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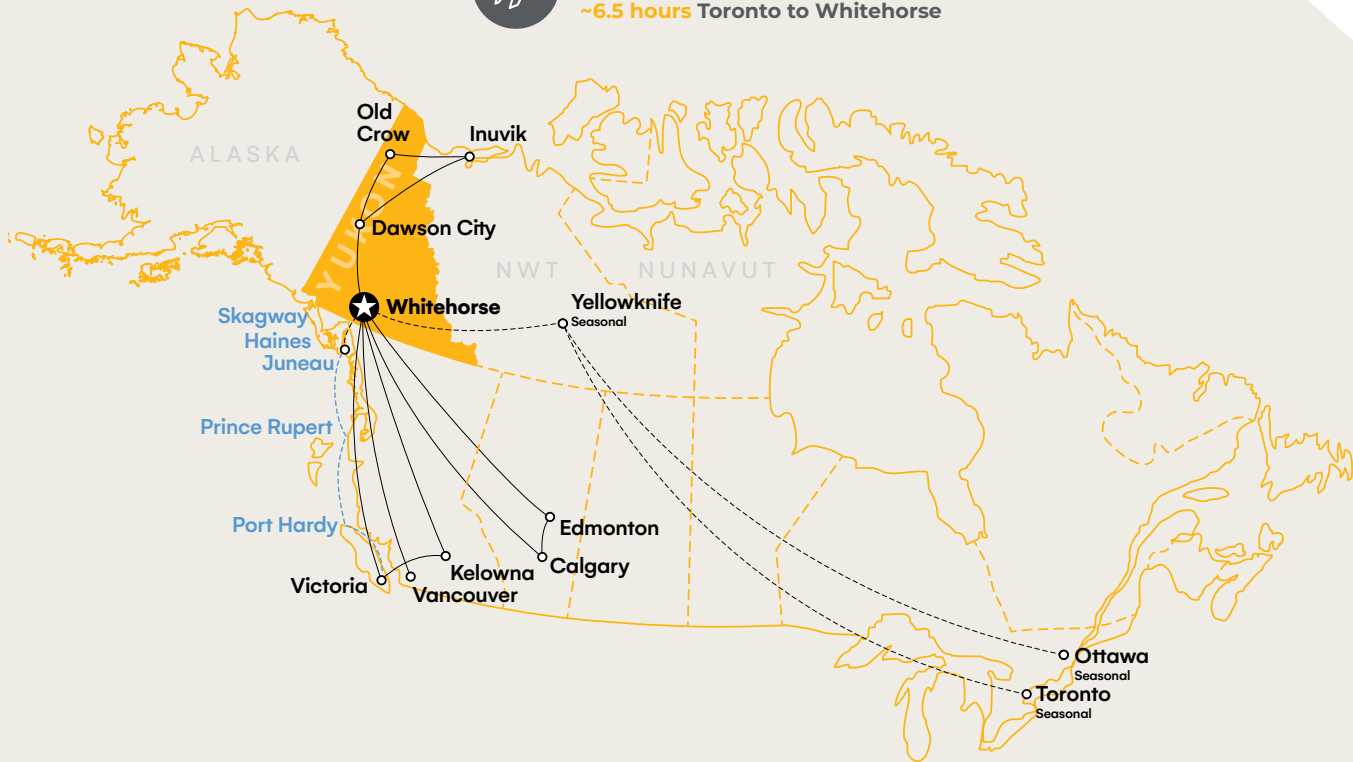


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COVER
Rafting on the Dezadeash River
P. O'Hara & J. Dixon



2.5 hours Vancouver to Whitehorse
2.5 hours Calgary to Whitehorse
~6.5 hours Toronto to Whitehorse



Canada's true north awaits

It's closer than you think



Drive

The Yukon was made for driving. Five main highways pave their way into the heart of our wilderness — three from Alaska and two from British Columbia. Not to mention the 5,000 km of well-maintained roads once you get here. Load up your playlists and buckle up for the drive of your life.



Fly

Less time travelling, more time exploring. Travel in the fast lane with direct airline connections to Whitehorse, all year round. Fly Air North, Yukon's Airline to experience Yukon hospitality and warm cookies, too! Or choose from other airlines operating within Canada.



Ferry

Where there's water, there's a way into the Yukon. Say hello to the captain and familiarize yourself with the best viewing platform because you're about to witness something spectacular. When you hear "Land ahoy!" it's a short drive to get you the rest of the way.

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“River travel, in my opinion, is the best way to truly experience the Yukon. ... These are moments only a paddling trip can offer.”

~ Taylor Burk, gocanada.com



Headwaters of the Wind River.
P. Mather



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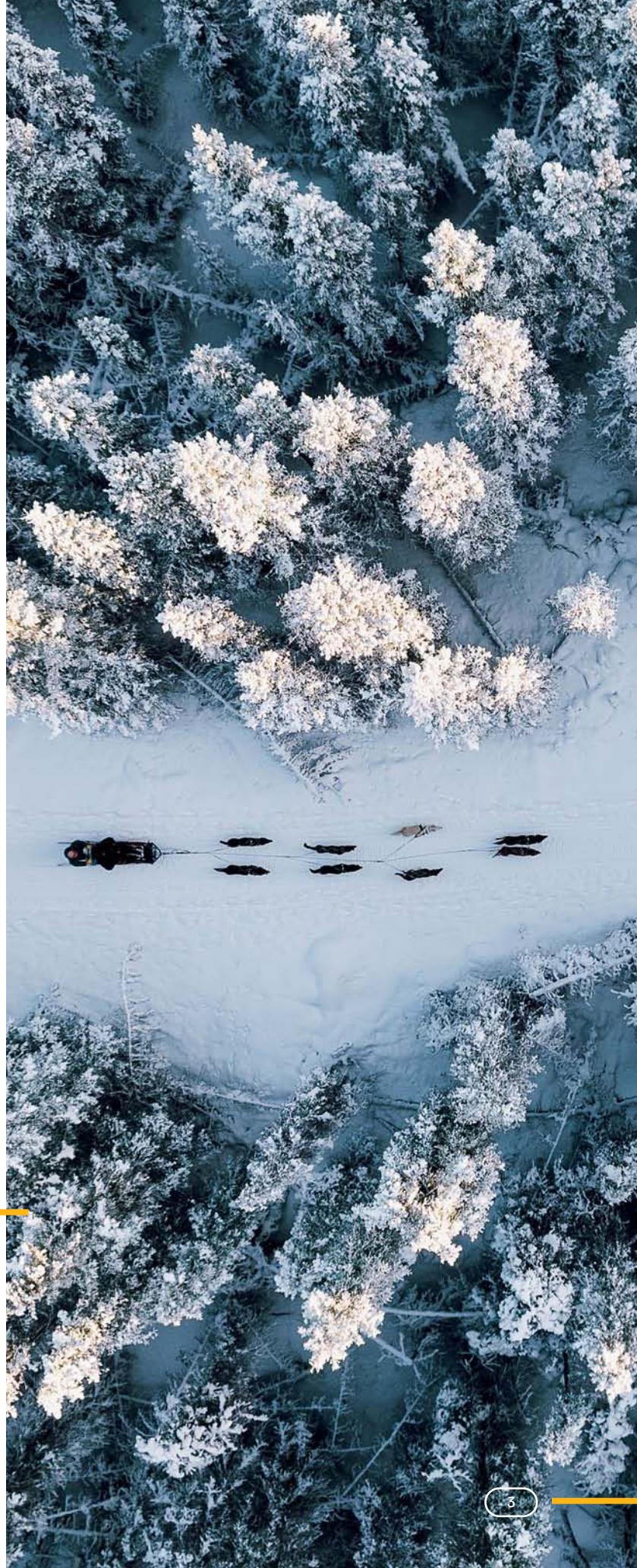
Visitor Services

Get to know the Yukon faster



MAKE IT EPIC

For a truly iconic Yukon
experience, explore this
remarkable land with the help
of local guides and tours.
Unlock insider knowledge,
rare access and personalized
adventures.



FLOW STATE

In the Yukon, rivers are more than routes through the wilderness — they're the pulse of the wild itself. Slip into the flow, unplug from the noise and discover the sheer joy of being carried by the current.

Find your flow



Drift into stillness on the Yukon River and let the water set your pace.



Ride the rapids on the Alsek and Tatshenshini rivers, where every splash feels truly wild.



Watch echoes of the past come alive with the Yukon River's historic paddlewheelers.



Meet your ride. Rent a canoe or kayak for self-guided freedom or book a guided trip for insider stories and easy camaraderie.

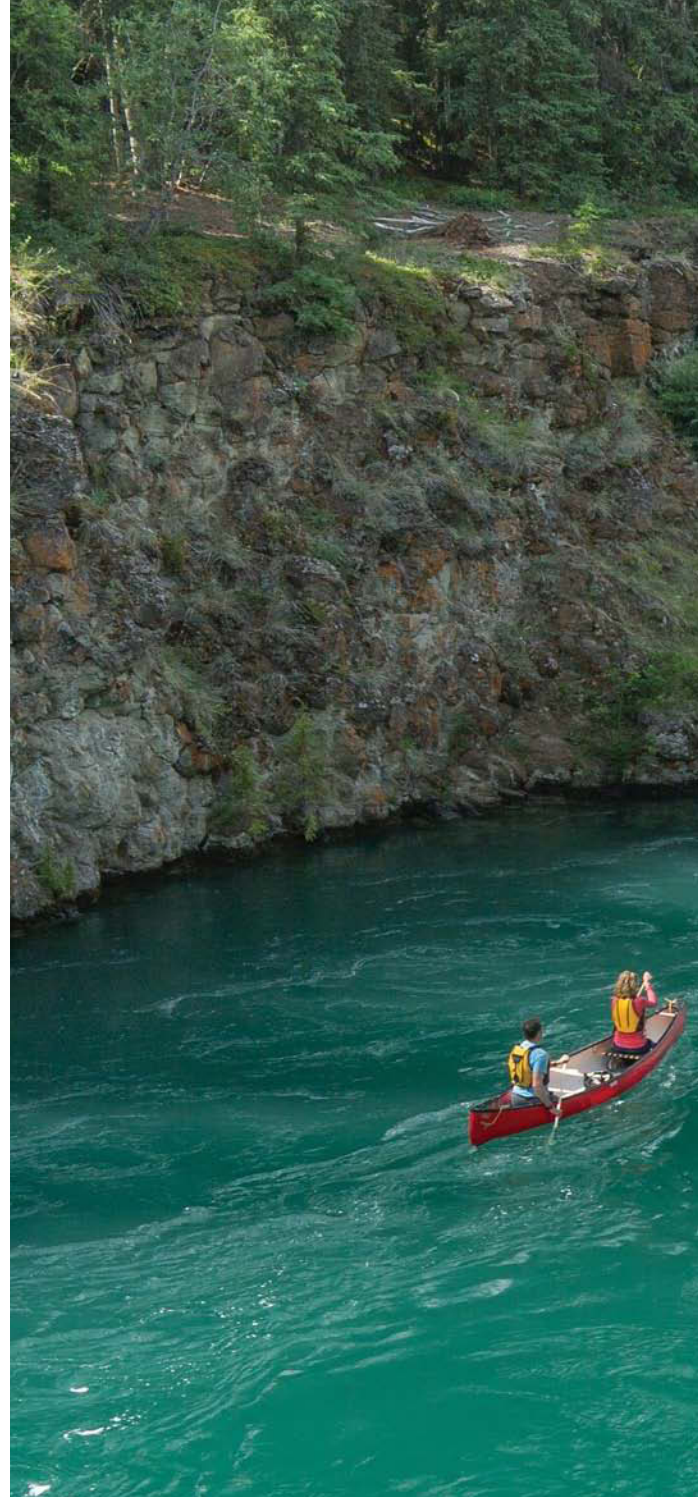


Where the river leads

Three ways to get on the Yukon River

The Yukon River is both sanctuary and storyteller. To slip onto its waters is to enter a slower rhythm, one where time feels measured in paddle strokes not minutes. Whatever time you have, there's a way to meet this historic river.

