



Nááts'ihch'oh
National Park Reserve

THE LITTLE NAHANNI

RIVER
Trip Planner



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THE MOUNTAINS HAVE KEPT THE MUSIC

Welcome to Our Home

"It's almost like the mountains have kept the music. When you go up the river by boat you can feel the spirit of our ancestors and you can feel the powerful feeling from the mountains. It's so majestic. It's so overwhelming.

...And we've had stories about our people where they dance their drum dances. There are rings where they've worn into the ground. There are places where they used to dance after a good celebration and a good kill, or maybe after they'd built their mooseskin boat and they would celebrate."

- Ethel Blondin-Andrew

For generations of Dene and Metis people, Nááts'ihch'oh was and is a rich harvesting area. They still travel the land in the park, and welcome you to their home.



NÁÁTS'IHCH'OH

THE MOUNTAIN THAT IS
SHARP LIKE A PORCUPINE



Mount Nááts'ihch'oh (Mount Wilson)

Nááts'ihch'oh is the name of this mountain in the Shúhtagot'ine language. It refers to its unique shape - sharp and pointed like a porcupine quill.

The Shúhtagot'ine believe that Nááts'ihch'oh is a place of strong spiritual power, which can be bestowed on newborn children. Here, their ancestors would camp while travelling with moose skin boats to see Nááteho, the Nahanni prophet.

Nááts'ihch'oh is the name chosen for the National Park Reserve by the following Elders: Gabriel Horassi, David Yallee Senior, Maurice Mendo, Frederick Clement Senior, Frank Yallee, John Hotti, John B. Hetchinelle, James Bavard, Norman Andrew and Leon Andrew.

As we learn more about the park and its traditional place names, we will be adding these names to our maps and publications. If you have traditional place names to share, please let us know.

TWO PARKS

ONE RIVER

- Mount Nááts'ihch'oh and the Moose Ponds

Nááts'ihch'oh

- Gahnîhthah Mje (Rabbitkettle Lake)

- Nájljicho (Virginia Falls)

Nahanni

- Nahanni Butte

Nahanni and Nááts'ihch'oh

The South Nahanni River flows through two parks and two Dene and Métis territories. Nááts'ihch'oh National Park Reserve is a gift to the people of Canada from the Shúhtagot'ine, the Mountain Dene people of the Sahtu region. Nahanni National Park Reserve is the traditional territory of the Dehcho First Nations.

The boundary between the parks is the border between the Sahtu and Dehcho regions of the Northwest Territories. As you paddle from the Sahtu to the Dehcho, be sure to say Mahsi, the Dene word for thank you.

LITTLE

NAHANNI

RIVER

Little Nahanni River

Guided trips starting at \$4,950

Is this the Nahanni's *Scary Little Sister*? You decide. The Little Nahanni River is 85 kms of intense Class II-IV+ whitewater. The best time to go is mid-June to mid-August. Plan for 8 -12 days to canoe from Flat Lakes to Gahnjnthah Mje (Rabbitkettle Lake) via the South Nahanni River. For a shorter trip, take 3-5 days to paddle from Flat Lakes to the Steel Creek confluence.

National Topographic System Maps

Shelf Lake - 105 I/01
Upper Hyland Lake - 105 I/02
Dozer Lake - 105 I/07





WHAT TO

EXPECT



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YOUR

STORIES

MATTER

Getting To Know the Little Nahanni

Nááts'ihch'oh is a brand new national park.

Only a few groups paddle this river each year, and very little information is available online about the river. This trip planner is based on river notes from our July 26 - August 6, 2015 trip. If you go, please share your stories, photos, and GPS data with us. Your experiences will help us learn about the river and make this trip planner a better one.

The Little Nahanni River is intense whitewater.

If you're looking for 85 kms of thrilling paddling, you've found it. The Little Nahanni River starts with some steep, creekly, intense Class II-III whitewater, and keeps on ripping with plenty of Class III+ rapids until you reach the South Nahanni River.

Crooked Canyon in particular has two Class IV features in it, very few eddies for scouting, and is very difficult to get out of if you decide you should have portaged.

