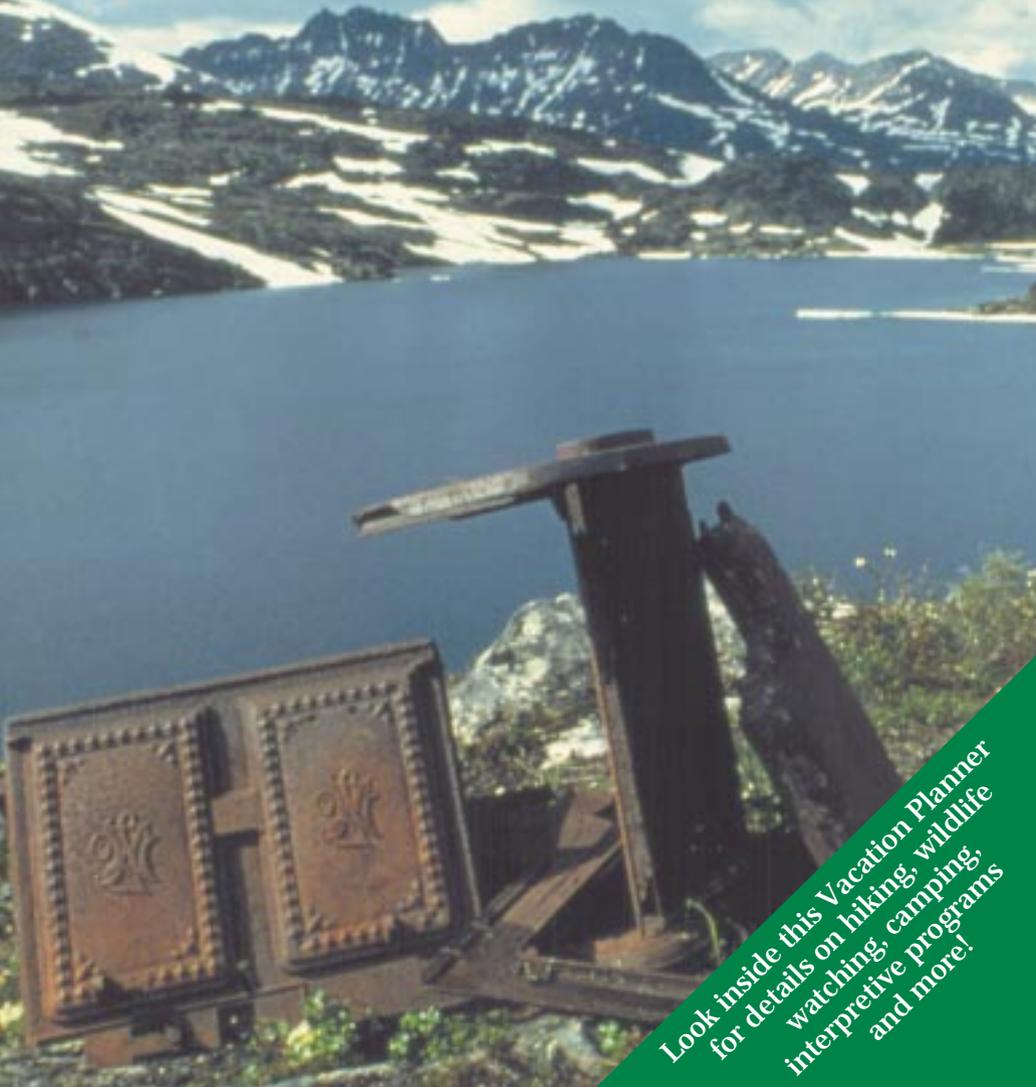


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Canada's National Parks and National Historic Sites

in Yukon & northern British Columbia



Look inside this Vacation Planner
for details on hiking, wildlife
watching, camping,
interpretive programs
and more!



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Land and culture are woven into the tapestry of Canada's history and the Canadian spirit. The richness of our great country is celebrated in a network of protected places that allow us to understand the land, people and events that shaped Canada.

Some things just can't be replaced and, therefore, your support is vital in protecting the ecological and cultural integrity of these natural areas and symbols of our past, so they will persist, intact and vibrant, into the future. Discover for yourself the many wonders, adventures and learning experiences that await you in Canada's national parks, national historic sites, historic canals and national marine conservation areas. Help us keep them healthy and whole—for their sake, for our sake.



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Our Mission

Parks Canada's mission is to ensure that Canada's national parks, national historic sites and related heritage areas are protected and presented for this and future generations.

These nationally significant examples of Canada's natural and cultural heritage reflect Canadian values, identity, and pride.

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* *Designated as an international wetland having world importance by the Ramsar Convention.*

Safeguarding Canada's Family of Heritage Treasures

The idea of a Canada-wide system of protected areas took root in the Rockies more than a century ago. Today, national parks protect significant landscapes that represent Canada's vastness and diversity. National historic sites commemorate Canada's evolution as a country, past and present. Together, they are a family of special places which symbolize the important link between stewardship of the land and respect for our human heritage.

Parks Canada is proud of its leadership role in preserving and presenting Canada's natural and cultural resources. National parks and national historic sites offer world-class heritage experiences.

You can do your part – by respecting the land and celebrating our traditions. It's up to all of us to make sure our parks, our waterways, and our past will always have a future.

Welcome

Come explore with us Canada's Yukon, the land of the midnight sun! From vibrant and colourful Klondike gold rush history to First Nations stories to pristine wilderness, national parks and national historic sites in Yukon have it all!

Regardless of the season, whether you are looking for a scenic drive, a challenging mountain hike or a walking tour through Dawson's historic townsite, our parks and sites are bound to appeal to you. This vacation planner will assist you in making the most of your visit.



Scenic Touring

While travelling across the Yukon you will find one or more of our national historic sites and national parks along any major road. While Vuntut and Ivvavik National Parks are remote and accessible by air only, Kluane National Park and Reserve (KNPR) offers spectacular roadside scenery, viewpoints, interpretive exhibits and trails.

Plan to stop at one of our national historic sites, and step back in time to discover the people, places and events that shaped our nation.

Walking or Hiking

Kluane National Park and Reserve offers hundreds of kilometers of trails that range from easy walks to some of the world's most challenging backcountry hikes.

Vuntut National Park has no designated trails. Visitors must be self reliant and experienced in backcountry travel.

Chilkoot trail hikers are encouraged to make reservations by phoning 1-800-661-0486.

Contact Parks Canada information centres for individual park trail conditions.



Mountaineering

Kluane National Park and Reserve offers experienced mountaineers world class climbing opportunities. Be sure to pick up route descriptions, permits and information on local conditions.

Interpretive Programs and Services

Want to learn more about the natural or cultural history of a park or site? Stop in at a Park's Canada visitor center to pick up the latest information on guided walks, self-guiding trails, exhibits and special events, animated programs and walking tours. Some programs and facilities are offered on a seasonal basis only.

Wildlife Watching

Yukon and northern British Columbia abounds with wildlife. Please give wildlife the respect and space they deserve.

- Pick up your copy of *You are in Bear Country* at any Parks Canada office.
- Never feed wildlife. Animals may become aggressive or dependent. Too often a fed animal becomes a dead animal. Wildlife attracted to roadsides are often killed by vehicles.
- Never approach wildlife. Remain in your vehicle.
- Stay at least 100 meters distant from bears.

- Further information on wildlife viewing and birding opportunities is available through territorial government programs. Wildlife Viewing Program (Telephone: 867-667-8291)

Camping

Kathleen Lake campground near Haines Junction in KNPR is suitable for tents, trailers and motorhomes. No reservations are required.

There are territorial government as well as private campgrounds throughout the Yukon.

Backcountry camping in wilderness areas provides unique opportunities for solitude, physical challenges and adventure. Visitors entering wilderness areas must purchase a wilderness pass for overnight stays in the backcountry. Passes and pre-trip information are available at the respective park information centers.

Please note Vuntut National Park has no designated campsites

Cycling

Cycling is an increasingly popular activity on park roads and trails. Kluane offers a number of old mining roads that are ideal for mountain biking.

Cycling is prohibited on the Chilkoot Trail.

