



Ivvavik
National Park



Get Packing

What to know before you go!



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What does Parks Canada provide?

- Accommodation in prospector tents* with single bunk beds** or a queen-size bed** (mattresses and sheets provided).
* optional Mountaineering tents also available
** limited availability
- Treated drinking water
- Flush toilets
- Hot shower
- Biodegradable hand soap, body wash, shampoo and conditioner
- Bear-safe storage, garbage and water disposal
- Bear deterrents
- Perimeter bear fence
- Hiking poles
- Field guides
- Use of the common facilities such as the cookhouse, screened porch and outside deck

Catered trips only

- meals and snacks

What should I pack?

- Duffle bag or backpack to carry your gear
- Small daypack for hikes
- Sturdy waterproof hiking boots with strong ankle support
- Light shoes or sandals for camp and creek crossings
- Sleeping bag rated to -5 or -10 °C (a sheet liner adds warmth on cold nights and comfort on hot nights)
- Water container (2-3 litres) to carry on hikes
- Your favourite travel mug
- Light, weather-proof jacket and pants for wind and precipitation (e.g. GoreTex)
- Warm middle layer for top and bottom (e.g. fleece)
- Merino wool or synthetic base layer for top and bottom (e.g. long underwear)
- Underwear
- Comfortable hiking socks for each day
- Warm hat and gloves/mitts
- Sunhat, sunscreen & chapstick
- Bug jacket and/or repellent
- Small personal first aid kit
- Personal toiletries and medications (shampoo, conditioner and soap are provided)
- a towel for showering and a bathing suit for swimming
- Sleep mask (if midnight sun will disturb your sleep)
- Earplugs (in case of snoring)
- Other equipment such as binoculars, camera*, fishing rod, GPS, satellite devices, etc.

*Note: We do have a modest power supply for charging cameras.



Independent Trip?

Guests on independent trips should also bring:

- All their meals and snacks
- GPS and/or compass for hiking

What if I forget something?

Inuvik has some amenities where you can purchase last minute items;

- Grocery store
- Drug store
- Clothing store
- Convenience store



What will we be doing?

CONNECTING WITH CULTURE

Connections to the land go back generations. Listen to your Inuvialuit hosts recall stories from their ancestors and learn why their land is so important. Lessons of traditional harvesting, food and culture will be discovered throughout your visit. Experience Ivvavik through an elders eyes.

HIKING

There are no marked trails and the terrain varies from dry, fairly flat to wet hummocky, with some steep sections. Most hikes have no accessible water sources.

Bring at least two litres of water on each hike. We recommend hiking in groups.

Review some of the available hikes online at parksCanada.ca/ivvavik

FISHING

Guests wishing to fish in the park will need to purchase a Parks Canada fishing licence at the Parks Canada office in Inuvik. Cost: \$34.30 for an annual permit or \$9.80 for a daily permit.

There will be an opportunity to purchase Fishing Licenses at the Parks Canada office during the safety briefing.

For more information see the Fishing Regulation brochure online at parksCanada.ca/ivviavik

What if the trip gets cancelled?

The following cancellation policies apply when booking a base camp trip. Please ensure that you read and understand the conditions of these trips. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

VISITOR CANCELLATIONS

If a reservation is cancelled by the traveller, the following policy and guidelines apply:

- More than 90 days prior to departure date = full refund
- From 90 to 14 days prior to departure date = 50% refund
- Fewer than 14 days prior to departure date = no refund

PARKS CANADA CANCELLATIONS

Weather delays and flight cancellations are possible when travelling in the Arctic. Every effort will be made to reschedule should these situations arise according to these policy guidelines:

- If a flight is delayed due to weather or other circumstances, the trip will be placed on standby, travellers notified, and the next available flight will be used. Trips will not be extended if days are missed, however the backcountry use fee will be reduced accordingly.
- Trips will be cancelled and refunds issued if the group has not been able to enter the park by 36 hours prior to noon of the trip's end date.
- When a group is prevented from leaving Ivvavik because of flight delays, they will not be charged additional backcountry use fees for additional days in the park. If the Ivvavik-to-Inuvik flight is

delayed to within 36 hours of noon on the planned start date of the next scheduled trip, the group in Ivvavik may be required to wait for the flight associated with the next scheduled trip to depart.

- This "36 hour policy" is intended to manage some of the difficulty of weather delays. We hope to ensure that all participants experience a minimum of one full day in the park between travel days, while avoiding empty charter flight legs that would increase costs to all participants. Multiple-day weather delays are very rare in June and July, but we need to ensure appropriate expectations for all visitors in order to share charter flights and manage trip costs.
- When flights are delayed, Parks Canada staff will keep visitors informed about the trip status. When flight delays prevent visitors from leaving the park as planned, Parks Canada staff will provide assistance, including access to communication equipment when possible, to enable visitors to contact airlines and modify their flight bookings as needed. However, Parks Canada assumes no responsibility or liability for any fees or losses associated with flight delays.



Public Safety

All visitors to Ivvavik National Park are required to attend a safety briefing at the Parks Canada office the day before their flight into the park. A bear safety briefing is also provided at the base camp.

BEAR SAFETY

- Grizzly bears are fairly common along the Firth River.
- At Imniarvik Base Camp we work to reduce attractants by keeping a clean camp and following guidelines.
- A bear safety briefing is provided at the base camp, and bear deterrents are provided if requested.
- Designated Parks Canada staff are trained to use firearms for wildlife conflict management in the unlikely event that it's needed.

HIKING SAFETY

The Firth River corridor contains steep cliffs and embankments, and the Firth River is a fast running, cold water river. Safety practices must be followed when travelling along the corridor.

There are no marked trails. If you plan to hike on your own, bring a satellite phone, pack a map, compass and GPS unit and make sure you know how to use them. Parks Canada can provide maps of the area and GPS waypoints for routes.

Although there have not been any reported human cases of giardiasis (giardia) in Ivvavik, Giardia microbes are present in the park, guests are advised to filter, treat or boil all drinking water.

SEVERE ALLERGIES

Imniarvik is a "nut free" base camp. If you bring food with you, please ensure they are peanut/nut free or are not a by-product of peanut/nuts.

For more safety information please review the following brochures online;

- *Regulations Summary: National Parks and Historic Sites in Canada's Western Arctic*
- *Parks Canada Bear Safety in Western Arctic National Parks*

www.pc.gc.ca/en/pn-np/yt/ivvavik/visit/

Have more questions?

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