- 1. Steal an afternoon:** Launch from downtown Whitehorse and glide toward the Takhini River Bridge. Within minutes, city sounds fade into birdsong and the sweep of the current.
- 2. Spend a night in the wild:** Paddle north to Lake Laberge and camp beneath the midnight sun. Build a fire, listen for loons and let the river reset your sense of time.
- 3. Set out on a classic Yukon odyssey:** For those ready to go deep, the river becomes a living story. Paddle to Carmacks in a week or carry on to Dawson City in two. Along the way, encounter Fort Selkirk (Huchá Hudän) — a gathering place for the Northern Tutchone people for countless generations, where echoes of trade, travel and tradition still linger.



Lake Laberge



Loon family

“We did a really beautiful boat ride up the Yukon River. Beautiful scenery around here. It’s just been a wonderful trip.”

 Fishing with Rod, from *A Tour of the Yukon River*



Near Whitehorse

Ready to join the flow? Start planning your Yukon River route — find trip ideas and paddling itineraries.



Run the rivers wild

Adventure flows stronger when shared

There are rivers you float, and then there are rivers that carry you into legend. The Alsek and Tatshenshini rivers are among those. More than a rush, they're about camaraderie, connection and feeling fully alive in the moment.





Along the Alsek River

Epic journeys

On a multi-day Alsek–Tatshenshini expedition, you’ll raft through glacial valleys, float past blue icebergs and wake each morning to the sound of the river at your tent door. *National Geographic* called it one of the “Top River Journeys in the World” — and it’s easy to see why. With seasoned guides at the helm, every bend reveals wild beauty, every campfire sparks a story you’ll tell for years.

One wild day

Short on time? A single day on the Tatshenshini (the Tat) delivers pure exhilaration. Bounce through Class II–III rapids: splashy, playful and just wild enough for families, teens and first-timers alike. Between the laughter and spray, look up — the St. Elias mountains rise around you and bald eagles trace the skies above.



Alsek River

“We’ll hit the bigger rapids after lunch — more spicy, more intense, for a great day on the water. Follow me and let’s raft!”

~ Boris Adamkiewicz, whitewater guide



Tatshenshini River



Ready to dive in? Watch Travel Yukon’s “River Rafting” and start planning your Yukon rafting adventure today.

Echoes of the paddlewheel

Parks Canada feature



A restored river barge at the S.S. Klondike National Historic Site in Whitehorse. Parks Canada / P. Gowdie

Before highways or airstrips, the Yukon River thrummed with the churn of paddlewheels and the whistle of steam. Sternwheelers were the Yukon's beating heart, ferrying freight, mail and fortune-seekers between far-flung communities. Today, Parks Canada preserves two iconic vessels that keep that golden age alive.

◀ **S.S. Klondike National Historic Site Whitehorse**

The S.S. *Klondike* — Yukon's largest surviving sternwheeler — is being renewed for the future. Rebuilt after the original sank in 1936, she stands as both relic and symbol of resilience. Now undergoing major rehabilitation and closed to on-board tours, her graceful frame remains a landmark on the Whitehorse riverfront, a reminder of the days when paddlewheels powered the North. For project updates and visitor information: parks.canada.ca/ssklondike.



S.S. Keno National Historic Site in Dawson City

“Wonderfully preserved and a feast for the eyes and senses. Just imagining poker games in 1899 with guys named Montana Mike and Texas Terry. ... Wow.”

~ S.S. Keno visitor review, *TripAdvisor* 2025



S.S. Keno crew, circa 1934

▲ **S.S. Keno National Historic Site Dawson City**

The last sternwheeler to run commercially on the Yukon River, the S.S. *Keno* retired in 1951 and now rests at the edge of Dawson City's historic riverfront. Climb the gangway, hear the creak of wood underfoot and step into another era, where brass fittings gleam and the smell of pine and river lingers. Join a guided tour led by Parks Canada interpreters and hear how vessels like this one connected — and changed — the people and communities of the North.



Ready to explore more? Step into the story of the S.S. *Klondike* with the free Parks Canada App. Hear the echoes, see inside the ship and discover how this sternwheeler once powered life on the Yukon River.

WALK WITH US

Respectful Travel Guidelines



**INDIGENOUS
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The Yukon is home to 14 distinct First Nations and 8 language groups. Our land is beautiful and our water is clean. Our land is everything. We are the stewards of this land and we all have a responsibility to care for this land for future generations. We honour our ancestors who shared their teachings with us so that we can now share them with you. We care for this land — the plants, water, air and animals — by showing it respect and treating it as an equal. As you travel through our beautiful homelands, we invite you to **Ná't'sin t'ra** “hold everything up in respect” Northern Tutchone

When travelling in our homelands, come visit us in our communities

Our culture is rich and powerful — we are proud to share it with visitors who want to listen and learn in a respectful way. When you're in our communities, please visit our cultural centres, celebrate with us during our festivals, buy our art and crafts, listen to our stories, or go on a tour with a local First Nations guide. This helps support the well-being of our communities.

We care for our land — we expect everybody to share this responsibility

For over 10,000 years, these lands have sustained Yukon First Nations people. We continue to survive on this land through our beliefs, our respect, our honour towards all living things. We must always care for the land so that the land can care for us.

This land is our home — when visiting somebody's home we follow respectful behaviours

These are our homelands. When visitors come to the Yukon they will be visiting our home — a place that we love, rely on and feel connected to. It is important to understand the customs of the place you are travelling to. Before you visit our communities, do your best to learn about our people and our cultures. This shows respect for Yukon First Nations people.

Keep the land and water clean

Water is the best medicine in the world. Without water we cannot live. Keeping the land and water clean is essential for keeping our animals, people and environment healthy. Keep a clean camp. Please pack out what you pack in — don't throw garbage on the land or in the water. We must be diligent about caring for our environment for future generations.

Respect the land and the land will respect you

The land is deserving of the highest honour. Be mindful of your behaviour when travelling on the land. Give thanks to the land and the animals. Keep your mind clear and have good thoughts when you are out on the land. Don't make fun of animals or talk badly about them — they can hear you. The land, water, animals — everything has a spirit. We are all equal as guests on this land — once we respect that everything will be good.

Be thankful for the land and all that it offers

Our people rely on the land and all that it offers. The land is our grocery store, our pharmacy and our clothing store. We give thanks when we gather from the land. We take only what we need, we use all that we take, and we share what we have. You have to be careful — if you disturb the land, it's not going to come back again.

Learn the history of this land — it is rich with our stories

The history of this land is much older than the Gold Rush. Our language and stories are deeply intertwined with this land. It is important that visitors hear these stories. It is important that they hear these stories from us — the people who are deeply connected to this land. When given the opportunity, please listen and show respect to the Elders and First Nations people sharing their stories and knowledge.

Respect our sacred places and teachings

Respect is the highest honour we can give. Our teachings define our responsibilities to ourselves, to the land, and to our communities. Our teachings come from our ancestors who came before us. It is our obligation to pass on these teachings, but please understand not all of these teachings are for us to share. Some teachings should only be shared by Yukon First Nations peoples. We also have sacred places that are not meant for visiting. Please do not visit our spirit houses, graveyards or other sacred sites.

Respect and honour our culture — understand that our culture is not for sale

Our culture is strong, based on knowledge handed down for more than 10,000 years. Our culture is our stories. Each community has its own stories, songs, ceremonies, and ways of doing things. We welcome you to watch and listen with respect, but visitors must understand that our culture is not for sale. Please do not copy our designs, songs or dances. They belong to our family members, clans and communities. We have been working hard to reclaim our cultures and languages for many years. We ask that you support this reclamation and revitalization.

Respect our ancestral knowledge, customs, and livelihoods

Our people continue to practice subsistence lifestyles in today's modern world. As hunters, trappers, and other land users, we are mindful of our harvesting practices and understand that animals provide sustenance for survival. We ask that visitors to Yukon First Nations lands not interrupt or interfere with our right to subsistence activities on our traditional territories.



Scan the code to learn more about travelling respectfully through the Yukon.

Gratitude to the Elders who shared their knowledge, stories and wisdom that form the foundations of these Guidelines.



PETER MATHER

CONNECT WITH First Nations culture

Each of the 14 First Nations of the Yukon has a story as old as time. Pause in your journey. Ask questions. Share in our stories, lessons and laughter.

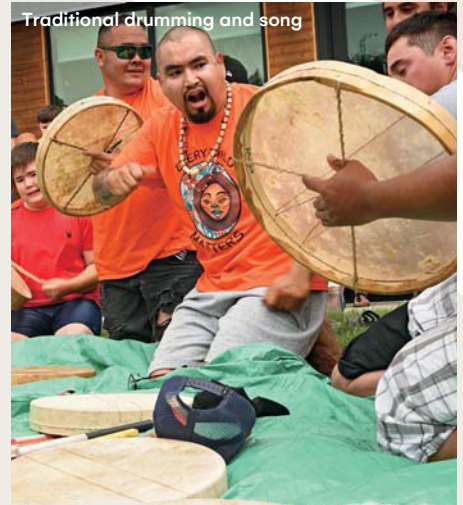
Local arts and crafts



Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre



Traditional drumming and song



CARRY IT WITH YOU

PASSING THROUGH

Bring home a piece of First Nations art. In each Yukon community, local artists display and sell their work at museums, galleries and First Nations cultural centres. You can also purchase from many private retailers, including **Bear Paw Music and Gifts**, **Northern Cultural Expressions Society Carving Studio & Gallery**, **North End Gallery**, **Arts Underground** and **The Craft Shop** — all in Whitehorse. For an online-only retail experience, try **Unorthodox**.

LEARN FROM OUR STORIES

AFTERNOON FINDINGS

First Nations cultural centres throughout the territory are the perfect places to experience the hospitality and traditions of our people. For a more immersive experience, try an excursion out of Whitehorse with **Who What Where Tours** or a nature-rich, yoga-infused adventure with **Northern Nomad**. Enjoy a fully guided interpretive tour through a re-created village at **Long Ago Peoples Place**. Experience an Indigenous family home in a wilderness camp setting at **Shakat Tun Adventures**. Or reel in trophy fish with **Fishhawk Charters** on the waters of Teslin Lake.

CELEBRATE WITH A FESTIVAL

WEEKEND IMMERSION

Join us at one of our many gatherings or festivals, including **Moosehide Gathering** downriver from Dawson City, **Haa Kusteeyí Celebration** in Teslin or Carcross, the **Da Kų Nän Ts'éthèt Dance Festival** in Haines Junction, the **Mayo Arts Festival** in Mayo, and the **Blue Feather Music Festival** in Whitehorse. On June 21, join **National Indigenous Peoples Day events** across the Yukon. In Whitehorse, the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre hosts a full schedule of music, food and family-friendly celebrations on the riverfront.