Boating

Canoes, kayaks and rowboats are permitted on most lakes and rivers, while motor boats are allowed on a few select park waters. Wilderness rivers present a variety of hazards and should only be attempted by experienced boaters. Be sure to check for lake access and route information.

Rafting

Rafters can enjoy awesome wilderness on one of many guided trips in Kluane and Ivvavik National Parks. Commercial outfitters offer multi-day trips, but private trips are also permitted. Guides are recommended as expert skill and preparation are required for both the Alsek and Firth rivers. Please contact the park for information on private and commercial rafting excursions.

Fishing

A variety of fish species abound in Yukon lakes and rivers. Catch and release is encouraged. Anglers must have a National Park Fishing License.

Fishing is prohibited in Chilkoot Trail National Historic Site.



Winter Activities

Winter in the north is an unforgettable experience, whether you ski, snowboard or snowshoe. Facilities and services are reduced during this season. Prior to departure contact Parks Canada.

Park and Site Fees

Fees are charged for a variety of activities. These include interpretive guided walks and programs, back and front country camping and day use. Please refer to fee insert for details.

Collected revenue is used to preserve parks and sites, and to maintain the quality of visitor services and facilities. Every time you visit a park or site you invest in its future and in a legacy for future generations.

Group Tours

We offer special rates and services for commercial and other large groups. For details on specific services, contact the parks and sites directly.

Weather and Road Conditions

Even in summer, weather can change rapidly. Dress in layers, wear appropriate footwear, and take along clothing suitable for all weather conditions.

The only two highways leading to the Yukon are the Alaska and Cassiar highways. Note: There are many long stretches of highway without services. Ensure your vehicle is in top running order before heading up these highways.

For Your Convenience

All national parks and sites offer a range of services and facilities. Watch for these symbols to determine which services and facilities are available.

Legend



Information



Parking



Gift Shop



Picnic



Camping



Hiking Trail



Exhibit



Totally or partially accessible. Services for visitors with disabilities vary. Please inquire.

Park and site regulations are designed to protect these special places and ensure that you have a safe and memorable trip.

- Please do not disturb or collect any natural objects or historical artifacts.
- Never feed, touch, disturb or hunt any wildlife.
- Keep pets on leash at all times.
- Stay on established trails to avoid trampling vegetation.

Each park and site has specific hazards. Please consult on-site publications or park staff for other important safety messages.

CHILKOOT TRAIL NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

In 1897 two ships, the *Excelsior* and the *Portland*, arrived in San Francisco and Seattle laden with Yukon gold. The Klondike Gold Rush was about to begin. Today the Chilkoot Trail commemorates the mass movement of people to the Yukon during the Klondike Gold Rush.

The Chilkoot Trail extends from Dyea, Alaska to Bennett, British Columbia at the headwaters of the Yukon River. Historically a first nation trade and travel route the Chilkoot connected the coastal Tlingit with Yukon First Nation groups.

Designated in 1998 as an International Historic Park, the Chilkoot offers the visitor a unique combination of spectacular natural beauty steeped in history. Though primarily a superb hiking experience the Chilkoot does offer opportunities for the day user.

Getting There

The Chilkoot Trail straddles the American-Canadian border at the northern end of the Alaskan panhandle. Hikers may access the trail from either Dyea, Alaska or Bennett, British Columbia. Most hikers

follow the historic route beginning from Dyea.

Dyea is accessible by road from Skagway, Alaska. Bennett can be reached by boat from Carcross or by railway from Skagway and Fraser, British Columbia.



Making the Most of Your Visit

Hiking the Chilkoot

- The Chilkoot Trail offers a challenging 3 to 5 day hike for the fit and adventurous. Be prepared! The trail can be rough and difficult for even the most experienced hiker.



A total of 50 permits are issued daily. To avoid disappointment it is highly recommended that reservations be made in advance.

- Permits can be paid for and picked up prior to hiking the Chilkoot at the Trail Center located in Skagway.
- Consult the “Rates, Hours, and Camping Information” insert in this publication for details.

Reservations and Information:

- Call 1-800-661-0486 in Canada or the United States (U.S.). Local & overseas call 1-867-667-3910.

Day trips.

- Bennett City is accessible by rail (White Pass Yukon Route Railway) or by boat from Carcross. Visitors may visit for a few hours or camp overnight at Bennett. Permits are required.

Activities

Interpretation

- Interpretive tours are offered at Bennett City to train passengers visiting the site.
- Interpretive exhibits are located at Bennett City and Lindeman City. A roadside exhibit is located at Log Cabin.
- When in Skagway visit the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park Visitor Center. Guided walks, exhibits, theater programs and special events are provided.

- Stop in “The Trail Center” for information on other hiking opportunities in the Skagway area.

Scenic Touring

- From Whitehorse, drive the scenic South Klondike Highway to Skagway through the historic White Pass. Stop at the Log Cabin interpretive exhibit as well as other historic points of interest on this scenic 200 km drive.
- Visit Carcross and the “Old Train Depot” an historic White Pass & Yukon Route

Railway station. Extensive information is provided at this tourism visitor centre.

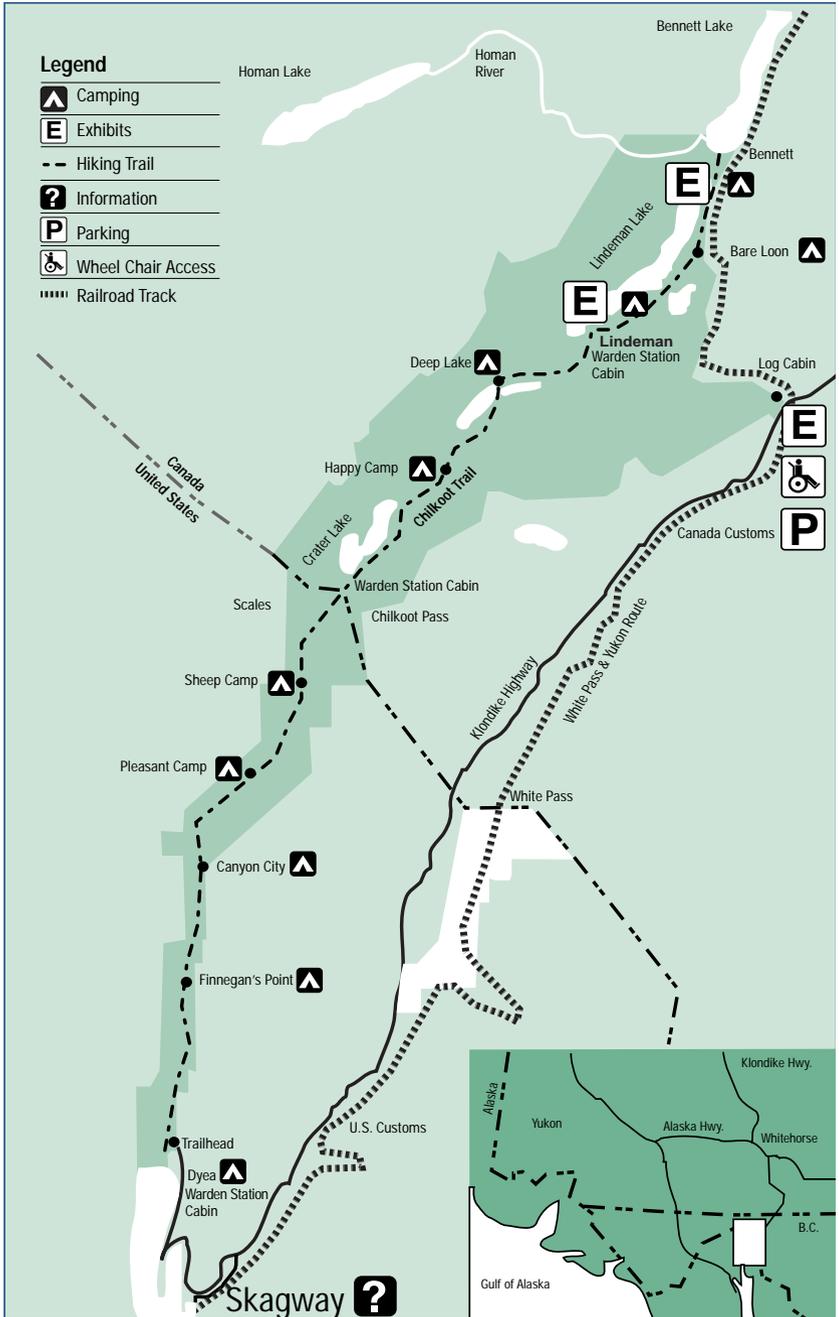
- While in Whitehorse tour the S.S. Klondike National Historic Site.