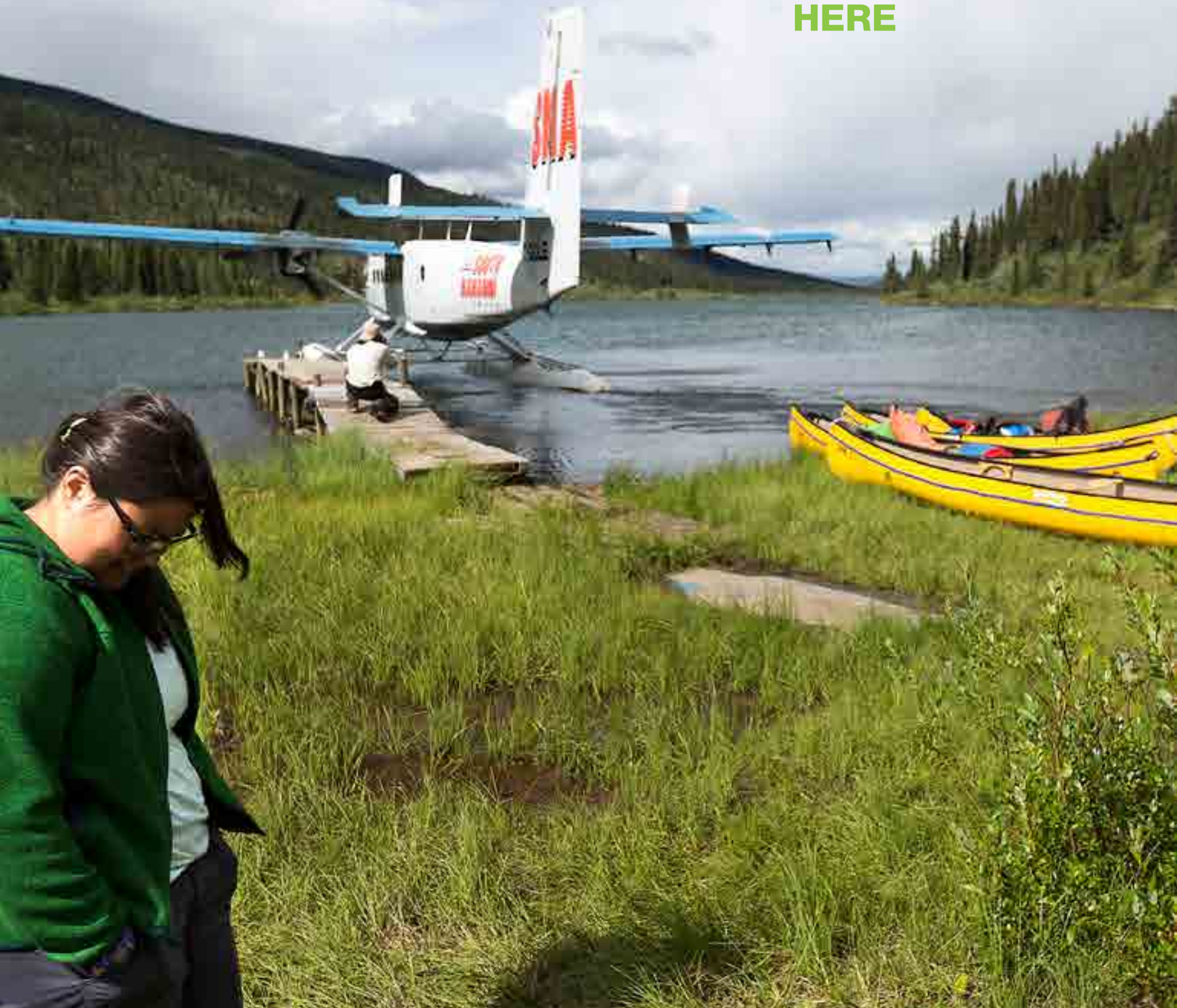
If you're unsure of your or your group's abilities to navigate Crooked Canyon, we recommend starting your trip at the confluence of the Little Nahanni with March Creek or Steel Creek - both accessible from the Howard's Pass Access Road. You will still need to line or portage around The Step (Class V) and encounter plenty of big, technical Class III+ whitewater, but you will save yourself a challenging 2.5 km portage around Crooked Canyon.

Use this guide to supplement the information on the 1:50 000 National Topographic Service maps.

Canada's National Topographic System maps are available for print-on-demand from your favourite map printers. To make ordering easier, we have provided the map numbers for the 1:50 000 maps throughout this planner.



START HERE



Put in at Flat Lakes

Flat Lakes is the place to put in if you're flying in or want the full Little Nahanni experience. Take a day to enjoy the lake, and hike up the ridge for a view overlooking the Yukon.

Alternate put-ins are available along the Howard's Pass Access Road between Flat Lakes and the Steel Creek confluence.

Flat Lakes: 62°04.54'N, 128°24.58'W

National Topographic System Maps

Shelf Lake - 105 I/01

ZENCHUK

CREEK



Flat Lakes to Zenchuk Creek

If you're lucky, you'll see a moose. If you're even luckier, you'll paddle from Flat Lakes into the Little Nahanni River without dragging. If you're like most, you'll paddle and drag your boats towards Zenchuk Creek.

Be prepared to use your camp stove for cooking here. Firewood is limited.

Zenchuk Creek: 62°06.40'N, 128°27.53'W

National Topographic System Maps

Shelf Lake - 105 I/01

HOOK CREEK

Zenchuk Creek to Hook Creek

As a warm up for what's to come, the river continues to wind and build from swift current to Class I/II boulder gardens. If you stop at Hook Creek, hike up along the creek for beautiful views such as this one.