To learn more about our renowned artists, inspiring experiences and cultural centres, visit indigenouslyukon.ca.



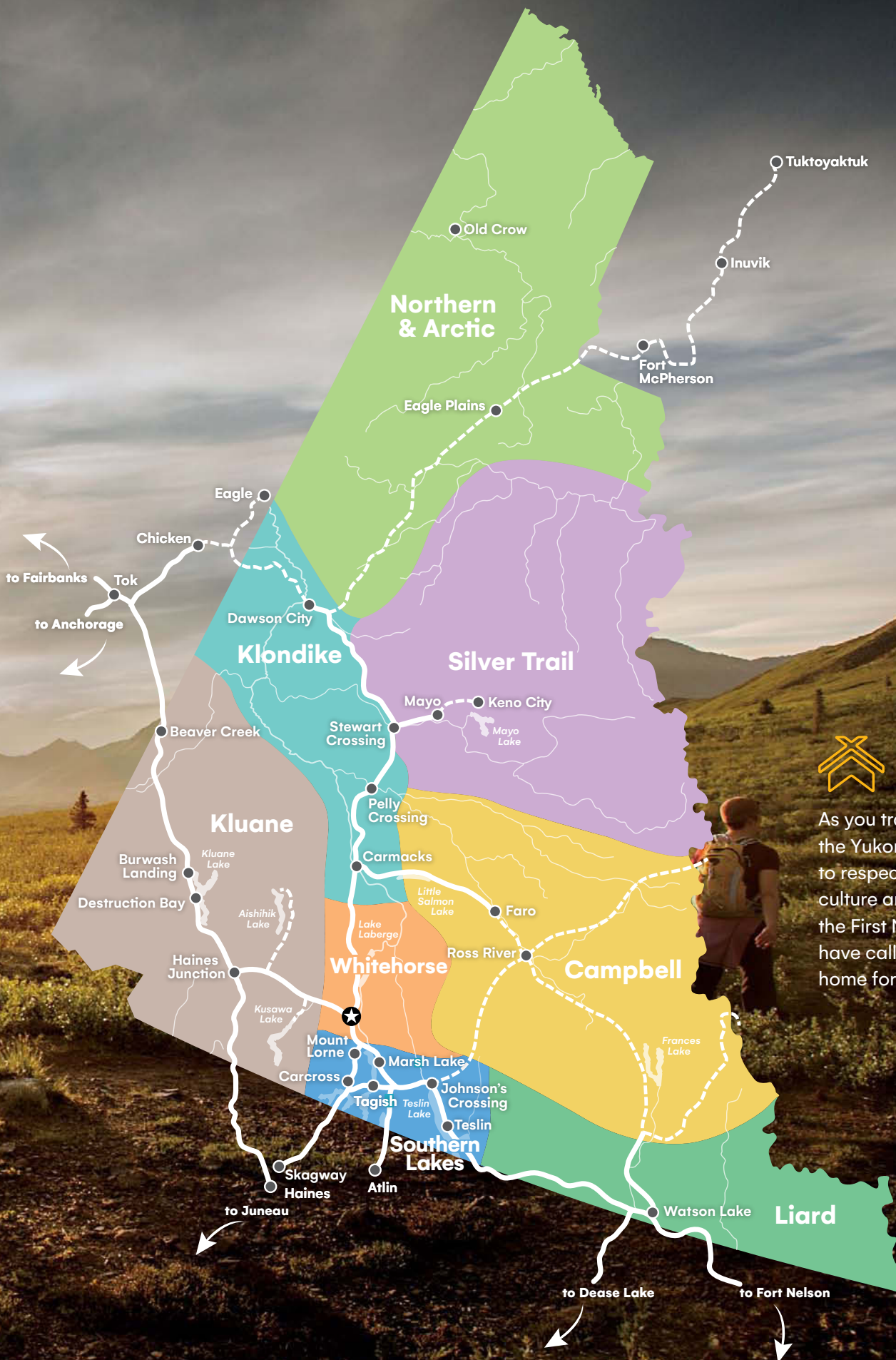


Eight extraordinary regions

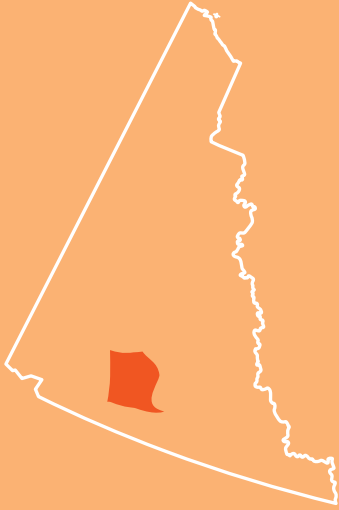
DISCOVER THE YUKON

In the Yukon, we walk to a different beat. You will too. Break from routine and connect with our vast wilderness and colourful communities. Hear eccentric tales, wow at natural wonders, and explore unexpected surprises in extraordinary places. Every region invites you to wander, let go and discover new experiences as individual as you.

Tombstone Territorial Park. YG / C. Archibould



As you travel through the Yukon, remember to respect the land, culture and values of the First Nations who have called this place home for millennia.



Fall in love with
the Wilderness City

WHITEHORSE

Minutes from the downtown core, **Miles Canyon** is renowned as a geological wonder, formed by an ancient lava flow nearly nine million years ago. Rent a canoe from a Whitehorse provider and paddle between steep basalt cliffs on turquoise waters. Pass beneath the 85-foot **suspension bridge** leading day hikers to the historic **Canyon City** of gold rush fame.



HEAR TELL

Hop aboard the **Waterfront Trolley**, a beautifully restored 1925 streetcar, for an interpretive tour of Whitehorse's vibrant riverfront — a hive of activity featuring live music, art shows and markets. Hop off at the recently expanded **MacBride Museum** for a comprehensive showcase of Yukon's colourful characters and groundbreaking events. Then head to church at the **Old Log Church Museum**, built in 1900, to hear tales of Yukon's spirited history. Off the Alaska Highway, take a ride through boreal forest on the beloved "Loki" at the **MacBride Copperbelt Mining Museum**.



MacBride Museum



Main Street dining

SAVOUR

You'll be sweet on Whitehorse's charming **main street** shopping and ambiance. Once your treasures are found, turn to the town's savoury delights. For a satisfying sit-down, choose from character-filled **brew pubs**, contemporary **fine dining** and authentic cultural cuisine. If you're here in summer, **food trucks** to please every palate can be spotted along the waterfront and tucked into side streets.

THE YUKON LINEUP

Whatever the season, the Yukon's events calendar is jam-packed. Find music festivals, sports events and deeply rooted cultural celebrations with Yukon character built right in. Find out what's in the queue for 2026.



WHITEHORSE
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TIME TRAVEL

Trek back to a land before time at the **Yukon Beringia Interpretive Centre**. Uncover an ice-age world where mammoths and lions roamed the land bridge from Siberia to the Yukon. Then transport yourself to a slightly more modern age at the **Yukon Transportation Museum** for moving stories and some really cool planes, trains and automobiles. Including a restored DC-3 airplane on a rotating pedestal, the world's largest weather vane.



Yukon Transportation Museum



Indulge in the therapeutic waters of Eclipse Nordic Hot Springs

Eclipse Nordic Hot Springs

WANDER

Throw on your comfy shoes. **Whitehorse** was made for walking! The scenic **Millennium Trail** wends its way along the Yukon River right past the **S.S. Klondike National Historic Site**. Take a short detour by the **Whitehorse dam** to witness the seasonal migration of chinook salmon at the world's longest wooden **fish ladder**. Finish off with a locally roasted cuppa from **Midnight Sun Coffee Roasters** or a **Bean North** or **Firebean Roasters** blend from a downtown café or retailer. Then give your soles a rest at the **waterfront wharf** and watch the river go by. It's good for the soul.



S.S. Klondike National Historic Site

ENGAGE

Whitehorse is located on the Traditional Territory of two First Nations. Witness the revival, preservation and demonstration of the traditional and contemporary ways of life of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation at the **Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre**. The riverfront centre offers cultural and historical exhibits year-round. To experience the beating heart of the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council, spend time at the lake from which they take their name, **Täa'an Män (Lake Laberge)**, 50 km north of Whitehorse.



Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre

THE Perfect Day IN WHITEHORSE

Prepare for creative discoveries, happy canines and warm plunges on this winter wonder of a day in Whitehorse.



Meet your team



So mush fun

Book a half-day **dogsledding tour** with a local operator and experience a classic Yukon mode of transportation with man's best friend. Learn from mushers first-hand about caring for sled dogs. Then learn your "Gee! Haw!" (Go right! Go left!) and feel the rush as you drive your own sled. The best part? Watching the dogs in their element as they bound through gorgeous winter trails.



Lumel Studios



Hand-blown glass art



Art on tap

Browse the latest exhibitions of local and outside artists at the **Yukon Arts Centre Gallery**. If you want to take a piece home, try the downtown galleries of **Yukon Artists @ Work** and **Arts Underground**, or the many retail shops and galleries along **Main** and **Front** streets. Prefer your art with some refreshment? End the afternoon with a tour of Whitehorse's **booming brewery scene**. You'll discover Yukon art on the labels of many local brews.



Yukon Arts Centre



Rise and shine

Start your winter morning with a warm glow at **Lumel Studios**. Watch the infectiously enthusiastic pros take on the fiery art of glass blowing and purchase one of their only-in-the-Yukon creations. Now it's your turn! Book a session for yourself or your group and transform 1,200°C molten glass into take-home souvenirs like no other.

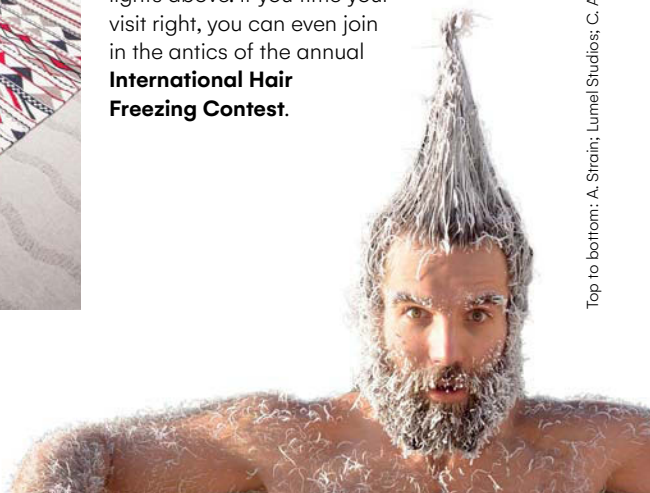


Local craft brews



The big freeze

As the night draws in, get yourself out to **Eclipse Nordic Hot Springs**, where the colder it is, the more magical it gets. Let the mineral-rich waters work their wonders, and be sure to keep your frosty eyelashes unstuck to scope for dancing northern lights above. If you time your visit right, you can even join in the antics of the annual **International Hair Freezing Contest**.





Arctic foxes

Get up close and personal with the great wildlife of the Yukon

ENCOUNTER

Spanning over 700 acres of natural habitats, the **Yukon Wildlife Preserve** is home to 12 iconic and elusive Yukon species — including lynx, wood bison, moose, woodland caribou and muskoxen — as well as an active rehabilitation centre. Hop aboard an interpretive bus tour or enjoy a self-guided walk, bike or kicksled along a five-km loop. Whichever you choose, wild encounters are guaranteed. Plus plenty of envy-inducing photo opps!