Circle Route

- Visit Kluane National Park and Reserve. Depart Skagway via the Alaska Marine ferry to Haines Alaska and travel back through Kluane to Whitehorse via the Haines and Klondike Highway.



Chilkoot Trail National Historic Site



S.S. KLONDIKE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE



Steam powered river transportation on the Yukon River opened up the territory and connected the Yukon to the outside world.

Commemorating inland water transportation, the S.S. Klondike is representative of the steamers and other vessels that traveled the Yukon River since 1866.

Fully restored to its 1937-1940 appearance, the S.S. Klondike along with the 4000 artifacts that furnish this great vessel provide visitors a unique interpretive experience.

Over the next seven years extensive restoration will begin on site. Visitors will be able to experience shipbuilding reminiscent of a

time when boat building on the Yukon River waterfront was booming.

Getting There

The S.S. Klondike is located in downtown Whitehorse and is dry-docked on the west bank of the Yukon River.

Making the most of your visit

- Allow one hour for a tour of the vessel and to view the video “In the Days of the River Boats”.
- The upper decks of the S.S. Klondike are not wheelchair accessible.



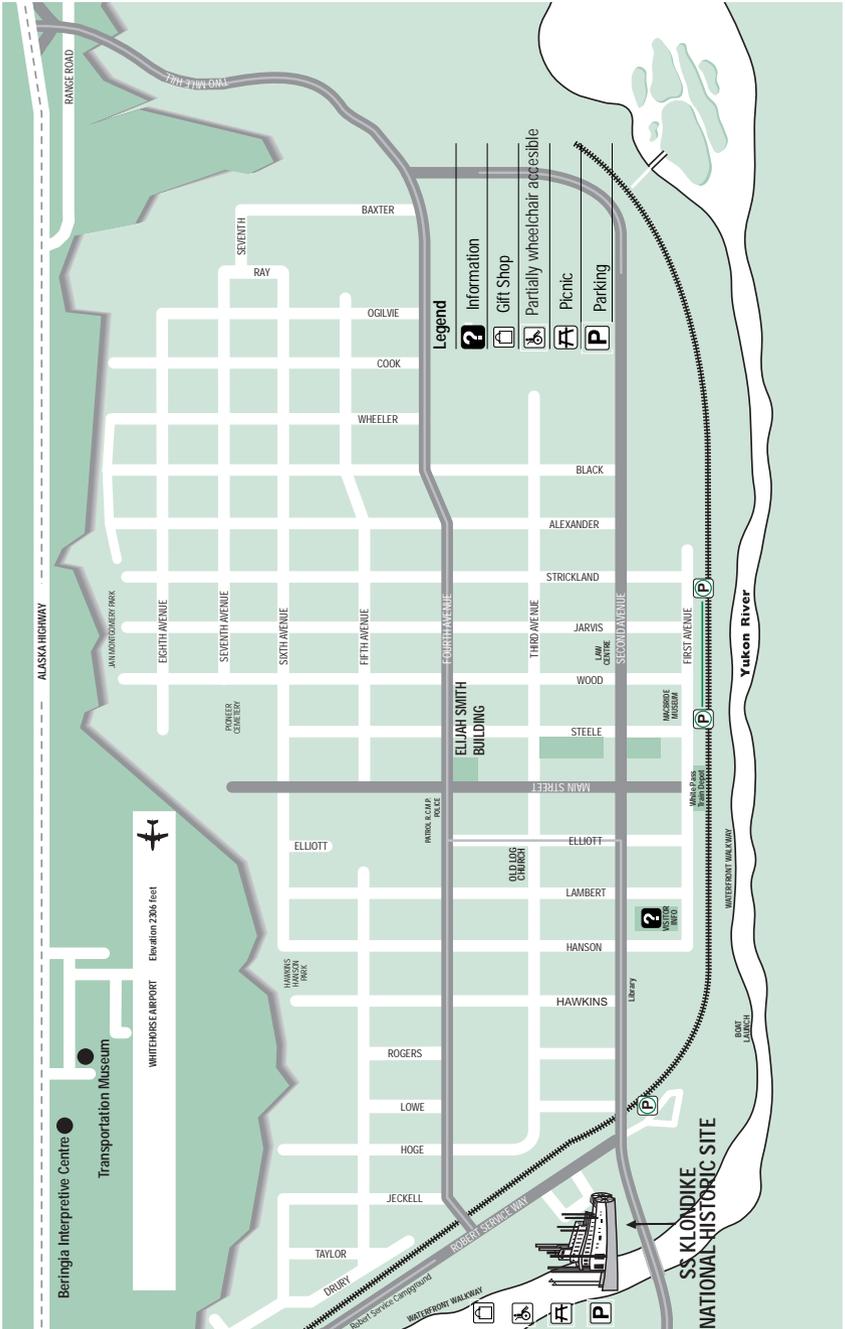
Attractions

- Take a walk along the Yukon Riverfront Trail located on site and enjoy the interpretive exhibits.
- Visit Miles Canyon, walk across the suspension bridge, hike to Canyon City and see the remains of this gold rush transfer point.
- Visit the Yukon Tourism Visitor Center located in downtown Whitehorse.
- Stop at the Beringia Center, Yukon Transportation Museum, Mac Bride Museum or take in one of the historic walking tours of Whitehorse offered by the Yukon Historical and Museum Association.
- King salmon/coho can be seen during July and August at the Yukon River Fish Ladder.

Scenic Touring

- Driving to Dawson City? Stop at Lake Laberge or Five Finger Rapids. Both these natural features presented challenges to sternwheeler navigation.
- In Dawson City visit the S.S. Keno National Historic Site. This vessel worked in tandem with the S.S. Klondike on the Stewart River transporting silver lead ore to Whitehorse.

Whitehorse



S.S. Klondike National Historic Site (867) 667-3910

KLUANE NATIONAL PARK AND RESERVE



A gem in the family of Parks Canada's national treasures, Kluane National Park and Reserve, an area of 22,015 sq km/8,550 sq mi, protects the unique wilderness of the North Coast Mountains natural region. It is a land of precipitous, high mountains, immense icefields and lush valleys that yield a diverse array of plant and wildlife species and provides opportunities for a host of outdoor activities.

The Park is home to Mt. Logan (5959m/19,545ft), Canada's highest peak. It contains one of the world's largest non-polar icefields and numerous surging glaciers.

The contiguous protected regions of Kluane National Park and Reserve in Yukon,

Wrangell-St Elias and Glacier Bay National Parks in Alaska and the Tatshenshini-Alsek Park in British Columbia form the largest international protected area in the world. These parklands are recognized and protected as a world heritage site under the UNESCO World Heritage Conventions.

These parklands are also the homeland of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations and the Kluane First Nation. The name "Kluane" is a Southern Tutchone word meaning "big lake". First Nations continue to have access to the park to carry out their traditional activities such as hunting and trapping.

Kluane is co-managed with the Champagne and Aishihik

First Nations. The Kluane First Nation will be included in the management board when their land claims have been settled.

Getting There

Visitors can reach the Haines Junction Visitor Reception Centre, on the eastern boundary of Kluane, by driving west from Whitehorse on the Alaska Highway (160km/100mi) or north from Haines, Alaska on the Haines Road (249km/159mi). Another 72km/45mi west along the Alaska Highway is Parks Canada's Sheep Mountain Visitor Reception Centre.

Making The Most of Your Visit

- For information regarding programs, guided events, fees, reservations and much more, stop in at one of the Visitor Centres.
- The length of visitation varies depending on the activity. Allow several hours to tour the Visitor Centres; a half day to utilize one of Kluane's interpretive trails; a day to enjoy one of the day hiking trails or partake in a flightseeing tour; a week to experience the backcountry; or longer to enjoy route finding, mountaineering or rafting.