Hook Creek: 62°08.85'N, 128°32.37'W

National Topographic System Maps

Shelf Lake - 105 I/01, Upper Hyland Lake - 105 I/02

STAIRCASE

RAPIDS

Hook Creek to Staircase Rapids

Are you ready for it? Hook Creek to Staircase Rapids is continuous Class II/III technical creeking. And that's just the warm up. Staircase Rapids is a 3 km long Class III+ creek style run. It can be difficult to find good places to stop, but take your time to scout these rapids. Be prepared for wood hazards in the river.

There is a good campsite river-right part way through the Staircase Rapids, and several good camping spots after the rapids.

Staircase Rapids Start: 62°10.92'N, 128°38.89'W

Staircase Rapids End: 62°11.20'N, 128°42.75'W

National Topographic System Maps

Upper Hyland Lake - 105 I/02

A WILD RIDE

Staircase Rapids to Crooked Canyon

From Staircase Rapids to Crooked Canyon, the river widens and slows. The most significant rapids on this stretch are two sets just downstream of the confluence with Fork Creek. Stay alert for wood hazards in the river, especially log jams near the confluence with Mac Creek.

As you approach Crooked Canyon, keep your eyes peeled for a small bay / large eddy on river left. This is the best place to pull out to scout Crooked Canyon or start to portage.

Mac Creek Bridge: 62°12.75'N, 128°46.12'W

Fork Creek Rapids: 62°16.32'N, 128°49.12'W

Crooked Canyon Portage Start: 62°21.15'N, 128°49.84'W

National Topographic System Maps

Upper Hyland Lake - 105 I/02, Dozer Lake 105 I/7

CROOKED

CANYON

Crooked Canyon

Once you're in, you're committed to running this dog leg canyon. We recommend pulling out to scout and/or portage in the large eddy river left before the canyon (coordinates are listed below). If you decide to portage along the Howard's Pass Access Road, you can put back in just downstream of the last ledge in Crooked Canyon, or follow the road to March Creek Bridge and put in upstream of the confluence.

Two significant ledges can create Class IV features in Crooked Canyon. Locations for scouting these features are listed below.

Crooked Canyon Portage Start: 62°21.15'N, 128°49.84'W

Scout spot for first ledge: 62°21.62'N, 128°50.05'W

Scout spot for second ledge: 62°21.99'N, 128°51.01'W

End of Crooked Canyon: 62°21.96'N, 128°51.11'W

March Creek Put In: 62°22.08'N, 128°51.55'W

National Topographic System Maps

Dozer Lake 105 I/7

STEEL

CREEK

Crooked Canyon to Steel Creek

After Crooked Canyon is a 2 km stretch of Class II rapids before the river slows near the confluence with Steel Creek. The confluence with Steel Creek is the last access point to the Howard's Pass Access Road. If you're putting in here, you can follow an old cart trail down to the river. It is just upstream of the confluence, and relatively easy place to put in.

Take note: the topographic map shows this cart trail continuing on the east side of the river towards Lened Creek. At best, this "road" could now be described as twin game trails that fade in and out of visibility. If you were planning a hike to Dozer Lake or Lened Creek, be aware that it will be much more bushwhacking than it looks on the map.

If you're camping on the gravel bar just past the Steel Creek confluence on river right, we recommend an evening stroll along the game trail that runs along the river. This photo was taken from the trail, just downstream of the campsite.

March Creek Rapids Start: 62°22.08'N, 128°51.55'W

March Creek Rapids End: 62°22.54'N, 128°52.41'W

Steel Creek Put In: 62°23.01'N, 128°52.91'W

National Topographic System Maps

Dozer Lake 105 I/7

THE STEP

Steel Creek to The Step

Steel Creek to The Step is one of the prettiest stretches of the Little Nahanni River, and it's full of thrilling rapids. Expect continuous Class II/III with boulders and standing waves for most of the 4 km leading to The Step.

Rated a Class IV+, The Step is one of the Little Nahanni's most famous features. You can line and/or portage around it on river left. Thrill seekers can also choose to put in after the first drop and run the lower part of The Step.

The Step: 62°25.01'N, 128°52.10'W

National Topographic System Maps

Dozer Lake 105 I/7

ROLLER

COASTER



The Step to Second Canyon

Second Canyon promises more Class III whitewater and fantastic photo opportunities. It's a fast, tight line and some big water, but if you're looking to capture exciting images of your trip, this is a great place to try.

Campsites are more difficult to find between Second Canyon and the confluence with the South Nahanni River. Be prepared to grab workable campsites when you can.

Second Canyon Start: 62°26.32'N, 128°52.48'W

Second Canyon End: 62°26.45'N, 128°52.30'W

ALMOST

THERE

Second Canyon to ¿Third Canyon?