Yukon Wildlife Preserve



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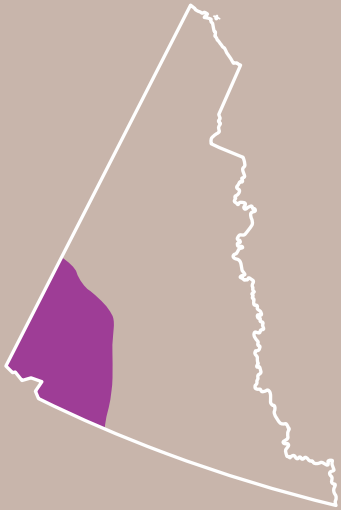
Can't wait for your first Yukon wildlife spotting? We feel you. After all, each species is straight-up superstar material. Check out Travel Yukon's *Spotted!* series on YouTube for everything you need to know about the most famous furry folk in the Yukon.



Whitehorse Nordic Centre

SKI

Whitehorse in winter is a skier's dream. Fly across world-class, groomed cross-country ski trails at the **Whitehorse Nordic Centre**. With an impressive 85 km of trail, there are options for beginners and experts alike. For the downhillers, uncrowded lift lines and scenic runs await just 15 minutes out of downtown at **Mount Sima**. And for those seeking solitude and untouched powder, try alpine touring and telemark skiing in the backcountry of the **White** and **Haines** passes.



A legacy left
by an ice age

KLUANE

Take a flightseeing tour and view the spectacular peaks of the **St. Elias Mountains** in Kluane National Park and Reserve, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. If the weather gods are with you, land on a massive icefield and confront the king of these giants, Canada's highest peak, **Mount Logan**.



GET SET

On the edge of one of the planet's most beautifully wild places is **Haines Junction**, your base camp to the great outdoors. To make the most of your stay in Kluane, it's best to make a plan. Whether your interest lies in flightseeing, rafting, hiking, backcountry camping, skiing or scenic drives, the friendly staff at the **Kluane National Park and Reserve Visitor Centre** and the **Thechàl Dhàl Visitor Centre** can help. They'll get you set with route maps, adventure tour options and trail conditions to prepare you for exciting days ahead.



Kluane National Park and Reserve

OOH & AAH

Pull out the camera at **Destruction Bay** to capture the vast expanse of **Kluane Lake**. A little further up the road, uncover ancient geo-history at the **Kluane Museum of History** in **Burwash Landing**, along with world-class wildlife exhibits. Admire tools, weapons and clothing from the Southern Tutchone people of the Kluane First Nation, and purchase locally made crafts at the gift shop. Got a big rig? Parking is no problem here. Just watch for the **world's largest gold pan**, located next to the museum.



Kluane Museum of History



Da Kų Cultural Centre

INNOVATE

Spend time at the **Da Kų Cultural Centre** exploring the vibrant language, culture and traditions of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations. This innovative house hosts guided tours and campfire talks, and is home to traditional artwork and artifacts. Learn about dān, dān kéyi, dān ke and Dākwanjè (our people, our land, our ways and Southern Tutchone, our traditional language).



Bordertown Garage and Museum

TREASURE HUNT

The historic Alaska Highway has countless places with a story to tell, and **Beaver Creek** is no exception. Seek out the wisdom of the White River First Nation as they continue to preserve an ageless tradition of respecting the land — an area with archaeological evidence that dates as far back as 10,000 years. For more hidden surprises, stop by the **Beaver Creek Visitor Information Centre** and ask for directions to the **Bordertown Garage and Museum**. There, discover a delightful collection of antiques and memorabilia gathered through the Yukon ages. You don't want to miss it.



Stand at the edge of Yukon's wild waters

Million Dollar Falls

KICK BACK

If you want to enjoy the scenery of **Kluane National Park and Reserve** without too much effort, load up on picnic supplies at **Frosty's** or the **Village Bakery & Deli** in Haines Junction. Then head to the day-use area of **Kathleen Lake (M̓r̓'at̓āna M̓n)**, a lovely Parks Canada campground. Stroll the **Kokanee Trail**, a 0.5-km wheelchair-accessible interpretive boardwalk that skirts the shores. A spacious day-use shelter and picnic area afford incredible views of the lake and dramatic mountain peaks.



Village Bakery & Deli



Kathleen Lake



DRIVE TO THE WILD

Rent a car and make **Million Dollar Falls** your first stop. A mist-soaked boardwalk puts you right at the roar. Overnight in Haines Junction and explore hikes, lakeside strolls and water adventures in Yukon's ultimate playground.



Explore

Kluane National Park & Reserve

a UNESCO World Heritage Site

Kaskawulsh Glacier



Mount Archibald



Alsek River



BY AIR

Kluane's epic scale can only be truly appreciated from above. The **St. Elias Mountains** form the highest coastal mountain range on Earth and include the St. Elias Icefields, the largest non-polar icefields in the world. With more than 2,000 glaciers — some over 100-km long and depths estimated to be 1.6 km — that's billions of tonnes of ice, and a whole lot of big. Be one of a fortunate few to come face to face with glaciers, such as the **Kaskawulsh** and **Donjek**, those ancient highways of impossibly deep blue ice. Air tours take flight from Haines Junction, Burwash Landing and Whitehorse, your gateways to cloud nine.

BY LAND

Kluane National Park and Reserve is a hiker's paradise. The hardest part is choosing which trail to tackle! For an easy hike, try the **St. Elias Lake Trail**. For a full-day experience, the popular **Auriol Trail** is a good option. Curving 15 km into the mountains of the Auriol Range subalpine, take a bonus two-km offshoot to gain outstanding mountain views. Higher route options, such as **King's Throne** or **Sheep Creek Trail**, supply strenuous climbs but breathtaking rewards. Stop in at the **Thechàl Dhàl Visitor Centre** or the **Kluane National Park and Reserve Visitor Centre** for trail recommendations and current conditions, or hire a backcountry expert and let a Yukoner be your guide.

BY WATER

The waters are world-class in Kluane. Boat on **Kluane Lake**, Yukon's biggest lake. Paddle on the clear waters of **Kathleen Lake**. Or take to the **Tatshenshini**, designated a Canadian Heritage River for both its cultural and recreational significance. Nicknamed "the Tat" by locals and paddling enthusiasts, this legendary river flows into the **Alsek River** on its way toward the Pacific Ocean in Alaska. With storied rivers and thrill-a-minute whitewater, rafting here is like a water park without the lineups. You don't have to get wet, but isn't that part of the fun? Choose your level of wild with a Yukon experience provider.

There are so many ways to explore the Park and surrounding Kluane region.
Hire a Yukon tour operator and go home with stories to last a lifetime.



Witness some of the most spectacular night skies in North America

Kathleen Lake



Grizzly bear

BE AWARE

Black bears and grizzlies, while not the same, demand equal respect and an abundance of caution. Be sure to stay bear-aware on all your Yukon adventures.



COMPARE

Grizzly versus black — what kind of bear is best? Check the facts, then be the judge. Grizzlies have a hump on their shoulders, and the light tips of their long guard hairs give them a “grizzled” look. Black bears have a flat face profile, no shoulder hump and — contrary to their name — range from black to brown to cinnamon or even blonde!



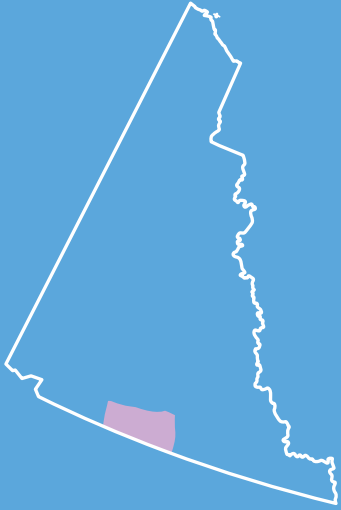
Black bear



LOOK TO THE SKIES

The remoteness of Kluane National Park and Reserve ensures unobstructed views of the night sky, making it a hot spot for stargazing enthusiasts, serious astronomers and northern lights chasers. Capture the celestial wonders of the Kluane skyline from the comfort of a cozy lodge nestled in the heart of the Park.

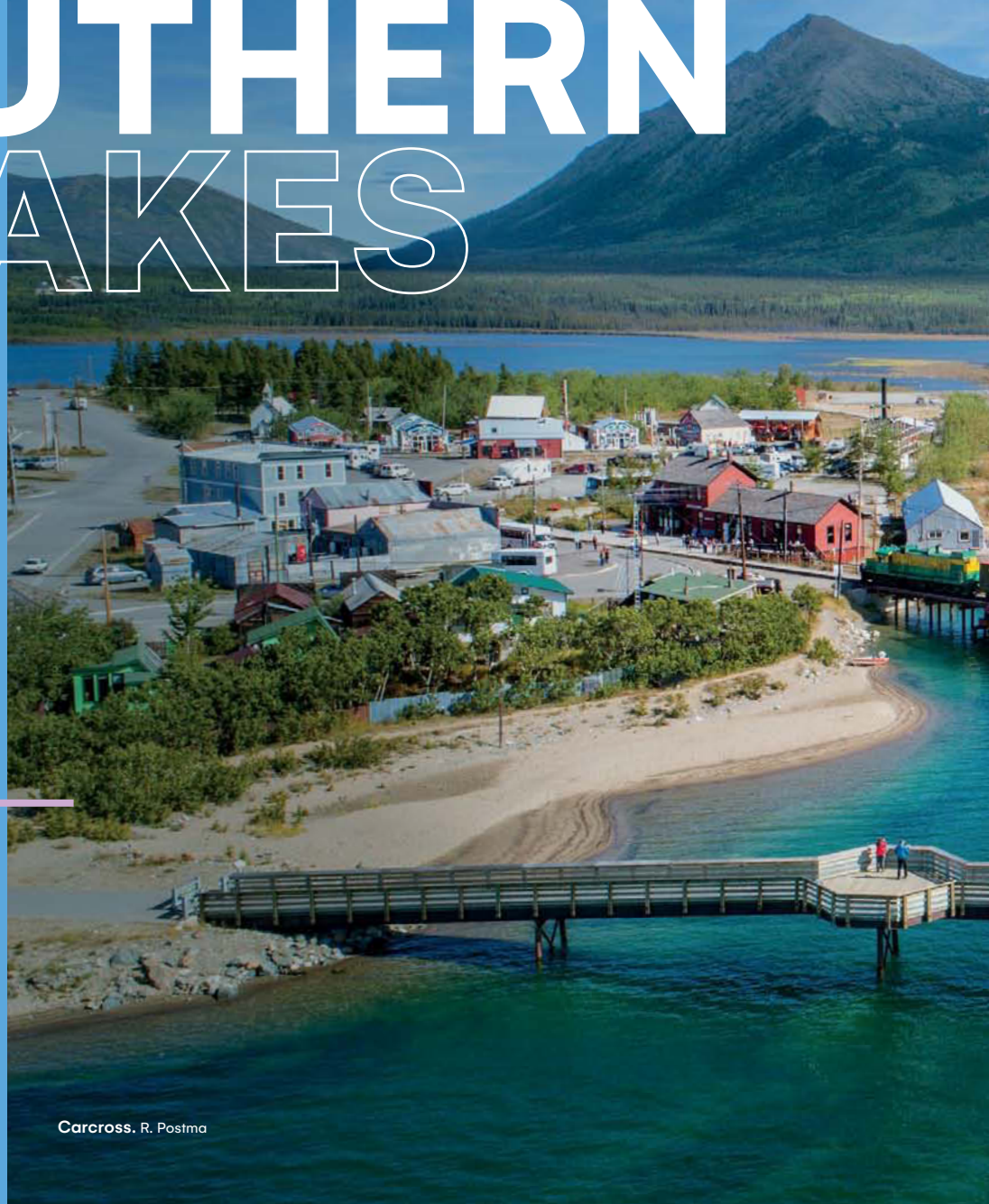




An endless loop
of picturesque
exploration

SOUTHERN LAKES

Trainspotters, be sure to watch the tracks. **Carcross** is the end of the line for the vintage **White Pass passenger coaches**, en route from Skagway, AK and Fraser, BC. Carve out time for this Carcross/Tagish First Nation community and be richly rewarded with surreal landscapes, a thriving arts scene, and an artisan marketplace.