- The peak season for enjoying the wilderness is mid-June to mid-August. Earlier or later in the season can bring chilly nights but the reward of solitude is well worth it.
- Plan on camping at beautiful Kathleen Lake campground.
- Kluane's summers, with generally warm weather and long hours of daylight, offer you the chance to extend your hiking day and enjoy wildlife viewing opportunities. Frost or snow may occur at any time of year at higher elevations.
- There are many sights and activities to be enjoyed for those planning shorter stays. Kathleen Lake campground offers a lovely day use area including a kitchen shelter and boat ramp.

Activities

Scenic touring

Both the Haines Road and the Alaska Highway skirt the boundary of the park, offering viewpoints and exhibits with spectacular mountain vistas. In the vicinity of the Donjek River bridge, km 1822 Alaska Hwy, look for Mt. Steele, Mt. Wood and Mt. Walsh. At a viewpoint 29 km south on the Haines Road you can overlook Kathleen Lake and also see the plaque commemorating the World Heritage Site.



Walking and Hiking

One of the best ways to enjoy the rugged beauty of Kluane is on foot. Kluane offers over 200 km of trails and hundreds of kilometers of route finding possibilities covering all degrees of difficulty. Licensed guides are available for day or overnight trips. Activities can include interpretive walks or strenuous hikes.

Bear proof food canisters are mandatory on some trails. Please stop in at one of Kluane's visitor centres for more information or to register if you are planning an overnight trip.

Mountaineering

Kluane is known for its many challenging climbs, attracting mountaineers from all over the world. All climbers must apply several months in advance and are required to register with the Warden Service.

Plants and Wildlife

Kluane's vegetation ranges from boreal forest to the treeless tundra. The tundra is most spectacular in summer when 200 species of alpine flowers bloom in a flourish of color.

This wilderness area is home to grizzly and black bears, Dall sheep, mountain goats, moose, caribou and a wide array of smaller animals.

Birdwatching

Observers have identified 150 species of birds in the park, 118 of which are known to nest within its boundaries.

Birdwatching has increased in popularity over the past few years, with June being the best month to enjoy the sounds of birdsong in the forest just outside your tent, motorhome, hotel window or beside the rest area where you have stopped for lunch.

Park staff can give you a better idea of viewing possibilities.



Interpretive Services

Haines Junction is the site of the main park visitor reception centre, offering displays, information and an audio visual show. The centre is open year round, with limited hours in the winter.

The Sheep Mountain Centre focuses on Kluane's most abundant large mammal Dall sheep. Sheep are usually seen from the viewing deck or the highway from September to mid-May. The centre is open for summer only.

Park interpreters are available to help you discover Kluane and its rich diversity of cultural and natural heritage, including First Nations' traditional use of the area. Activities include programs, guided walks and special events.

Camping

Camping is available at Kathleen Lake, 20 minutes drive from Haines Junction. Facilities include 41 sites, a kitchen shelter, pump water, firewood, washroom, boat launch, a short boardwalk and picnic facilities. Two campsites, the kitchen shelter and washrooms are wheelchair accessible. Self-registration is in effect.

Please check in at one of the visitor centres to register for backcountry camping. Permits and fees are required.

Cycling

A number of old mining roads in the Kluane area, as well as abandoned sections of the Alaska Highway in the adjacent Kluane Wildlife Sanctuary are ideal for mountain biking.

The Haines Highway is a popular long distance route, hosting an annual bike relay race.

Water Activities

Non-motorized watercraft are welcome on all bodies of water in Kluane. Motorized boats are restricted to Kathleen and Mush Lakes.

Boat users should use caution on all lakes due to the extremely cold water temperatures and strong winds that arise without warning.

Rafting

Rafting down the Alsek, a Canadian Heritage River, continues to be one of the more popular activities in Kluane. Both commercial outfitters, offering 3 to 14 day trips, and private parties must have a permit. A quota system exists and longer trips may need to be booked a year in advance.

Fishing

Lake and rainbow trout, arctic grayling and kokanee are a few of the species that attract anglers.

Catch and release is encouraged. Anglers must have a national park fishing license.

Horseback Riding

Guided trail riding is available in the Kluane area.

Flight Seeing and Landing

Commercial guides offering fixed wing or helicopter tours over the icy heart of Kluane and its majestic peaks provide an experience few people ever forget.

Aircraft are permitted to land in designated areas in support of mountaineers or backcountry expeditions. A landing permit must be obtained in advance.

Winter Activities

Winter has much to offer in Kluane. Cross-country skiing is particularly popular in the areas around and to the south of Haines Junction. Some trails are track set and information is available on trail difficulty, length and condition.

Telemarking, ski touring, ice fishing, snowshoeing, dog sledding and winter camping are other popular activities. Snowmobiling is only allowed on the surface of Kathleen Lake.

For Your Convenience

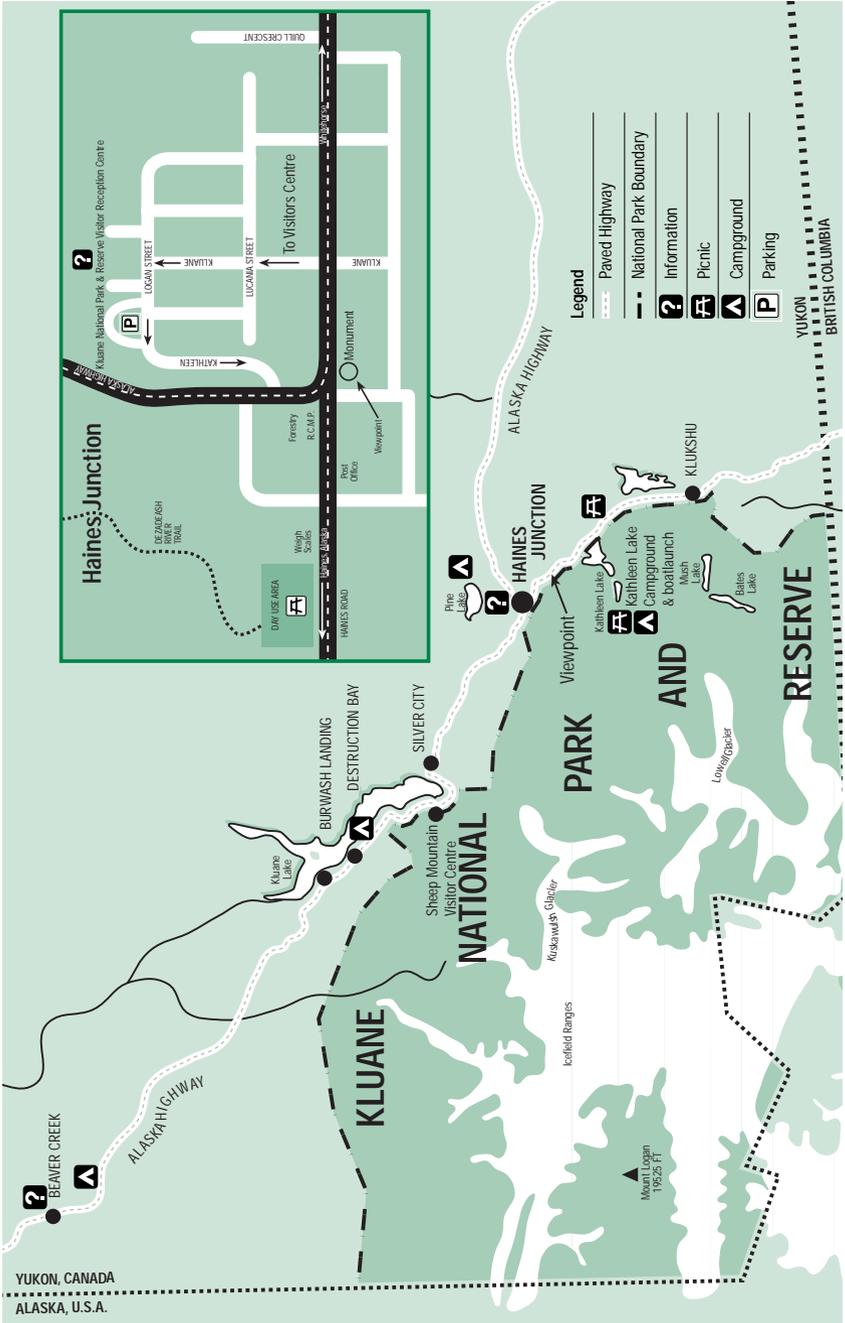
A range of food, accommodations and services are available in Haines Junction and the surrounding area.