A few trip reports reference varying locations as “Third Canyon.” On our trip, we did not find a feature we’d call Third Canyon, though there are some sections of river with high walls on one side. The river widens as it nears the South Nahnni River. Expect long stretches of Class II to III+ rapids with sharp corners, boulders, and large wave trains.

SOUTH

NAHANNI

RIVER



Third Canyon to Moore's Hot Spring

The Little Nahanni is 85 kms of intense whitewater - and you made it! Now it's time to take a breather, admire the Vampire Peaks of the Ragged Range, and enjoy the relative calm of the South Nahanni River.

Moore's Cabin is worth a stop to see the collection of tiny paddles previous groups have left as record of their adventures. It is tucked in away from the river on river left, upstream of the hot springs. See the South Nahanni River Touring Guide for more information.

Confluence: 62°28.57'N, 128°37.57'W

Moore's Hot Spring: 62°20.30'N, 128°08.00'W

MOORE'S

HOT SPRING

Moore's Hot Spring to Broken Skull River

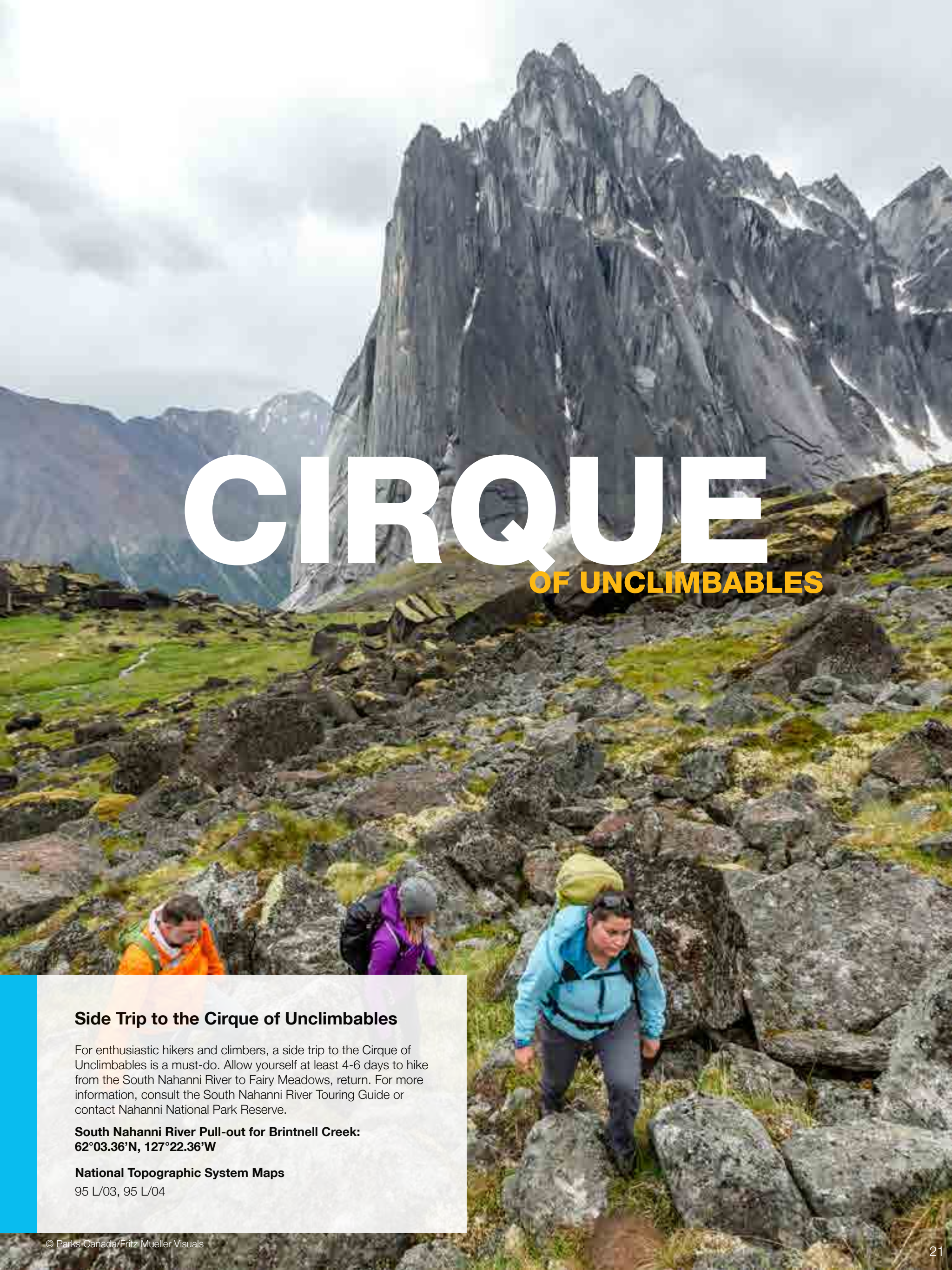
From Moore's Hot Spring to Corner Rapids, enjoy the steep grade of the river. Corner Rapids is a Class I/II rapid where the South Nahanni River takes a sharp turn to the southeast. From there to the Broken Skull River, the river winds and slows.