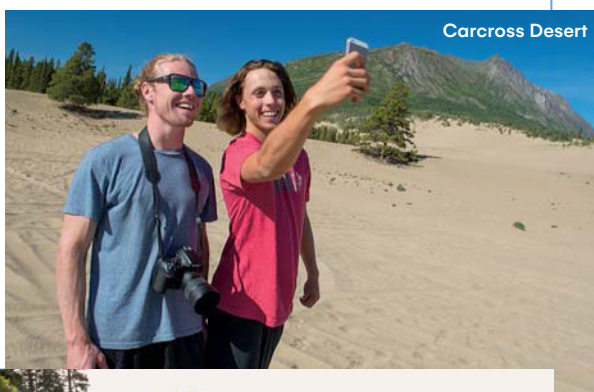


Carcross. R. Postma



CAST

The big waters of **Tagish** and **Marsh lakes** are perfect for getting out on the water. Rent a boat and gear from Whitehorse, or hire a guide to take you to where the fish are. From lake trout and Arctic grayling to northern pike and whitefish, they're out there! On the Atlin Road, smaller lakes offer big rewards. Bring a canoe or small boat and explore the fish-full waters of **Little Atlin**, **Snafu** and **Tarfu lakes**.



SNAP

Pull out the camera for the startling colours of **Emerald Lake**, a short drive from Carcross. A few minutes further up the road, experience **Carcross Desert**, affectionately known as “the world’s smallest desert”. Race down sand dunes surrounded by snow-capped mountains. You have to see it to believe it.

LEARN

Connect with the Teslin Tlingit people in the picturesque town of **Teslin**. Start with the **George Johnston Museum**, named after the venerated Tlingit Elder, trapper, fur trader and entrepreneur. Artifacts and photos open a window to this First Nation’s rich past and dynamic present. Close by is the **Teslin Tlingit Heritage Centre** where you’ll find cultural and historical interpretive displays and beautifully handcrafted masks.



DETOUR

Take a not-to-be-missed side trip aboard the **White Pass & Yukon Route railway** from Carcross along the shores of beautiful Lake Bennett to the abandoned townsite of Bennett, BC along the Chilkoot Trail. It’s historic, picturesque and a must-do for all rail fans. For another worthy side jaunt, discover the calming allure of **Atlin, BC**. Drift out on the stunning waters of **Atlin Lake**. Take a dip in the **warm springs**. Stroll the charming, historic streets. They call this hidden gem of a town “the little Switzerland of the North”, and for good reason.



Carcross totems tell ancestral stories of the Tagish and Inland Tlingit

Carcross Commons

IMMERSE

As you enter Carcross, you'll see seven traditional totem poles looming large before the **Haa Shagóon Hídi**, one for each of the six clans in the Carcross/Tagish First Nation and one story pole. Further into town, find the pride and culture of the community on full display in the totem poles and building art throughout the **Carcross Commons**. Visit the **Carcross/Tagish First Nation Carving Centre** for an inside look at how master carver Keith Wolfe Smarch and his team create these totems, and the stories from which they come.



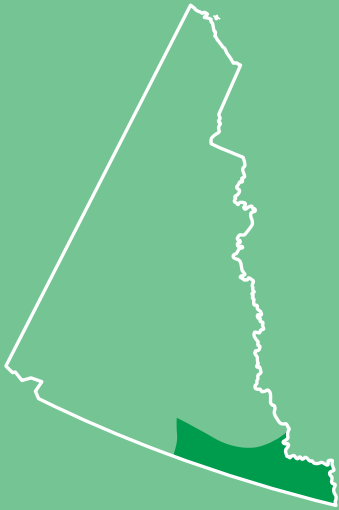
A MASTER AT WORK

Watch as master carver Keith Wolfe Smarch brings the totem for the Haa Shagóon Hídi to life. Smarch shares, "It's fun to see it emerge and evolve out of the piece of wood."



Carcross/Tagish First Nation Carving Centre



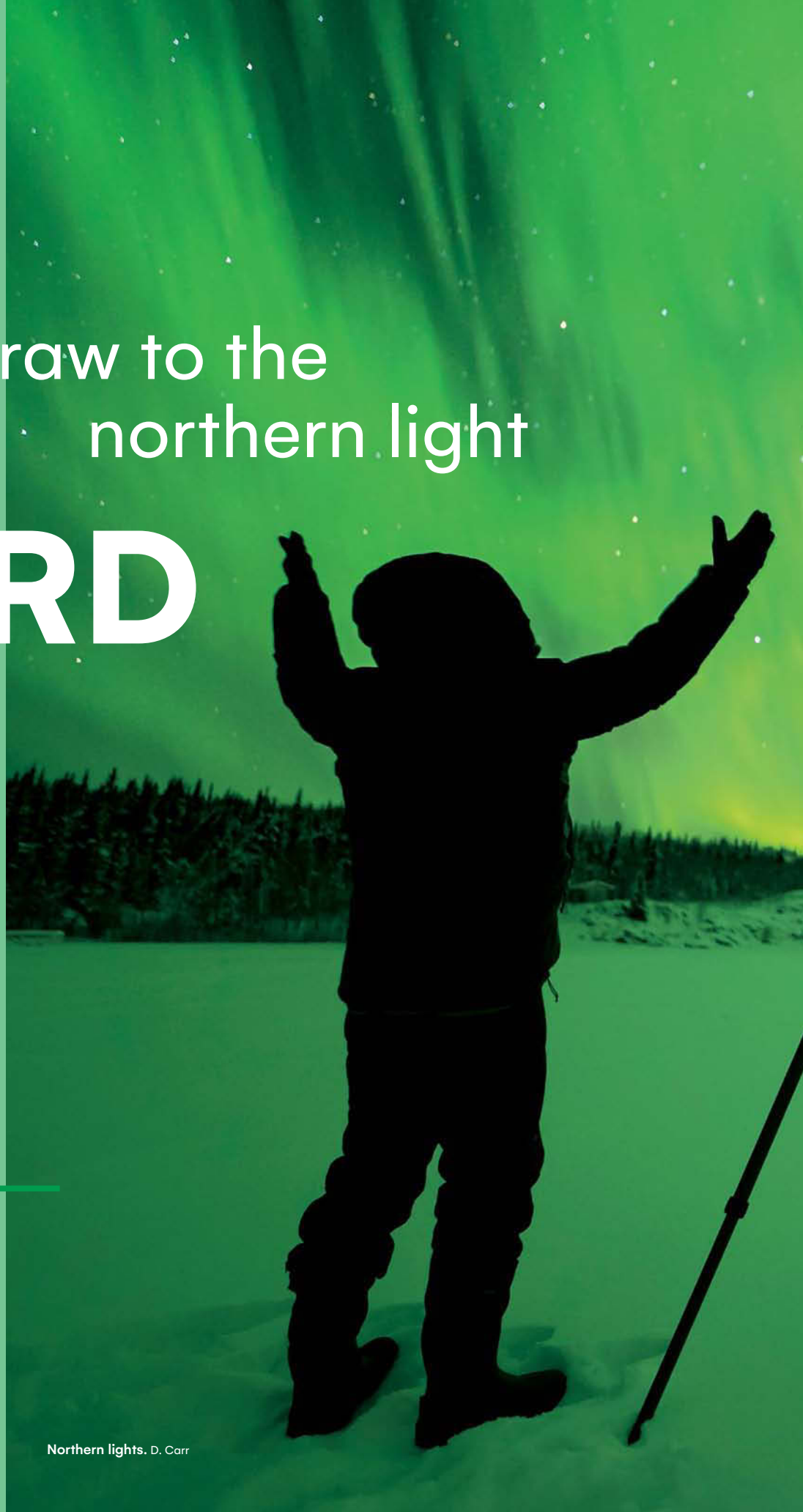


Draw to the
northern light

LIARD

If you feel drawn to the light, let it lead you to the Liard region. In fall, winter and even into spring, inky black nights burst into light as the aurora borealis take centre stage. When Yukon skies swap northern lights for midnight sun, catch this quintessential experience on the panoramic screens of the **Northern Lights Space and Science Centre**.

Northern lights. D. Carr







On the land

ADVENTURE

In the southern corner where the river rules, the Liard First Nation holds a deep connection to the land. And when it comes to Yukon wilderness, this region boasts an embarrassment of natural riches. Check in with local outfitters for an authentic Yukon **hunting experience**, or stay at an exclusive **fishing lodge** launching from the Watson Lake area. If it's remote adventure you're after, just ask. Liard will deliver.

LISTEN

Enjoy a siesta to the soothing soundtrack of rushing waters. Choose from two popular recreation sites in the scenic Rancheria River valley. At **Rancheria Falls**, follow a short boardwalk lined with interpretive signs to the waterfalls. Or picnic by the clear, bubbling waters of **Morley River**, with good fishing and a walking trail to the water.