Nearby Attractions

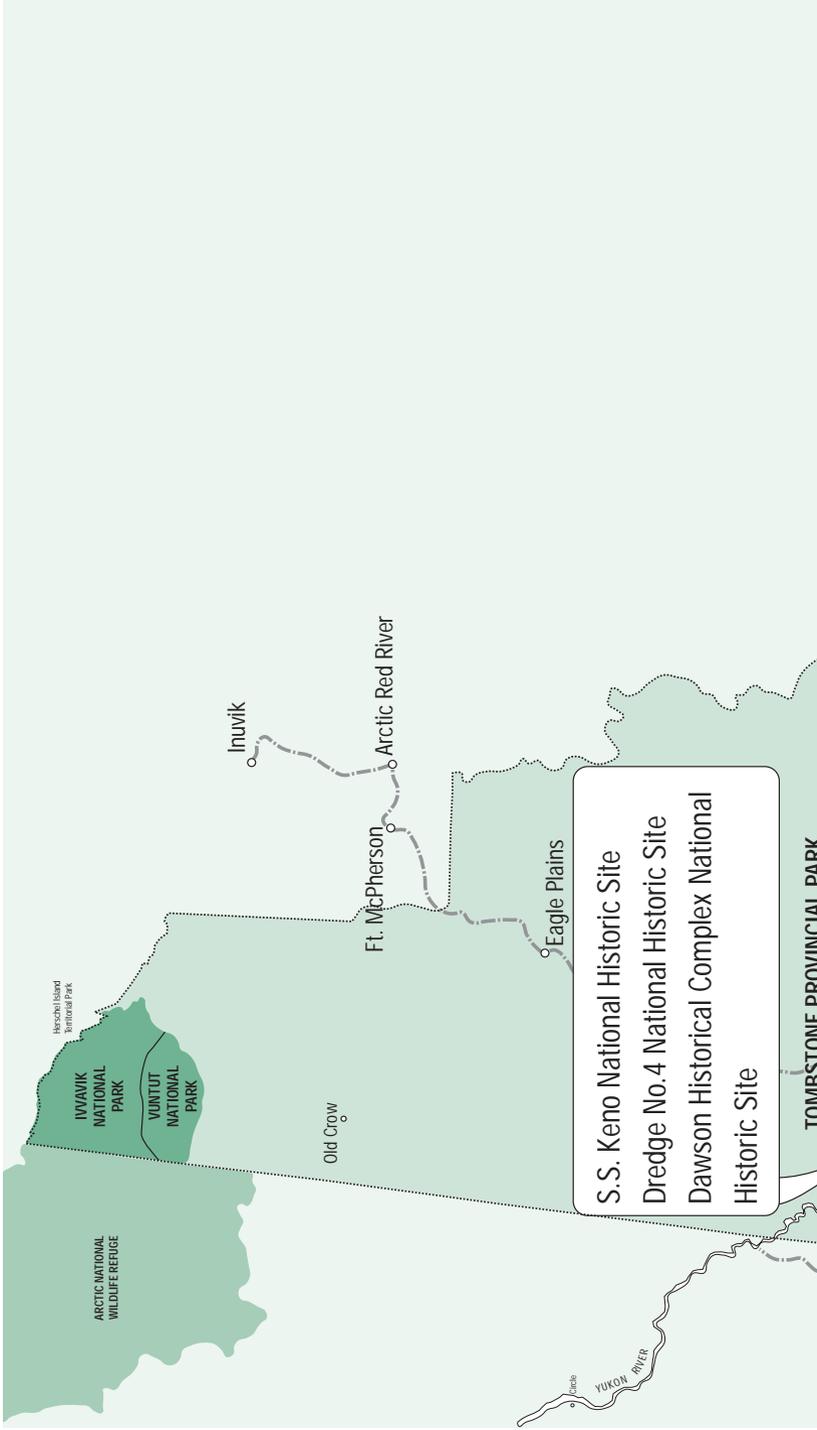
- Kwaday Dan Kenji (km 1,562 Alaska Hwy)
- Burwash Museum (Burwash Landing)
- Village Square (Haines Junction)

Kluane National Park and Reserve

Kluane National Park and Reserve (867) 634-7250



Yukon and Northern British Columbia National Parks and Sites



DAWSON HISTORICAL COMPLEX

NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE



.. home of the Great Klondike Gold Rush of 1898

In 1896, gold was accidentally discovered on a tributary of the Klondike River that became known as Bonanza Creek. A staking rush ensued as prospectors from the shores of the Yukon River stampeded to the banks of the creek. News of the strike hit a gold hungry world. An estimated 100,000 gold seekers left their families and homes for the Klondike. What was for most, the greatest adventure of their lives, took over a year to complete with an estimated 40,000 lucky enough to arrive in boom town Dawson City.

Within three years a handful had won fortunes from the muck.

The last great gold rush in Canada's history is kept alive in Dawson City, a complex of heritage buildings where past and present mingle.

Getting There

By road:

From Whitehorse the Klondike Highway takes the visitor on a 550 km journey through the heart of the Yukon. The Yukon River Valley provides the visitor with both incredible scenery and history.

Commercial carriers provide bus service to Dawson from Whitehorse. The Taylor and Top of the World highways provide access to Dawson from Alaska. Check with Canada or U.S. Customs for hours of operation.

By air:

Regular air service to Dawson is provided from Whitehorse and other points in Alaska.

By water:

The truly adventurous can navigate the stampeder's route on the Yukon River from Whitehorse to Dawson. Allow 10 to 14 days for the historic and scenic voyage.

Making the Most of Your Visit

- Be sure to stop by the Visitor Reception Centre where attendants in period costume will assist you in planning your stay in Dawson, providing you with up to date information on programs, local activities, events and attractions. View the exhibits and audio-visual presentations and talk with our friendly staff about all that the Klondike has to offer.

Activities

Interpretation

- **The Commissioner's Residence Tour** (30-45 min)

This tour allows you to experience the restored grandeur of the Commissioner's Residence. From 1900 to 1916, this mansion was the official residence of the Yukon's federal government representative, the Commissioner of the Yukon. The mansion was re-opened in 1996 and is a restoration masterpiece!

- **Town Walking Tours**

(1.5 hrs)

Venture into 100 years of Dawson City history: from mining camp to boom town and beyond! Knowledgeable guides entertain and inform. It's an hour and half walk

around the town core highlighting some of the history and characters of Dawson City. An audio tape is available in English, French and German.

- **Palace Grand Theatre Tour** (30 - 45 min)

This replica of Arizona Charlie's 1899 frontier opera house was once a magnet that drew the lonely miners from the creeks. View all 3 floors and the leading actress' apartment.

- **Robert Service Cabin**

This two-room log cabin, set amidst the willows and the alders has long been a visitor attraction. Here Robert W. Service, bard of the Klondike, lived from 1909 to 1912. The cabin is open for viewing and a presentation and reading are offered twice daily.

- **"Afternoon Tea" at the Commissioner's Residence**

Two hours of entertainment that start by joining "Martha Black" and her guests for tea on the veranda and ends with a private tour of the residence.

General

- **Dawson City and the Klondike Area**

Visit the many museums, the Tr'ondek Hwech'in First Nation cultural center and camp. Enjoy live theatre, gold panning, gambling, hiking, camping, fishing, canoeing, and golfing.

- **The Dawson City Museum**

Early mining history and portraits of early Dawson life are presented through exhibits including a steam locomotive. Track down your ancestors; a register of gold seekers is available to the public.



- **The “Gaslight Follies”**

Live theater is performed nightly in the Palace Grand Theater. Reservations are highly recommended.

- **Diamond Tooth Gerties**

A place where visitors and locals alike gather to try their luck at the gambling tables and enjoy the nightly entertainment.

Most attractions and facilities are open by the second week of May with the peak season from mid-June to mid - August. It is easier to get accommodations during May and September but reservations are still recommended.

Scenic Touring

- **Klondike Highway**

From Whitehorse travel through the scenic Yukon Valley which crosses the Pelly and Stewart Rivers. Stop at Montague House, an early day roadhouse, “Five Fingers Rapids” and the “Tintina Trench”.