We recommend using the South Nahanni River Touring Guide to navigate this stretch of river. You can order a copy from the Nahanni park office by emailing: nahanni.info@pc.gc.ca

Corner Rapids Start: 62°23.72'N, 127°54.00'W

Corner Rapids End: 62°24.34'N, 127°52.80'W

Broken Skull River: 62°16.11'N, 127°39.01'W



CIRQUE

OF UNCLIMBABLES

Side Trip to the Cirque of Unclimbables

For enthusiastic hikers and climbers, a side trip to the Cirque of Unclimbables is a must-do. Allow yourself at least 4-6 days to hike from the South Nahanni River to Fairy Meadows, return. For more information, consult the South Nahanni River Touring Guide or contact Nahanni National Park Reserve.

South Nahanni River Pull-out for Brintnell Creek:
62°03.36'N, 127°22.36'W

National Topographic System Maps
95 L/03, 95 L/04

FINISH

HERE?



Broken Skull River to Gahnjthah Mje (Rabbitkettle Lake)

Float down the South Nahanni River to Gahnjthah Mje (Rabbitkettle Lake). Get an air shuttle out of the park from here, or continue down the river to Nájjicho (Virginia Falls) or Nahanni Butte.

Insider's Tip: Save yourself a portage and paddle into the back door of Rabbitkettle Lake. There is a small pull-over into a shrubby swamp, but you know it's better than portaging.

Gahnjthah Mje: 61°57.68'N, 127°13.17'W

The Back Door: 62°00.57'N, 127°18.32'W

GETTING HERE IS

HALF

THE FUN



GO TO

TOWN



Communities and Services

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Tulita Pop: ~500



Air access: year-round
Road access: winter only

Norman Wells Pop: ~700



Air access: year-round
Road access: winter only
Canoe rentals

Nahanni Butte Pop: ~100



Air access: year-round by charter flight
Road access: to the Liard River then river taxi

Fort Simpson Pop: ~1200



Air access: year-round
Road access: year-round
Canoe rentals

YUKON

Watson Lake Pop: ~800



Road access: year-round

DRIVE

HERE

Getting Here by Road

Drive to Fort Simpson, NT, or Watson Lake, YK

Whether you take the Mackenzie Highway and Liard Highway to Fort Simpson, or the Alaska Highway to Watson Lake, you're in for an epic road trip. From there, connect with your charter flights into the park.

Drive to Flat Lakes

The Alaska Highway connects to the Robert Campbell Highway and the Nahanni Range Road and Howard's Pass Access Road where you can put in at Flat Lakes or further downstream at March Creek or Steel Creek.

You'll need four-wheel drive, extra gas, and a sense of adventure. This route is over 300 km of unpaved roads - and the closest gas station is in Watson Lake, Yukon. These are mostly mining access roads with no services, so be prepared for washouts, flat tires, and mechanical breakdowns.

We recommend you bring:

- A satellite telephone – there is no cell service on this road
- A VHF radio with the LADD1 (Yukon Highway #10-Nahanni Range Road) and LADD2 (Howard's Pass Access Road) channels to communicate with truck traffic
- At least one spare tire
- Vehicle repair kit and the skills, knowledge and abilities to repair your vehicle
- Camping gear
- Extra food and water in the event weather or other natural factors lengthen the planned duration of your trip

Contact us for advice and **updated road conditions** before you head out.

Park Office

Nááts'ihch'oh National Park Reserve's office is located in Tulita, NT. Nááts'ihch'oh is part of the traditional lands of the people of the Sahtu, and they chose Tulita as the park headquarters. The only road access is a winter ice road from Wrigley. But, if you're paddling the Mackenzie River, be sure to drop in and say hello!



FLY HERE



Getting Here by Plane

Fly commercially into Yellowknife, NT then onto Norman Wells, Tulita, or Fort Simpson. Alternatively, fly into Whitehorse, YK. Once in these neighbouring communities, charter an aircraft into the park.

Airlines with scheduled flights to Yellowknife and Whitehorse:

- Air Canada
- Air North
- Canadian North
- Condor
- First Air
- Northwestern Air
- WestJet

Airlines with scheduled flights to Norman Wells or Fort Simpson:

- North Wright Airways
- Canadian North
- First Air
- Air Tindi

FIND

YOUR WAY

Maps and Guides

National Topographic System Maps

Canada's National Topographic System maps are available for print-on-demand from your favourite map printers. To make ordering easier, we have provided the map numbers for the 1:50 000 maps throughout this planner.