Bison



Wye Lake Park

TOUR

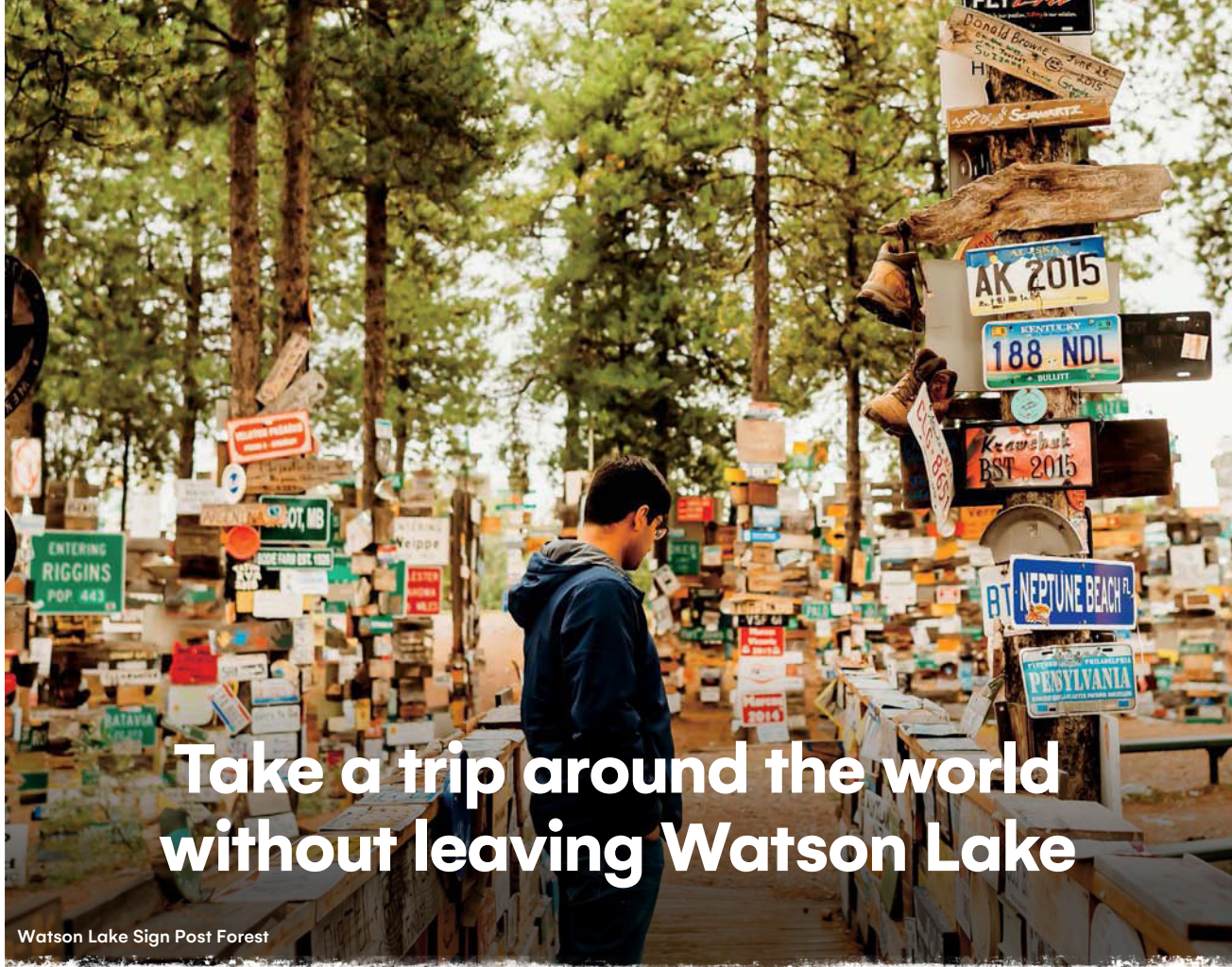
Spend some time in **Watson Lake**. Stop by **Wye Lake** to birdwatch, relax in the park (there's a playground for the kids), and walk the 2.5-km boardwalk loop. Pick up local art and homegrown treats at the Farmers Market each Saturday in summer. Then, just outside of town, visit **Lucky Lake** for a swim and a slide on one of the only outdoor waterslides north of 60. From there, hike the forest trail down to the river for a view of **Liard River Canyon**.

SOAR

Fly back in time to the Watson Lake Airport, where the original **BC-Yukon Air Service hangar** still stands, the last of its kind in Canada. Handsome and aging well, the military hangar loves to pose for pictures. Right next door is the log-sided **Watson Lake Air Terminal Building**, built in 1942 as a refueling station for the US military. View photo exhibits of this critical time in history. You can almost picture war planes parked on the runway outside.



BC-Yukon Air Service hangar



Take a trip around the world without leaving Watson Lake

Watson Lake Sign Post Forest

TACK

Wander in wonder through the **Watson Lake Sign Post Forest**, a maze of more than 80,000 signs giving shout-outs to hometowns from around the globe. The forest got its start in 1942 when a homesick American soldier — one of 16,000 recruited to build the highway — erected an homage to his hometown in Illinois. Follow the signs on a trip around the world. Then tack your own origin story to a signpost. Bring a sign from home or ask how to make one at the **Watson Lake Visitor Information Centre** in the Northern Lights Space and Science Centre.



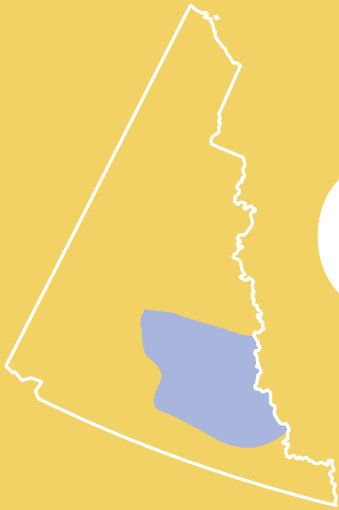
Nahanni National Park Reserve



CHASING WATERFALLS

Enlist a Yukon flightseeing company to take you on the day trip of your dreams. Fly to **Virginia Falls** in **Nahanni National Park Reserve**, NWT, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Have a picnic lunch, hike to the top, and be home in time to #humblebrag over dinner.





CAMPBELL

Take a guided hike down the **Dena Cho Trail**, originally used by the Kaska First Nations and, later, by prospectors to discover zinc and lead deposits. The 67-km multi-use recreation trail connects **Ross River** and **Faro**. For a true trek, turn the trip into a multi-day adventure and stay in dry cabins spread out along the journey.



Dena Cho Trail. A. Strain

A true off-the-beaten-path adventure



HOOK

Whose turn is it to catch dinner? Rainbow trout, kokanee salmon and Arctic char are just some of the fish on the menu. To start, try the lively **Quiet Lake** and subalpine **Rose** and **Lapie lakes**. Or choose from over eight campgrounds located on excellent fishing lakes along the Robert Campbell Highway. Check with the **Campbell Region Interpretive Centre** in Faro for tips on local fishing holes and how to purchase your fishing licence.



Along the Pelly River



Campbell-Canol Route

RAMBLE

If you're looking for a remote Yukon experience, a road trip on the **Campbell-Canol route** is for you. Put on the brakes in Faro to walk the popular and winding **Van Gorder Falls Trail**, highlighted by a viewing platform overlooking the waterfall. Then continue your rambling down a 1.2-km loop trail at the **Faro Arboretum**, Canada's most northern botanical park.

TEE OFF

The unique and well-manicured **Faro Golf Course** runs right through town. Spend a long summer day taking in the rays and perfecting your game. Or swing away at the **Driving Range "Shack"**. Advance booking is recommended as the Shack is staffed by volunteers. If you fancy some competition while on Yukon turf, the annual **Faro Golf Tournament** is held in July.



Faro Golf Course

SPLASH

A popular playground for paddlers is the beautiful **Lapie Canyon**, near Ross River on the Robert Campbell Highway. Backcountry rivers, like the **Pelly**, also open up many kayaking and canoeing opportunities. But be prepared. The area is populated with numerous species of wildlife including moose, mountain goats, mountain sheep, wolves, grizzlies and black bears.





Wild, remote, iconic ... the Yukon was made for paddling

Pelly Mountains

MARVEL

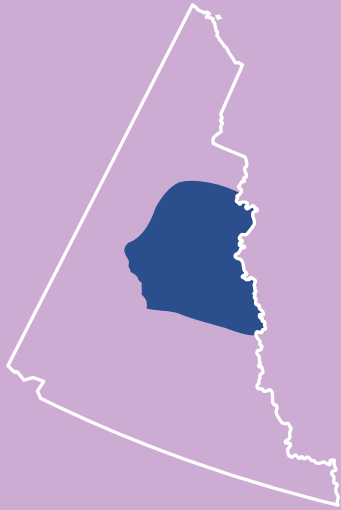
Look to the skies as hundreds of thousands of sandhill cranes fly over Faro during the **Crane and Sheep Viewing Festival** each May. While the cranes only do a fly-by on their migration to Alaska, the Fannin sheep are full-time residents. Stop by the **Mount Mye Sheep Centre** to learn all about the local town mascots.



PEACE ON THE WATER

Paddlers seeking solitude and unspoiled natural beauty will find the Yukon's countless water systems and vast wilderness perfect for multi-day trips through untamed landscapes. Pick up a waterproof camera for the voyage — you're going to want that on-hand.





SILVER TRAIL

The hideaway gem of **Keno City** is a near modern-day ghost town, home to about 20 full-time residents. While the last silver mine closed here years ago, you can visit the extensive **Keno City Mining Museum** for incredible tales tracing the history of the region back to its heyday of the 1920s.



Keno City. S. Gottermann



Discover the other “rush”

UNCOVER

Keno City was named for a popular gambling game to lure in prospectors.

And a lucky gamble it was.

Keno Hill became home to one of the richest silver deposits in the world.

The authentic northern mining vibe is still in the air in this tiny hamlet. Pick up

the **Keno Walking Tour** guidebook

and explore this quaint and quirky community at your own pace. (Did I just pass a house made of beer bottles?)

From secret cabins to raucous saloons, every building has a story to tell.



Keno City Snake Bar

TREK

In Keno City, make the **Alpine Interpretive Centre** your base camp and wander the many tracks and trails in the surrounding alpine meadows and rolling hills. If you just have a day, bike or drive up

Signpost Road to **Keno Hill**. Take in vast wild valleys and endless mountain ranges and prepare to see a marmot or pika pop into view more than once. Continue the climb up to **Monument Hill** to

fully appreciate the scale of this wild country, as you hike the plateau with 360° views.



Keno Hill



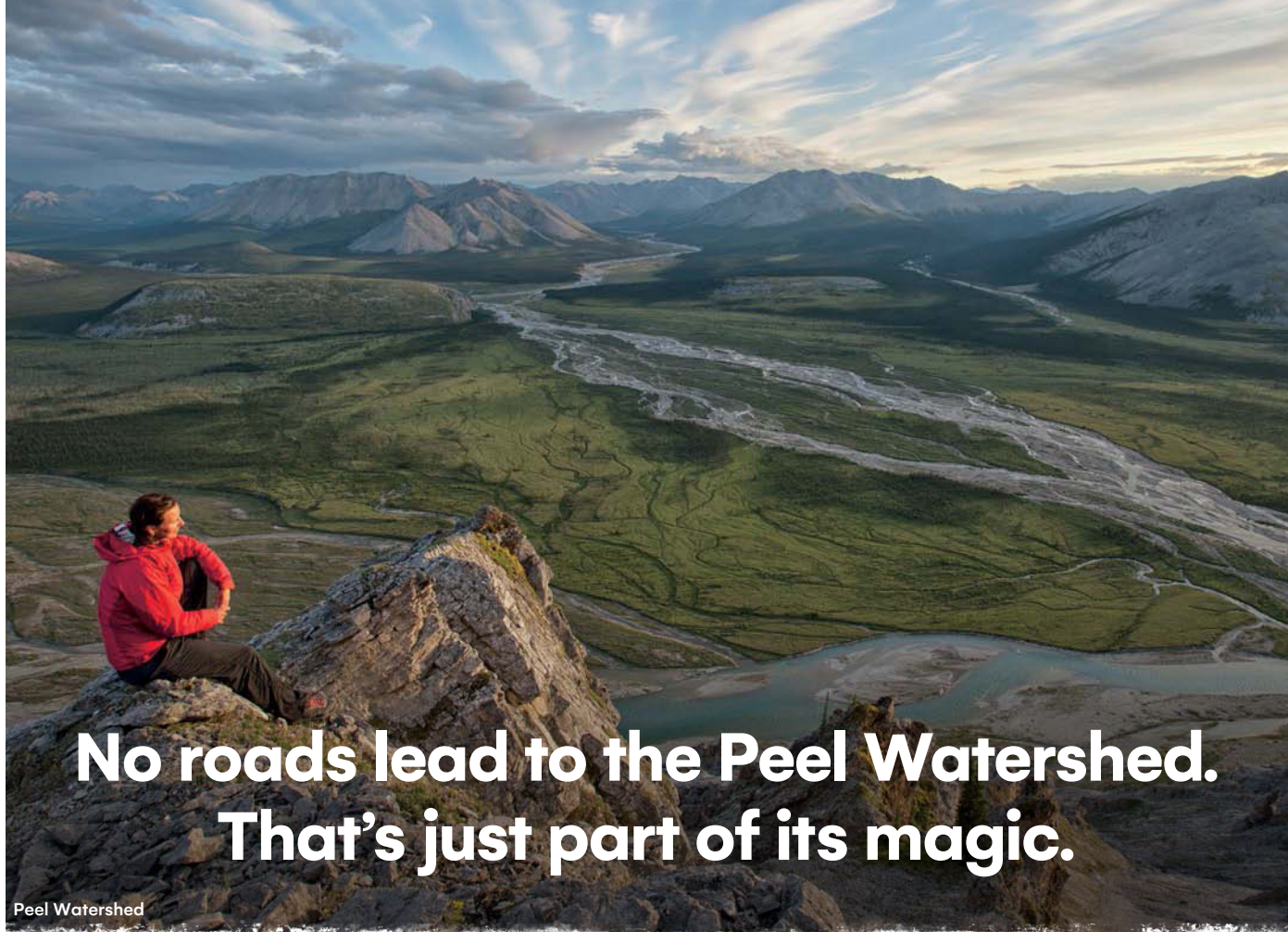
First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dun

GET ACQUAINTED

When making your Yukon memories, always add **Mayo**.