- **Circle Route**

Dawson City is part of a touring loop which takes you through many miles of scenic highways including the “Top of the World Highway”.



- **Midnight Dome**

Drive to the summit of the Midnight Dome for a panoramic view of Dawson City and of the Klondike and Yukon River Valleys. You haven't seen Dawson unless you drive to the Dome.

- **Retracing the Gold Rush Stampede**

Hike the Chilkoot Trail and canoe the headwaters of the Yukon River from Bennett, British Columbia to Dawson City. Only experienced canoeists and hikers should attempt this adventure.

Walking and Hiking

- Take a stroll down 8th Ave.'s "Writers Row", past the homes of Robert Service, Pierre Berton, and Jack London.
- There are trails in and around Dawson. Check at the Visitor Reception Centre for details.

S.S. KENO NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

S.S. Keno National Historic Site (867) 993-7221



The S.S. Keno survives as one of the many sternwheelers which plied the lakes and rivers of the Yukon. Prior to air or road service, the sternwheelers were the very lifeblood of the Yukon's economic and social life. They brought everything from news and people to groceries and mining equipment from the outside to the territory.

The S.S. Keno is dry docked in downtown Dawson City, harkening back to the days when the Dawson waterfront played a vital role in the development of the Yukon, Dawson City and the Klondike gold fields. Fully stabilized, the sternwheeler is a unique feature of the historic streetscape.

Getting There

(See section on Dawson Historical Complex N.H.S.)

Making the most of your visit

- Be sure to take in the Town Walking Tour, which covers the story of the waterfront and the history of the S.S. Keno.

Activities

- **Town Walking Tours**
(1.5 hours)
Venture into 100 years of Dawson City history: From mining camp to boom town with bustling waterfront and

beyond! Knowledgeable guides entertain and inform. An hour and a half walk around the town core highlights some of the history and character of Dawson City. An audio tape is available in English, French and German.

- **S.S. Keno Grand Opening Celebrations**

The final phase of the structural stabilization will be completed in the summer of 2001. Join us in a celebration of the S. S. Keno. Check in at the Visitor Reception Centre for a schedule of special activities and events.

Attractions

- **Sternwheeler Kiosk**

Located near the S.S. Keno, this panel display illustrates the history of river transportation in the Yukon through photographs and text.

- **Sternwheeler Exhibit - Dawson City Visitor Reception Centre**

This exhibit offers a glimpse into daily life on the sternwheelers through anecdotes, artifacts and photographs.

- **“The Last Voyage of the Keno”**

Take time out to view the CBC film “The Last Voyage of the Keno.” In 1962, the S.S. Keno was refurbished and sailed down river to its final resting spot in Dawson City. This film tracks the journey down the Yukon. Check in at the Visitor Reception Centre in Dawson for current show times.

For more information on things to see and do while in the Klondike district, see the Dawson Historical Complex and Dredge No.4 National Historic Sites portion of this vacation planner.

Scenic Touring

- Driving to Whitehorse? Stop at Lake Laberge or Five Finger Rapids. Both these natural features presented challenges to sternwheeler navigation. In Whitehorse, make sure you take a tour aboard the big sister of the Keno, the S.S. Klondike. This fully furnished sternwheeler was the largest of a fleet that once numbered over one hundred vessels.

DREDGE No.4 NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

After 1898, the influx of miners into the Klondike subsided and mining corporations began to buy up individual claims. The consolidated claims were worked with large equipment such as gold dredges. Dredge No.4, which mined the Klondike Valley and later Bonanza Creek, was the largest dredge of its kind in North America. Dredge No.4 represents the culmination of decades of adapting technology to meet the needs of mining in permafrost conditions. For many mining companies, dredge technology was the preferred means of gold extraction. Dredges

processed large quantities of ore and had a 90 percent recovery rate for gold. At its peak it produced 22.7 kg (800 oz) per day.

Getting There

By road:

Dredge No.4 is located 12.3 km (7.8 miles) up Bonanza Creek Road just outside Dawson City.

Making the Most of Your Visit

- Gold mining still thrives in The Klondike Gold Fields. Drive the Bonanza Creek Road and take in the many points of interests.

Dredge No.4 National Historic Site



DREDGE No.4 N.H.S. Dawson City

- Some working gold mines offer tours and gold panning.
- Pan for gold at Claim No.6, located on the Bonanza Creek road past Dredge No.4 and Discovery Claim. Panning is restricted to hand tools only. Bring your own gold pan or rent from one of the local businesses.

Activities

Interpretation

- **Dredge No.4 Tour** (1 hr.)
A tour which allows you to explore the massive machine, the largest wooden hulled, bucket line gold dredge in North America. The tour includes an audio - visual presentation on the restoration of this significant historic site.
- **Hands-On Demonstration of Early Mining Techniques** (0.5 hr.)
Visit Discovery Claim, the site of the first strike, and join in on a half hour hands-on demonstration on the use of a rocker box.

- **Bear Creek Gold Room and Compound Tour** (1 hr.)

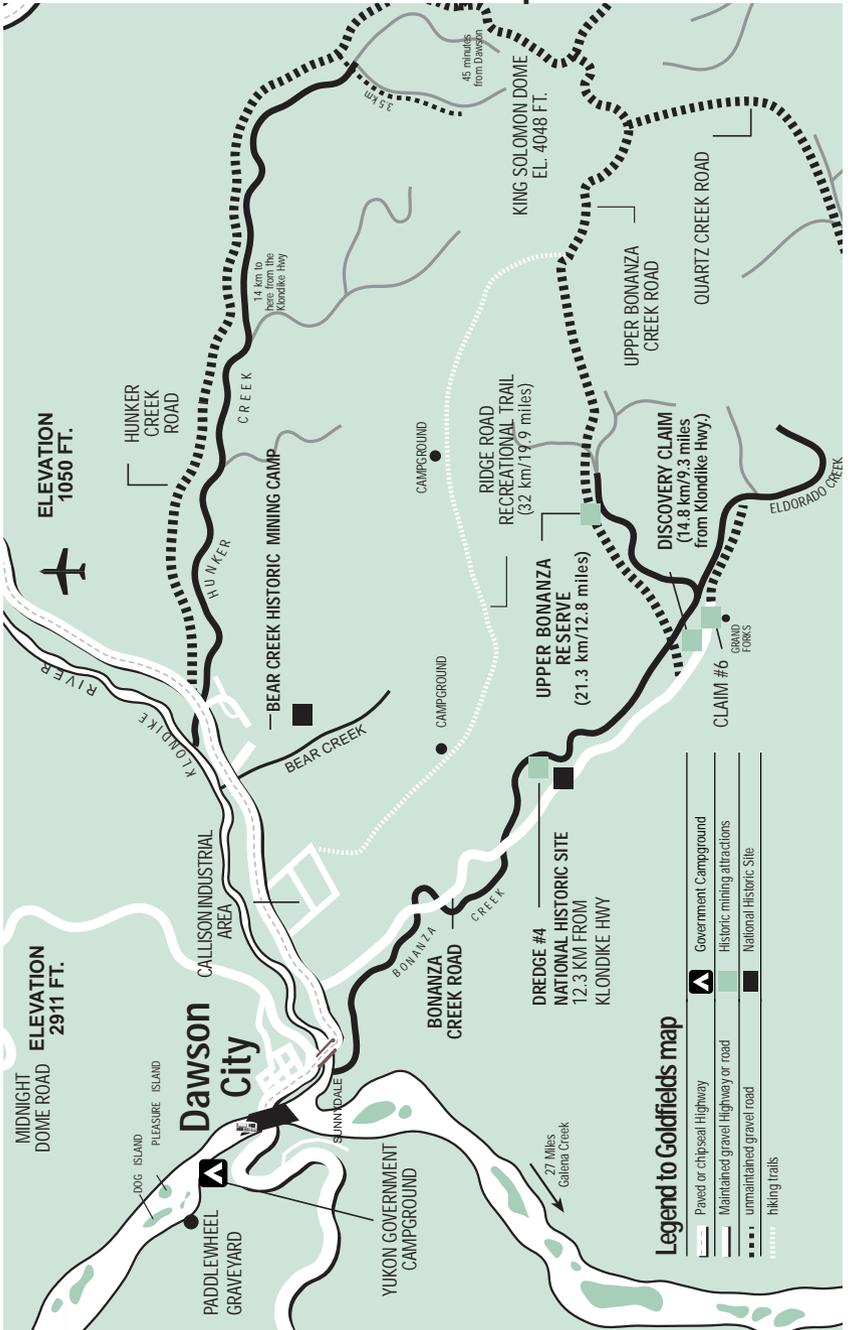
Tour this mining support camp and see historic buildings and mining machinery from 1905 to 1966. Learn about the evolution of the gold mining industry from the Klondike Gold Rush to the present.