South Nahanni River Touring Guide

All the river maps you need to paddle the South Nahanni River are in one booklet. To order your waterproof copy (\$5.00), e-mail nahanni.info@pc.gc.ca or phone 1-867-695-7750.

Guides and Outfitters

Guided trips starting at \$4,950.

Contact one of these outfitters for more information.

Blackfeather, The Wilderness Adventure Company

1-888-849-7668
Info@blackfeather.com
www.blackfeather.com

Nahanni River Adventures

1-800-297-6927
Info@nahanni.com
www.nahanni.com

Nahanni Wilderness Adventures

1-888-897-5223
adventures@nahanniwild.com
www.nahanniwild.com

GO

GUIDED

FLOAT

AWAY



Air Charters

Little Nahanni Air Charters Starting from \$2585*.

Contact one of these companies to book an air shuttle to Flat Lakes and the Little Nahanni River.

**Price based on two people with one canoe chartering a Cessna 185 aircraft at November 2015 fuel prices.*

North Wright Airways

Norman Wells, NT
1-867-587-2288
info@north-wrightairways.com
www.north-wrightairways.com

Kluane Airways

Kelowna, BC
1-250-860-4187
info@kluaneairways.com
www.kluaneairways.com

Simpson Air

Fort Simpson, NT
1-866-995-2505
simpsonair@northwestel.net
www.simpsonair.ca

South Nahanni Airways

Fort Simpson, NT
1-867-695-2007
info@southnahanniairways.ca
www.southnahanniairways.ca

Wolverine Air

Fort Simpson, NT
1-888-695-2263
info@wolverineair.com
www.wolverineair.com

Alpine Aviation

Whitehorse, YK
1-867-668-7725
alpineaviation@gmail.com
www.alpineaviationyukon.com



BOOKING IS

EASY

How to Book an Air Charter

Don't worry - booking an air charter is easier than you think. The pilots know the lakes and mountains, and they'll be able to let you know if your plan is a good one. They'll also help you figure out what type of plane you'll need to get you where you want to go. Book early for the best availability.

When you call, have this information ready:

- Date and time (if) you want to fly into the park
- Date and time (if) you want to fly out of the park
- Name of the lake/location where you want to be dropped off. For the Little Nahanni trip, specify Flat Lakes located at 62°04.54'N, 128°24.58'W.
- Name of the lake/location if you want to be picked up
- How many passengers you'll have
- Any special equipment you'll have (canoes, kayaks, etc.)
- Any special flightseeing route or added stops

The “**Air charters starting at**” prices listed in this guide are based on flying two people and lightweight camping gear in a Cessna 185 aircraft at November 2015 fuel prices. Prices will vary based on the size of your group, your equipment, the aircraft required, and fuel prices. Contact an air charter company for more information.

Flight delays are part of the adventure.

Weather can make flying in and out of the park tricky, and flights are regularly delayed. Your pilots have the experience to decide when it's safe to fly. Plan for a flight delay to be part of your adventure story, and bring extra food just in case.



WORTH EVERY PENNY

Nahanni Fees Apply

The Little Nahanni River runs through Nááts'ihch'oh and Nahanni National Park Reserves. Although Nááts'ihch'oh does not have a fee system yet, fees apply for the Nahanni segment of your trip.

Northern Park Backcountry Excursions and Camping permits are an annual flat fee of **\$147.20** per person. These permits are also valid at Aulavik, Auyuittuq, Ivavik, Nahanni, Quttinirpaaq, Sirmilik, Tukturnogait and Vuntut National Parks.

For more information, contact Nahanni National Park Reserve at nahanni.info@pc.gc.ca or 1-867-695-7750.

BOOK

YOUR TRIP

Little Nahanni River Reservations

To make a Little Nahanni River reservation, contact Nahanni National Park Reserve with this information:

- Type of trip (paddling)
- Trip itinerary (# days, route)
- Preferred trip dates
- Trip leader's contact information
- Group size (max 12)
- Air charter company

If you are taking a guided trip, the company you have booked with will make the necessary reservations and registrations.

PLACES

TO GO



Registration and Orientation

Little Nahanni River paddlers must register with Nahanni National Park Reserve. When you register, we'll ask for this information:

- Group member names
- Communication details (satellite phone #, etc.)
- Emergency contact info
- Equipment descriptions (tents, canoes, kayaks)
- Trip itinerary and end date

As part of your orientation, we'll give you our latest wildlife, forest fire, and river conditions, as well as your de-registration form.