A former silver mining town, this community became the centre point of the “alternative” rush, resting at the confluence of two rivers in a beautiful wilderness setting.

Make your first point of call the **Binet House Museum** for an eclectic display of exhibits, artifacts and a 3-D map of the surrounding landscape. Explore the heritage of the First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dun, who have lived in the area for countless generations and whose Traditional Territory you'll be standing upon.



**No roads lead to the Peel Watershed.
That's just part of its magic.**

Peel Watershed

PLUNGE

The Silver Trail is the gateway to the **Peel Watershed** and a natural hub for fly fishing and rafting excursions. When you're ready to swap wild rivers for a taste of town life, stretch your legs in Mayo with a stroll on the **Prince of Wales Trail** along the waterfront. Then jump into (relatively) warm waters at **Five Mile Lake**, a popular recreation spot for water play. Or, if a **heated outdoor pool** is more to your liking, Mayo's got you covered there too.



Lynx



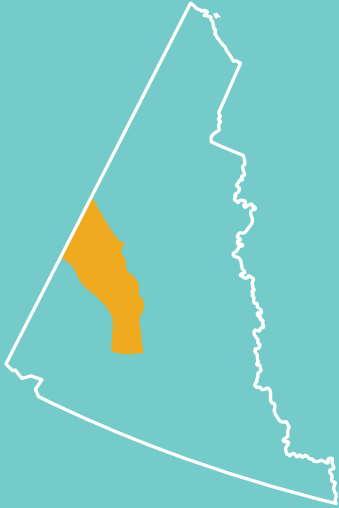
TRUE BACKPACKING A-PEEL

Connect with a guide to hike in the Peel Watershed — one of the last truly wild places in North America, spanning over 68,000 square km and filled with iconic Yukon species like bears, wolves, lynx and caribou.



Keno Hill





Iconic gold
rush history

KLONDIKE

Dawson City was at the heart of the Klondike Gold Rush in the late 1890s, a time marked by frontier excitement and booming saloons. Capture the feeling of this cultural moment at a gold rush-era performance at **Diamond Tooth Gerties**, the oldest casino in Canada, replete with iconic cancan colours, costumes and rollicking good fun.

Cancan dancers. M. Naef





FLASHBACK

At the height of the Klondike Gold Rush, Dawson City was home to some 40,000 residents — most seeking riches, some fame, and a few just happy to be caught up in the madness. Step back into those colourful, captivating days. Walk the rustic boardwalks past heritage buildings lining dusty, unpaved streets. Watch as characters of the Klondike come to life on a **Parks Canada walking tour** about town or a grand tour of the regal **Palace Grand Theatre**. And if all that gold rush ambience isn't enough, get your fill of the region's remarkable history at the **Dawson City Museum**.



Parks Canada walking tour



Big Jonathan House Heritage Centre

AWAKEN

Enjoy a journey of cultural awakenings. Starting in **Carmacks**, stop in at the **Tagé Cho Hudän Interpretive Centre** to hear stories of the Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation. Further up the road, visit **Big Jonathan House Heritage Centre** in the riverside hamlet of **Pelly Crossing**. See creations by local artists from the Selkirk First Nation and take home an uncommon souvenir. Once in Dawson City, discover the history and culture of the First Peoples of the Klondike, the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, at the waterfront **Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre**.

REFLECT

Dawson City can't help but stir the soul, if past legends are any example. Step into the cabin of the fabled author of *White Fang* at the **Jack London Museum**. Stop by the **cabin of Robert Service**, the "bard of the Yukon" to watch a dramatic reading of *The Cremation of Sam McGee*. Then pick up a walking guide at the **Dawson City Visitor Information Centre** and take a stroll through time in the town's **old cemeteries**. Read the inscriptions to catch a glimpse of the diverse cast of characters who once called this singular place home.

CRUISE

From day trips to multi-day adventures, rent a canoe in Carmacks or Dawson City and let the current guide you. Or let **Tutchone Tours** be your guide on a visit to the beautifully preserved historic site of **Fort Selkirk (Huchá Hudän)** at the confluence of the Yukon and Pelly rivers. Co-owned and co-managed by the Selkirk First Nation and Yukon governments, many of the historic buildings have been restored, providing a unique window into the past. In Dawson City, take a tour of the **S.S. Keno National Historic Site** with a Parks Canada interpreter. While this boat no longer floats, it still has many stories to tell.



Fort Selkirk (Huchá Hudän)



The Klondike is all eclectic traditions and free-spirited characters

Captain Dick serving up the sourtoe cocktail

LET LOOSE

Ever since the gold rush days, Dawson City has been a good-time town. Today, the party goes on. The summer months bring fun in the midnight sun with **summer solstice** events, the can't-miss **Dawson City Music Festival**, the week-long **Discovery Day celebrations** and the **Yukon Riverside Arts Festival**. In the colder months, watch as dogsled teams in the **Percy DeWolfe Memorial Mail Race** trace the historic route of the legendary mail carrier. Or celebrate the end of winter with Dawson City's own take on Mardi Gras, the **Thaw di Gras Spring Carnival**. And who could forget the spectacle of the northern lights, the show that lasts all winter long.



Dawson City Music Festival



GHOST OF THE KLONDIKE

"A show to die for" isn't a cliché when it comes to the haunted Palace Grand Theatre. Built during the height of the gold rush, some swear that its builder, Arizona Charlie Meadows, can't bring himself to exit the premises ...



THE Perfect Day IN DAWSON CITY

Catch the spirit of the last great gold rush with one glorious, gold fever-paced day in this one-of-a-kind, historic hot spot.



Catch the fever

Get a taste of gold fever. Drive to **Bonanza Creek** and learn how a single nugget spawned the great stampede to the Klondike. Then pan for gold at **Free Claim #6**. Develop your own technique and take home whatever you find! Your tour of the goldfields is not complete until you take in a guided tour of Dawson City's engineering wonder, **Dredge No. 4 National Historic Site**, a gravel-eating, eight-storey, monster dredge—the biggest of its kind in North America.



Front Street



Bonanza Creek



Hit the town

Unwind at **Yukon Spa**, where saunas, massage and a plant-based café offer the perfect pre-adventure reset. Then roll into Diamond Tooth Gerties — Canada's first (and friendliest) gambling hall — for nightly shows starring high-kicking cancan dancers. Or drive to the **Midnight Dome** and survey your Klondike kingdom from one epic viewpoint.



Diamond Tooth Gerties Gambling Hall



Stroll the streets

Dawson City is best experienced on foot, so grab a latté from a local bakery and take in the lively atmosphere. Wander the boardwalks and dusty streets. Pop into an eclectic mix of local shops to hand-pick a take-home treasure or two. And don't miss the gift shop at the Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre, specializing in handmade beaded footwear, contemporary jewellery and crafted gifts.



Satisfy your appetite

The Dawson City region is chock-full of the finest ingredients, from morel mushrooms to bok choy. The restaurants are just as diverse with many specializing in locally sourced foods including cheeses from **Klondike Valley Creamery** and Yukon-raised meats. Choose from Greek, wood-fired barbecue, classic steak and potato cuisine, fish and chips, and more. Dawson City has tastes and textures for every palate. Top it off with an ice cream from **Klondyke Cream & Candy** on Front Street.



BonTon & Company



Join the club

Cap off the night with a cocktail at an old-style saloon and perhaps a sour toe ... if you dare. There's just one rule to gain admittance to the **Sourtoe Cocktail Club**: "You can drink it fast. You can drink it slow. But your lips must touch that gnarly toe." Head to **The Downtown, a Coast Hotel** for this cocktail with a toe-infused twist.



Tour Dredge No. 4, the industrial version of gathering flakes in a pan

Dredge No. 4 National Historic Site



Dawson Historical Complex National Historic Site

POSE

Looking for a perfect take-home memory? Rock a new look in an old-timey outfit, lay on a sepia-toned filter, and get your photo taken Klondike-style at **Peabody's Historic Photo Parlour and P.B.G. Gallery**. Then pull out your own camera and walk the unpaved streets of the **Dawson Historical Complex National Historic Site**. Every eye-catching false-front building has a story to tell and a charm all its own, each one somehow more photogenic than the last.



