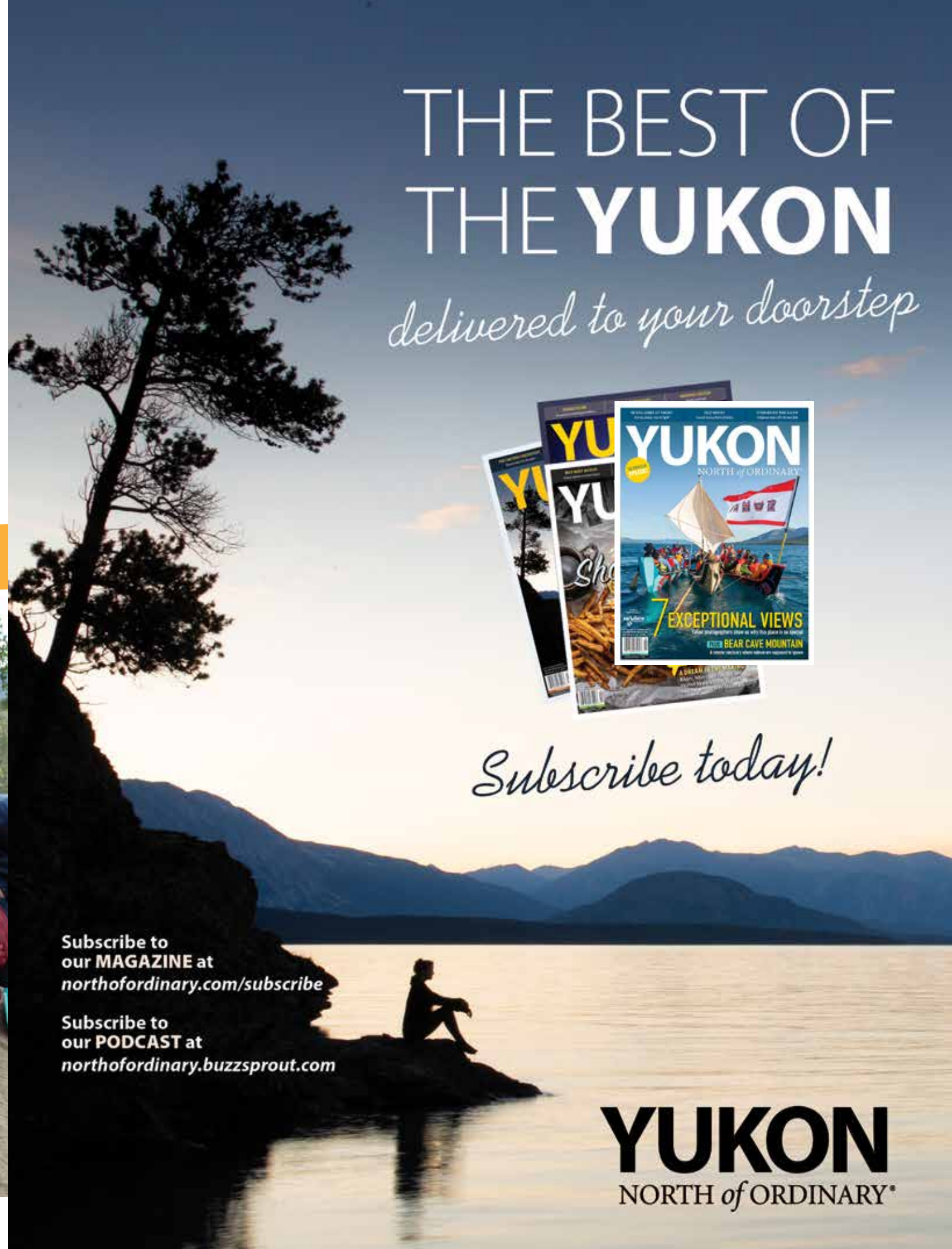
- [ ] Check out a new-to-you museum
- [ ] Visit a gallery and buy a piece of art from a local artist
- [ ] Dine in at a restaurant
- [ ] Wander the shops in downtown Whitehorse or Dawson City
- [ ] Enjoy the warmth of a fire at a Yukon day-use area
- [ ] Bundle up and go “forest bathing”
- [ ] Take a cooking class

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## YOUR YUKON BUCKET LIST

### FOR FAMILY FUN

- [ ] Check out the miniature train display and play area at the Yukon Transportation Museum
- [ ] Cool off in the splash park at Rotary Park
- [ ] Take a ride on *Loki* at the MacBride Copperbelt Mining Museum
- [ ] Rent a cabin for the weekend and let nature do the entertaining
- [ ] Play on the beach at Marsh, Tagish, or Bennett lakes
- [ ] Pan for gold in Dawson City
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**Step 1:** When ready to use, remove safety clip, aiming nozzle away from people.

**Step 2:** The bear has to be in close range (less than a bus length or 10 metres away).



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