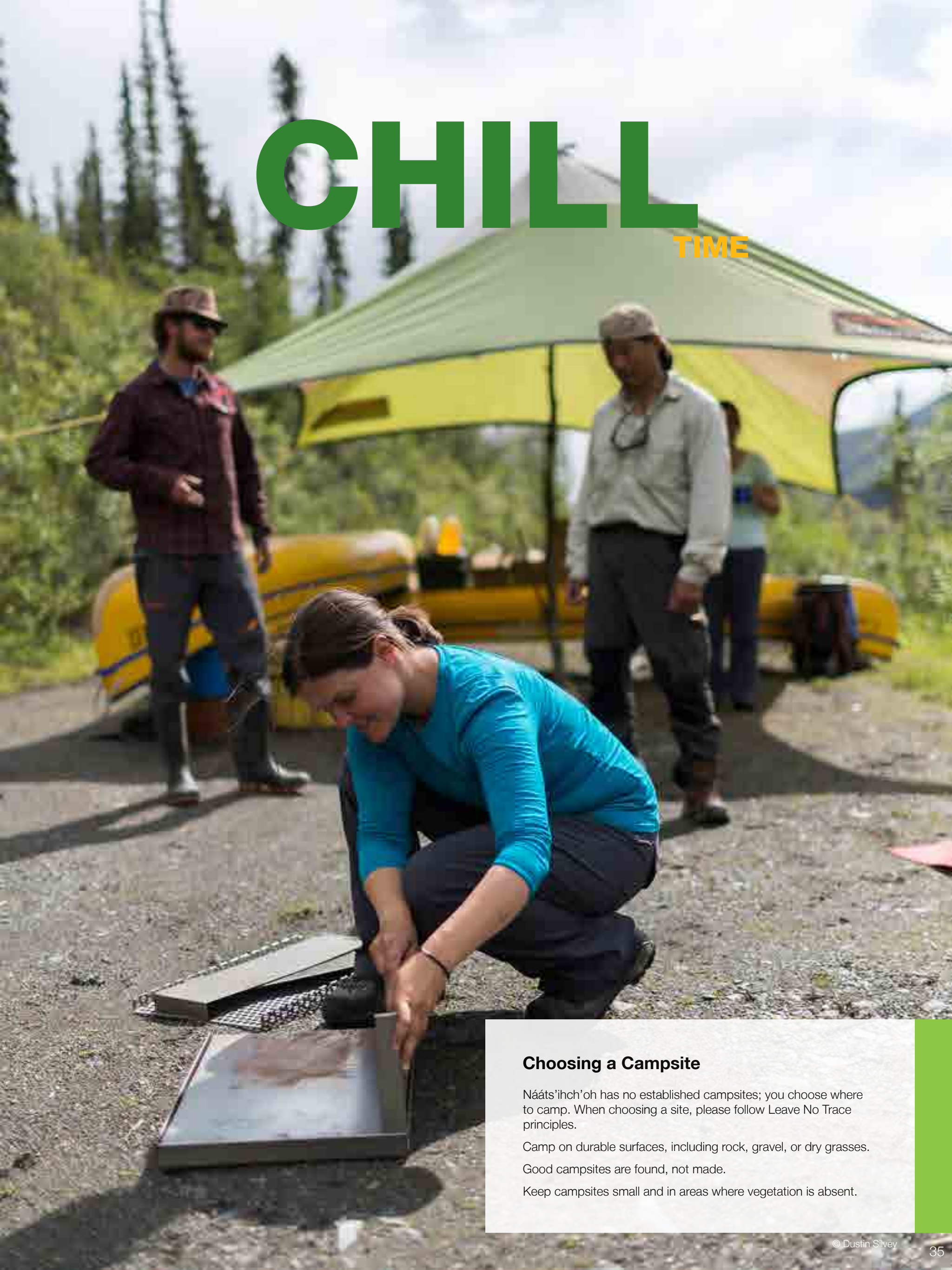


CAMP

HERE

CHILL

TIME



Choosing a Campsite

Nááts'ihch'oh has no established campsites; you choose where to camp. When choosing a site, please follow Leave No Trace principles.

Camp on durable surfaces, including rock, gravel, or dry grasses.

Good campsites are found, not made.

Keep campsites small and in areas where vegetation is absent.



COOKING AND

CAMPFIRES

Minimize Campfire Impacts

Campfires can cause lasting impacts to the backcountry. Use a lightweight stove or firebox for cooking and enjoy a candle lantern for light.

Keep fires small. Only use sticks from the ground that can be broken by hand.

Burn all wood and coals to ash, put out campfires completely, then scatter cool ashes. On big rivers, dispose of cool ashes in the river.

TAKE ONLY

PHOTOS



Leave What You Find

Preserve the past: examine, but do not touch, cultural or historic structures and artifacts. Leave rocks, plants and other natural objects as you find them.

Leave your campsite as pristine as you found it.

YOUR

HEADLAMP

WILL BE LONELY

Midnight Sun and the Northern Lights

You probably won't use your headlamp, but you'll want a mask for sleeping under the midnight sun.

If you really want to see the northern lights, or *aurora borealis*, plan your trip for August when the skies are darker.