Walking and Hiking

- **Take a hike along the Ridge Road Heritage trail** (31 km)

The Ridge Road follows the abandoned Klondike Mines Railway line. Built in 1899 it was the first government built road in the Yukon and was a major supply route to the mines on Dominion and Sulphur Creeks.

Goldfields Map



Vuntut National Park



Vuntut National Park, established in 1995, protects 4345 km² of land including portions of the Old Crow flats and surrounding foothills and mountains. In 1982 the Old Crow Flats were designated under the Ramsar Convention as a wetland of international importance. Vuntut National Park along with Ivvavik National Park in the Yukon and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska represent international efforts to protect the homeland of the Porcupine Caribou Herd.

Half a million birds use the Old Crow Flats each year to breed, molt or stage. Muskrats are also plentiful, inhabiting the numerous shallow lakes and ponds throughout the flats. Other wildlife found in

the park may include grizzly bears, wolves, wolverine, marten, mink, foxes, caribou, moose, muskox, lynx, ground squirrels, songbirds and raptors.

The park area has been part of the traditional territory of the Vuntut Gwitchin for centuries. Although no communities or year-round homes are found within the park boundary, the land and its resources are continuously used during the seasonal pursuit of traditional activities by the Vuntut Gwitchin. They still depend on the area and its resources to provide a subsistence lifestyle.

The entire park was part of Beringia, a non-glaciated refugium for plants and animals during the Pleistocene

ice age. Nearly the entire span of Pleistocene time is represented in the fossil records and includes fossils of mammals such as horse, woolly mammoth, bison, camel, giant beaver and scimitar cat.

Getting There:

Vuntut National Park is located north of the remote community of Old Crow, Yukon. Old Crow is situated 95 km north of the Arctic Circle. There is no road access to the community. The closest road is the Dempster highway which is about 175 km from Old Crow. There is scheduled air service between Old Crow, Whitehorse, Dawson City and Inuvik, Northwest Territories. The park is located 60 km by air or 190 km by river north of the community of Old Crow.

Making the Most of Your Visit

Careful planning is the key to an enjoyable visit. Contact the Vuntut National Park office in Old Crow for important pre-trip planning information.

April through September are the best times to visit the park. Note: the bugs can be extremely plentiful in late June and July.

There are no facilities or services of any kind in the park.

Activities

The park offers pristine wilderness for seasoned self-sufficient travelers. Back country opportunities range from canoeing and hiking to winter ski-touring. The park is situated north of the Arctic Circle. Visitors can experience 24 hours of sunlight during parts of the summer.

Although there are no developed hiking trails in the park, hiking opportunities are limitless. You can travel almost anywhere along the mountains and ridges. Hiking through the tussocks in the valley bottoms however, can be challenging.

Park use permits are required for overnight visits to the park. As well, all aircraft landing in the park are required to have an aircraft landing permit. Both of these permits can be obtained in the Vuntut National Park office in Old Crow.

Safety Considerations

Visitors must be self-sufficient and able to handle any medical or wildlife related emergencies on their own. Search and rescue operations are basic and there can be lengthy delays due to weather and availability of aircraft.

Many natural hazards exist. These may include inclement weather, dense concentrations of biting insects and wildlife encounters.

Ivvavik and Vuntut National Parks Map

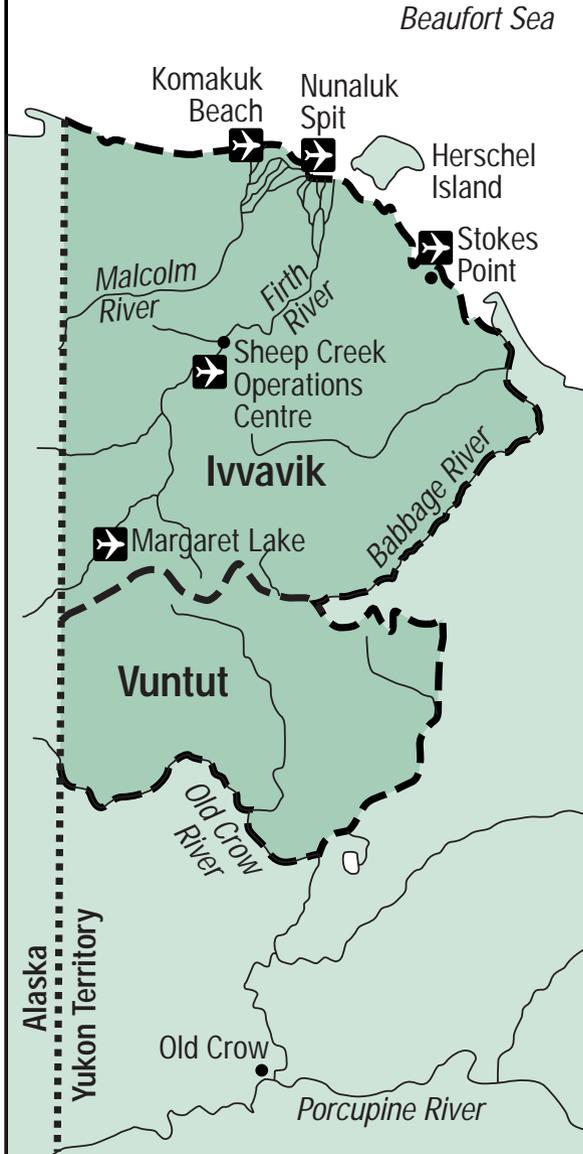
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Designated Air Access



National Park Boundary



Ivvavik National Park

Ivvavik National Park was established in 1984 to protect the calving and feeding grounds of the Porcupine caribou herd.

The Park encompasses a variety of arctic and sub-arctic ecosystems in the northern Yukon. Its terrain ranges from mountains, foothills, and river valleys, to the coastal plain and the Beaufort Sea.

Ivvavik is also a traditional homeland for the Inuvialuit of the region, who have relied on the caribou for sustenance for thousands of years. Today, the Inuvialuit play an important part in cooperative management of the park, ensuring ongoing maintenance of their harvesting traditions.

Getting There

Access to Ivvavik National Park is by air charter from Inuvik, Northwest Territories, located 200 kilometres away. Designated landing sites must be used, and a park use permit is required. Inuvik has daily air service from southern Canada and may also be reached via the Dempster Highway.

Making the Most of Your Visit

- It is recommended that your visit take place in the summer months.
- There are no visitor facilities, services, or campgrounds in the park.
- Contact the Government of the Northwest Territories Parks and Tourism branch at (867) 777-7237 for information on attractions and services in Inuvik.

Activities

Rafting & Kayaking

Whitewater rafting on the Firth River is the most popular recreational activity in Ivvavik. Kayaking is also possible, although more difficult. There are 130 kilometres of navigable river, from Margaret Lake, to the Beaufort Sea.

Because the difficulty levels range from class 1 to class 4, only highly experienced whitewater enthusiasts should attempt these trips. Guided trips are available for less experienced river adventurers. Contact the park office for a list of licensed river outfitters.

Please note that reservations are required for Firth River trips. Contact the park office for details.

Camping

Low-impact backcountry camping is part of the Ivvavik experience. Campers should bring a camp-stove and fuel, as fires are not permitted. A park use permit is required.

Hiking

There are no developed trails in Ivvavik, but overland excursions can be made. Contact the park office for route descriptions.

Wildlife Watching

Ivvavik is the summer home of the 160,000+ Porcupine caribou herd. The spring migration, which peaks at the end of May and early June, is truly one of the great wildlife wonders of the world.

Muskox range in the open tundra of the coastal plain, while grizzlies and wolves favor the mountain valleys.

The lakes and deltas of the coastal plain are a bird watchers delight with their rich diversity of both resident and migratory bird species.