Peabody's Historic Photo Parlour and P.B.G. Gallery



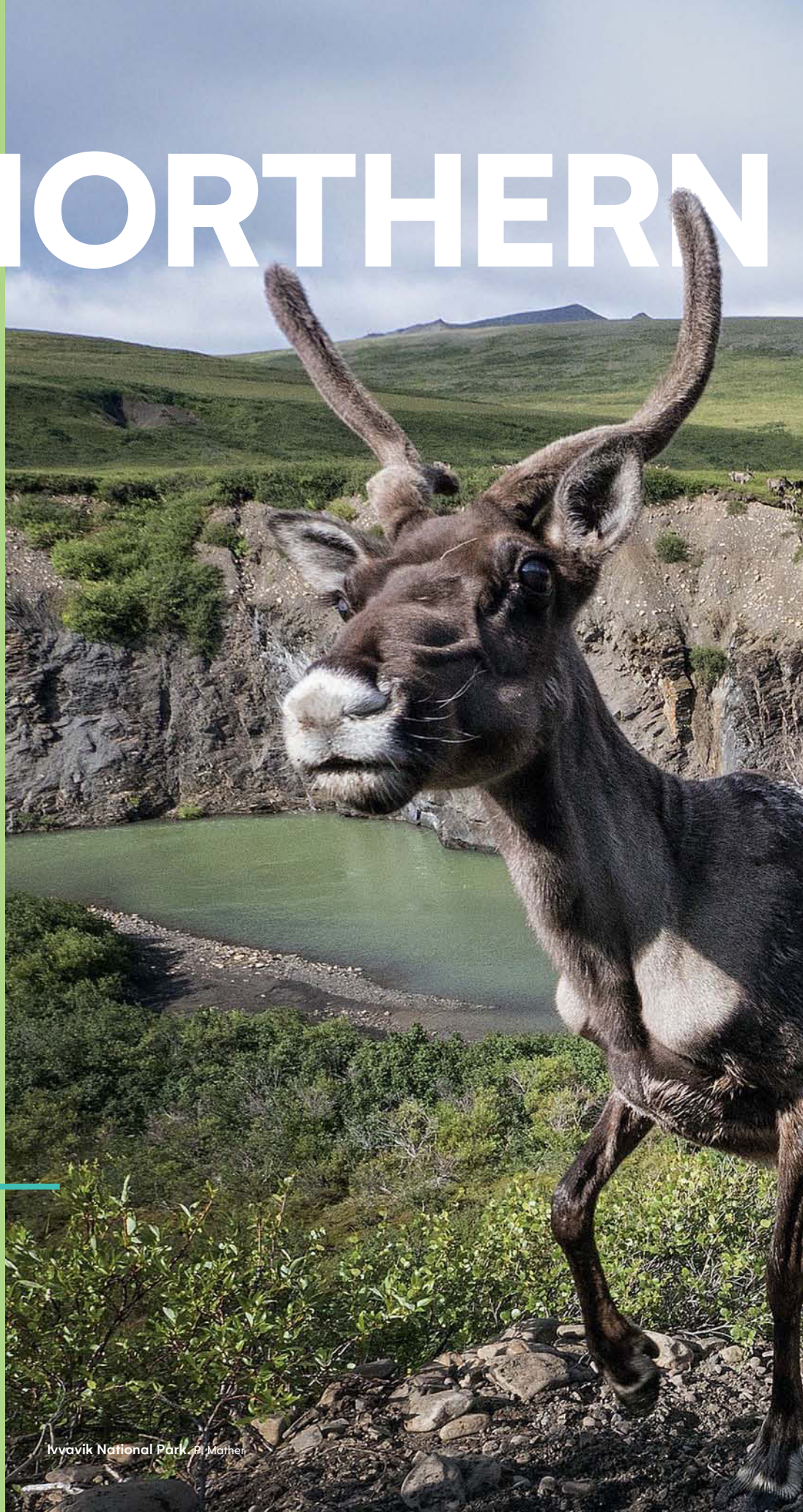
HEAD DOWNRIVER

Before there was a Dawson City, the Hän people lived and thrived in this place. Take a two-hour river tour with **Fishwheel Charters** to get a window into this rich Indigenous heritage. You'll pass by the scenic Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in village of **Moosehide** just three km downriver.





NORTHERN



Ivvavik National Park comes alive under the midnight sun, including the migration of the Porcupine Caribou herd to the calving grounds on the coast of the Beaufort Sea. The Indigenous Peoples of this region have been deeply connected to the caribou for thousands of years. Experience this special place with an Inuvialuit cultural host.

Ivvavik National Park. *By Mother*

& ARCTIC

Where the sun never sets



FLY

Be one of the fortunate few to visit **Old Crow**, Yukon's only community above the Arctic Circle and the only one with no road access. You'll need to plan ahead for your stay. Fewer than 300 people live in Old Crow and services and accommodations are limited. Once here, take your time. Pick up an **Old Crow Walking Tour** guidebook and explore. Visit the **John Tizya Centre** to learn about the traditions and ancient wisdom of those who've inhabited the area for millennia.



Old Crow

FEAST

The welcome is warm in Old Crow. Immerse yourself in this close-knit village of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation. If your timing is right, you may be invited to a gathering. By all means, join in! Community celebrations can include traditional music, dancing and feasts of wild game and fish. In spring, **Caribou Days** celebrate the return of the Porcupine Caribou herd to their calving grounds. Have a go at jigging or a caribou skinning contest. This chance won't come again.

BE AWED

Often called Canada's Patagonia, **Tombstone Territorial Park** is a hiker's paradise and a photographer's dream. Jagged mountain peaks, permafrost landforms, abundant wildlife and vibrant wildflowers all make for some mighty mesmerizing viewing. The Park is a legacy of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Land Claim Agreement and lies entirely within their Traditional Territory. Make the **Tombstone Interpretive Centre** your first point of call for trail maps and conditions. Swaths of colour paint the hills in early fall, making it the best time to capture the Park at its peak.



Tombstone Territorial Park

RAFT

For adventure at its wildest, raft the remote **Firth River** through the heart of Ivvavik National Park. This fly-in, fly-out multi-day expedition takes paddlers of all levels past the British Mountains, all the way to the Beaufort Sea. Float through remote river valleys, flanked by rolling Arctic tundra. Visit Inuvialuit cultural sites. Hike the lands of the Porcupine Caribou herd. Race through furious Class III rapids. In other words, get set for the journey of a lifetime.



Firth River



Dogsledding

Led by an Indigenous guide, dogsledding in Old Crow is a soulful experience



Arctic Circle

JOURNEY

Calling true explorers! Follow the winding **Dempster Highway**, the only road in Canada to cross the **Arctic Circle**. When you reach latitude 66° 33' N (otherwise known as the Arctic Circle), pose for the proof-you-did-it photo before venturing on, all the way to the Arctic Ocean, on the recently built **Inuvik—Tuktoyaktuk Highway**. While in Tuktoyaktuk, take in **Pingo Canadian Landmark**, a natural wonder to behold.



Dempster Highway



NEVER HAVE I EVER ...

... gone dogsledding across Arctic tundra in one of the most remote places in the world. Let an Indigenous tourism company be your introduction and your guide. The welcome is warm, the huskies wonderful, and the adventure as rare as they come.



DRIVE YUKON

Unmissable highlights and endless summer days

— the Yukon was made for road tripping. Choose from seven epic drives, or loop a few favourite routes together. Then set your GPS for adventure. With breathtaking vistas and inviting detours, you won't want the journey to end.



Explore seven iconic
Yukon road trips.

YUKON HIGHWAYS

- 1 Alaska Highway
- 2 Klondike Highway
- 3 Haines Road
- 4 Robert Campbell Highway
- 5 Dempster Highway
- 6 Canol Road
- 7 Atlin Road
- 8 Tagish Road
- 9 Top of the World Highway
- 10 Nahanni Range Road
- 11 Silver Trail





A FORK-IN-THE-ROAD DECISION



Join a driving tour, kick back and enjoy the ride

Want to finish your days with a mint-on-your-pillow hotel sleep? Or maybe you prefer the catered camp life? Hire a guide and experience a Yukon road trip through the eyes of a Yukoner, with options for every type of traveller and comfort level.



Take the wheel with a DIY trip of a lifetime

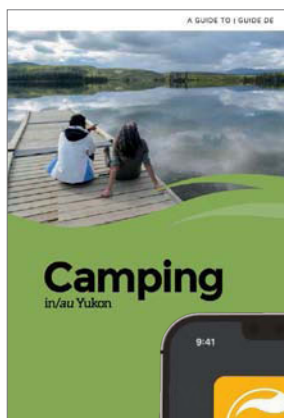
Rent a car, camper or RV in Whitehorse and plan your route.

Stock up on essentials. Whitehorse has everything you'll need for whatever adventures lie ahead.

Choose from over 40 off-grid Yukon government campgrounds. Or, if you're looking for power, find RV parks and private campgrounds throughout the Yukon.



Pick up *A Guide to Camping in Yukon* at any visitor information centre.

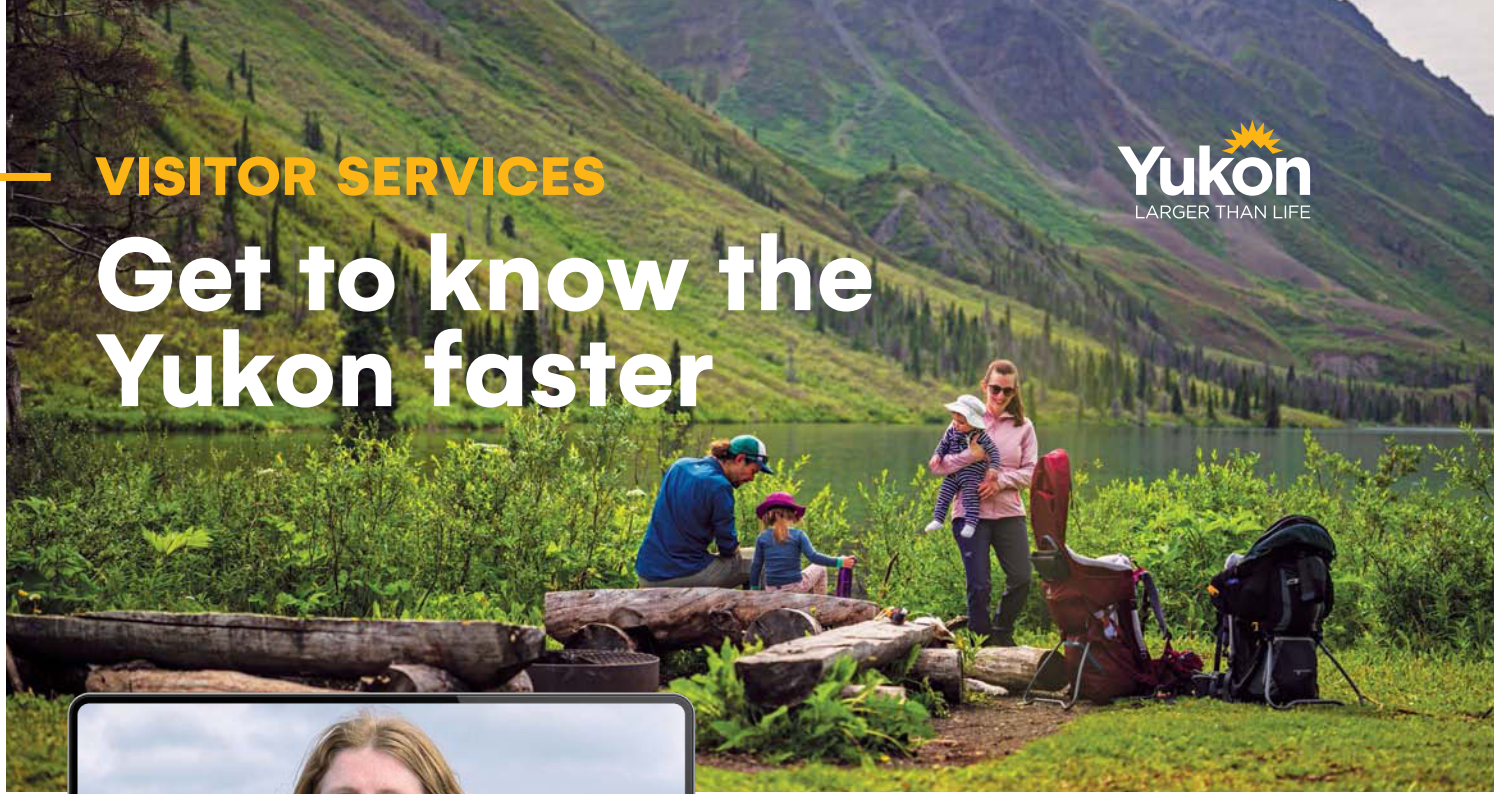


Oh, what a sight! Discover top spots along your chosen route, like road-accessible campgrounds, wildlife viewing and stop-worthy points of interest. Download **Yukon Sites & Sights** wherever you get your apps.

VISITOR SERVICES



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