	Sunrise	Sunset
Jun 21	4:40 am	12:30 am
Jul 21	5:30 am	11:45 pm
Aug 21	6:50 am	10:15 pm

WHATEVER

THE WEATHER



Weather

Nááts'ihch'oh is in the mountains. It can snow at anytime, and rain storms can cause flash floods in canyons and steep valleys. Make your trip a fun one - be prepared for all conditions.

	Low	High	And you can expect...
Jun	-5°C	25°C	Frost, snow, blazing sun
Jul	0°C	30°C	Hot sun, afternoon rainstorms
Aug	0°C	30°C	Hot sun, rain, and frost
Sep	-5°C	20°C	Frost and snow



WHERE THE
WILD
THINGS ARE

Respect Wildlife

Observe wildlife from a distance. Do not follow or approach them.

Never feed animals. Feeding wildlife damages their health, alters natural behaviors, and exposes them to predators and other dangers.

Protect wildlife and your food by storing rations and trash securely.

Control pets at all times, or leave them at home.

Avoid wildlife during sensitive times: mating, nesting, raising young, or winter.

BEARS

LIVE HERE

Bears

Yep. Black bears and grizzly bears live here, and they especially like the river valleys and hot springs. For more information, read **You Are In Bear Country** or call us. If you're flying, check with your airline before packing bear spray or bangers.



IT'S JUST YOU

OUT HERE



Emergency Help

If you need urgent help, call our Duty Officer at **1-867-695-3732**, 24 hours a day, June 1 - September 30.

You are responsible for your own safety. Prepare to handle an emergency on your own. Bring a good first aid kit, and the skills to use it. Keep in mind, our resources are limited and we might not be able to rescue you right away due to flight delays.

Satellite Phones, InReach, and SPOT Devices

Coverage can be limited in northern latitudes, canyons, and valleys. Know how to deal with your device's limitations. The Iridium satellite system currently has the most reliable coverage here.

NO PLACE FOR

ROOKIES



River Safety

This isn't the place for river rookies. Make sure you and your group have the wilderness paddling, river reading, and swiftwater rescue skills to tackle this challenging river. Or, consider a guided trip with one of our outfitters.

Flash Flooding

Rain upstream can raise water levels suddenly - even if it is not raining where you are. Choose your campsites accordingly, and secure your boats each night.

Strainers and Sweepers

Wood hazards such as strainers and sweepers are common on the Little Nahanni River, and river-wide log jams are often reported by paddlers. Make sure you and your group are confident and competent in avoiding these hazards.

Insider tip:

The water is really cold, and you don't want hypothermia. A wetsuit is okay, but a drysuit is better.

CRYSTAL CLEAR

WATERS



Drinking Water

It may look crystal clean, but it's a *really* long ride home if you get beaver fever (*Giardia*).

Treat all your drinking water.



KEEP IT PRETTY

Dispose of Waste Properly

Pack it in, pack it out. Pack out all trash, leftover food, and litter.

Deposit solid human waste in catholes dug 15 to 20 cm deep at least 70 metres from water, camp, and trails. Cover and disguise the cathole when finished. Pack out toilet paper and hygiene products.

To wash, use small amounts of biodegradable soap. Dispose of strained dishwater in the river.

ARE YOU

READY?

Gear Checklist

Camp Gear

- tarp
- tent
- water filter/purification system
- stove and fuel or firebox
- cooking pot
- rope
- trowel and toilet paper
- biodegradable soap
- food and lots of hot drinks
- other stuff you need or want
- leash if you're bringing your pet

Personal Gear

- water bottle
- mug, bowl and spork
- knife
- toothbrush and toothpaste
- towel
- daypack
- sunscreen / sunglasses
- sleeping bag, pad, and mask
- wallet / cash
- contact phone numbers
- trip plan
- camera and spare batteries

Safety Gear

- brain filled with experience
- satellite phone/InReach/SPOT
- headlamp/flashlight
- lighter/fire starting kit
- bear spray and bear bangers
- first aid kit
- extra food

Navigation

- maps and waterproof case
- watch
- GPS and compass
- binoculars

Repair Kit

- duct tape
- spare batteries
- silicon sealant
- needle and thread
- tent repair kit
- stove repair kit

Personal Clothing

- warm hat
- sun hat
- rain gear with hood
- shorts: quick dry
- pants: wool or fleece
- jacket: fleece
- sweater: light wool
- shirt/t-shirt
- long underwear
- underwear and socks
- gloves or mittens
- camp shoes
- swimsuit
- bug hat, jacket, and repellent

For Hikers

- backpack
- hiking boots
- blister kit
- trekking poles
- bear canisters

For Paddlers

- repair kit
- paddles
- PFDs
- whistle, bailers, throw bags, and pin kits
- drysuit (best choice) or wetsuit
- canoe barrels/packs
- canoe/kayak/raft
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Climbers and packrafters Chad Lorenz, Mike McCartan, Wade Landon, and Dan Hoffman graciously let us crash their campsite one night. Thanks again! ©David Lee

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