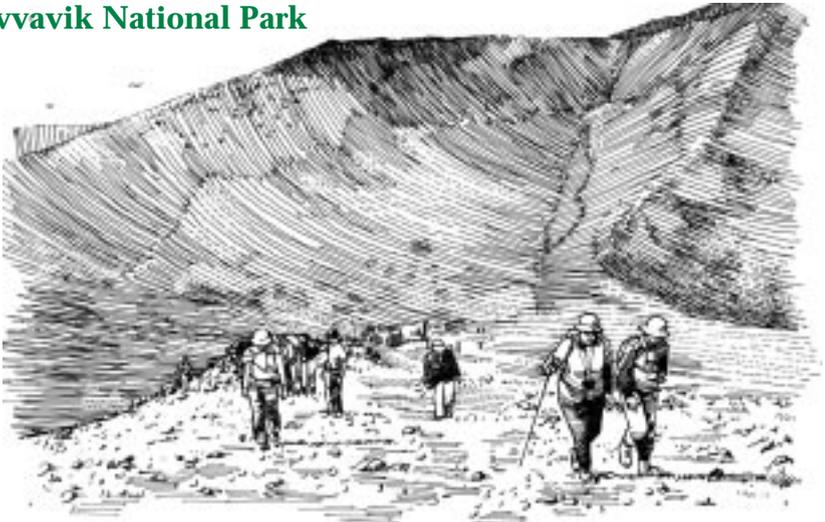
Safety Considerations

Individuals or groups with little or no whitewater or remote wilderness river experience should not attempt a trip on the Firth River without a licensed guide or outfitter.

Many Natural hazards exist. These may include inclement weather, possibility of flash floods, varying water levels, cold water temperatures, and bear encounters.

Visitors traveling in the park must carry appropriate gear and be self-reliant and able to handle medical or wildlife related emergencies on their own. It is unlikely that other people will be encountered on a trip to Ivvavik.

Ivvavik National Park



Search and rescue operations are very basic, and there can be lengthy delays due to weather and availability of aircraft. The carrying of a licensed personal locator device is recommended.

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S.S. Keno National Historic Site

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Dredge No.4 National Historic Site

Same as Above
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Parks Partners Package

Includes all tours as in the Parks Canada Package, Gold Panning demonstration at Discovery Claim and entry into the Dawson City Museum.

Offered Mid-June to Mid-Aug.

Adult.....	\$25.00
Youth.....	\$12.50
Child.....	Free
Family.....	\$62.50

(Seasonal packages are also available)

Robert Service Cabin Recitals (daily)

Season & Hours of Operation

May 15 – May 31.....1pm – 5:00pm

June 1 – Aug. 319am – 5:00pm

Sept 1 – Sept. 151pm – 5:00pm

Admission

Adult\$ 6.00

Children 12 and underFree

General Information

Robert Service Cabin

- The above fees are not gazetted Parks Canada fees. The interpretive services are provided by private business.
 - All prices include applicable taxes and are subject to change
 - For more information or to arrange reservation telephone or fax Charlie Davis @ (506) 433 -2138, or contact the site directly during the summer season @ (506) 993-7200.
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Commercial and Large Groups

\$5.00 per person, minimum group size is 20.

Rates, Hours & Camping Information

Parks Canada - Yukon & northern British Columbia

Chilkoot Trail National Historic Site

Operating Season

Hiking from May to September.

Trail Center Hours (Skagway Alaska)

May 29 - Sept 4.....8 am - 4:00 pm
Note: all hours are Alaska time

Backcountry Permit Fees

Adult.....	\$35.00
Youth.....	\$17.50
Seasonal	\$105.00
Reservation fee	\$10.00
Adult Day Pass	\$5.00
Youth Day Pass	\$2.50

Trip Permits

- Reservations are available for hiking the Chilkoot Trail and are highly recommended.
Call 1-800-661-0486, or 1-867-667-3910 for local & overseas Monday through Friday.

Camping Permits (Bennett City Only)

Per tent per night\$ 10.00

Payment

Cash, Visa, MasterCard,
and travelers cheques.

General Information

All rates are per person

- Children 15 and under are defined as youth
- Maximum group size is 12, with one large group permitted per day.
- A maximum of 50 trip permits are issued per day.
- All prices include applicable taxes.
- All information is subject to change
- Proposed 2001 fees will increase, as follows:
Adult \$40.00, Youth \$20.00, Reservation \$11.00.

S.S. Klondike National Historic Site

Season & Hours of Operation

May 15 - June 119am - 6:00pm
June 12 - Aug. 219am - 7:30pm
Aug. 22 - Sept. 89am - 6:00pm
Sept.9 - Sept.159am - 3:00pm

Admission (daily)

Adults.....	\$4.00
Senior	\$3.50
Student	\$2.50
Family.....	\$10.00

Commercial and Large Groups

\$2.25 per person, minimum group size is 12.



Payment

Cash, Visa, MasterCard,
and travelers cheques.

General Information

- The above S.S. Klondike fees are not gazetted Parks Canada fees. The interpretive services are provided by private business.
- Students are defined as under 18 years or with student cards
- All prices include applicable taxes and are subject to change
- For more information or to arrange reservation telephone or fax Mike's North @ (867) 667-7039, or contact the site directly during the summer season @ (867) 667-4511.

Kluane National Park and Reserve

Operating Season:

Open year round with full services May to September

Visitor Centre Hours:

Haines Junction Visitor Centre

Mid-May – mid-Sept. 8am – 8pm
Mid-Sept.- mid-May 10am - 4pm

Sheep Mountain Visitor Centre

Mid-May – mid-Sept. 9am – 5pm

Backcountry Permits:

\$5.00 per night (\$50 annual) -
adult

Interpretive Events:

Guided walk:

Adult\$5.00
Youth\$2.00
Family\$12.00

Guided hike:

Adult\$10.00
Youth\$3.00
Family\$25.00

Camping:

\$10.00 per night
\$12.00 with firewood

Fishing Licenses:

Daily

Resident.....\$4.00
Non-resident.....\$5.00

Weekly

Resident.....\$6.00
Non-resident.....\$20.00

Annual

Resident.....\$15.00
Non-resident.....\$35.00

Dawson Historical Complex National Historic Site

Operating Season

Open year-round with full services available last week of May to Mid-Sept.

Visitor Reception Center Hours

Mid-May – Sept.....8am - 8:00pm

Interpretive Tours & Activities (individual fees)

Fees are per activity for the following interpretive offerings; Guided Town Walking tours, Audio Tours, Commissioner's Residence and Palace Grand Theatre.

Admission

Adult.....	\$5.00
Youth	\$2.50
Child.....	Free
Family.....	\$12.50

**Commissioner's Residence Fees
"Afternoon Tea"**

(Available Mid-June to Mid-Aug)

Admission

Adult.....	\$20.00
Youth.....	\$10.00
Child.....	Free
Family.....	\$50.00

**Dredge No.4 National
Historic Site and other
attractions**

Operating Season

Open last week of May – Mid-Sept.

Tours & Activities

Fees are per activity for the following interpretive offerings; Dredge No.4, Bear Creek and Discovery Claim.

Admission

Adult.....	\$5.00
Youth.....	\$2.50
Child.....	Free
Family.....	\$12.50

General Information

**For Dawson Historical Complex
and Dredge No.4 National
Historic Sites and other
attractions.**

- Children 6 to 16 are defined as youth
- Children 5 and under are defined as child

- Family is defined as 2 adults with dependent children
- All prices include applicable taxes.
- All information is subject to change

Commissioner's Tea

- Seating is limited so you must pre-book in advance at the Visitor Reception Center or call (867) 993-5566

**Commercial Tour Rate for
interpretive events per activity**

\$3.00 per person, minimum group size is 10 (driver & guide complimentary)

Payment

Cash, Visa, MasterCard, and travelers cheques.

**Special Interpretive
Admission Package**

Parks Canada Package

Include one time admission to the following interpretive programs: Dredge No.4, Bear Creek Complex, Palace Grand Theatre, Town Walking Tour, Commissioner's Residence, Recital at Robert Service Cabin

Offered Mid-May to Mid-Sept.

Adult.....	\$20.00
Youth.....	\$10.00
Child.....	Free
Family.....	\$50.00

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