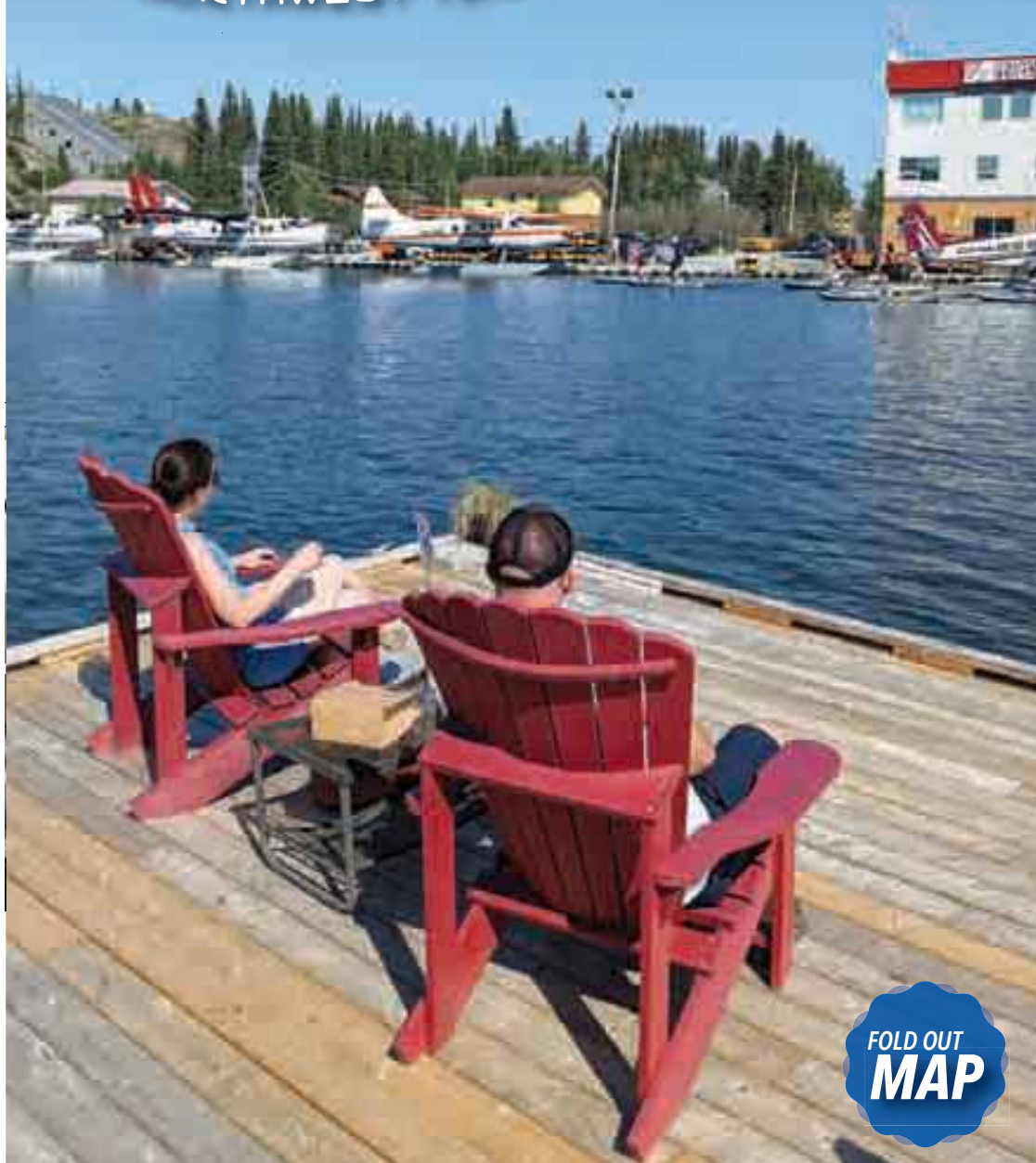


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MAP

WELCOME TO YELLOWKNIFE.

Located in Chief Drygeese territory, the traditional land of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation and a crossroad for Indigenous Peoples from across the Arctic, our City is enriched by the Indigenous history and culture deeply ingrained in this area. With year round cultural events and activities, visitors have the opportunity to connect with the local traditions and people.

Yellowknife is a bustling place, with a diverse arts scene, excellent restaurants, all the amenities of a big city and a lively nightlife. Whether you spend your evening dancing with the aurora, or two-stepping alongside the locals, you are bound to have a memorable time. Immerse yourself in the community with events like the Snowking's Winter Festival, Folk On The Rocks, and Old Town Ramble and Ride. For more information, pop by our Visitor Centre located in the Centre Square Mall.

Yellowknife is also a great place to unwind and embrace the outdoors. Within walking distance from the downtown core, you can easily access nature trails, Great Slave Lake for swimming, fishing and kayaking, and enjoy cross-country skiing and skating in the winter. Get off the beaten track with our local tour operators, who offer unique Northern experiences like ice fishing, dogsledding, boat tours and much more.

We look forward to your arrival and wish you a wonderful stay!

Mayor Rebecca Alty



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Chief Drygeese Territory, traditional home of the Yellowknives Dene

You're here!

YOU'VE JUST ARRIVED IN THE CAPITAL OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES AND ONE OF THE MOST VIBRANT, DIVERSE COMMUNITIES IN CANADA'S NORTH.

Yellowknife is a hub of activity and adventure, a mix of history and modernity. For more than half a century the city was home to two gold mines. Today it's the seat of government for the Northwest Territories and the centre of Canada's diamond industry serving three operating diamond mines. It also continues as the centre of exploration in the mineral rich Slave Geological Province. Small wonder then that in the local Indigenous language Yellowknife is called Somba K'e or place of money.

In Yellowknife you're only minutes from wilderness trails, lakes and waterfalls, and footsteps from sipping a fine mocha latte while you text your friends. In summer the sun stays up for almost 24 hours, meaning endless days full of camping, fishing, or taking in the tunes at the city's famous *Folk on the Rocks* festival. Winter, with short, crisp days is the season of dogsledding, snowmobiling, ice fishing, ice road travel and jaw-dropping Northern Lights displays that draw visitors from around the world.

At any time of year, check out our stunning legislative assembly building, our heritage centre, multi coloured houseboats, Old Town and much more.

Let this guide be your starting point as you explore your new surroundings. We've included everything we know, but you're sure to find surprises all on your own.

Welcome to Yellowknife and enjoy your stay here.





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QUICK FACTS

1970

Year Yellowknife was incorporated as a city

-26C

Average January temperature

+23C

Average July temperature

2277 hours

of sunshine every year, making Yellowknife one of the sunniest places in Canada in spring and summer

400 kilometres

Distance from Yellowknife to the Arctic circle

21,720

Population of Yellowknife, 2022

June 21

Longest day of the year. Also Indigenous Day, a statutory holiday

Nine schools

Two high schools, one middle school; four elementary/middle school combinations, two elementary schools

5 of the NWT's

11 official languages most commonly spoken in Yellowknife: Tlicho, Chipewyan, South Slavey, English and French

18 Places

of Worship covering various denominations

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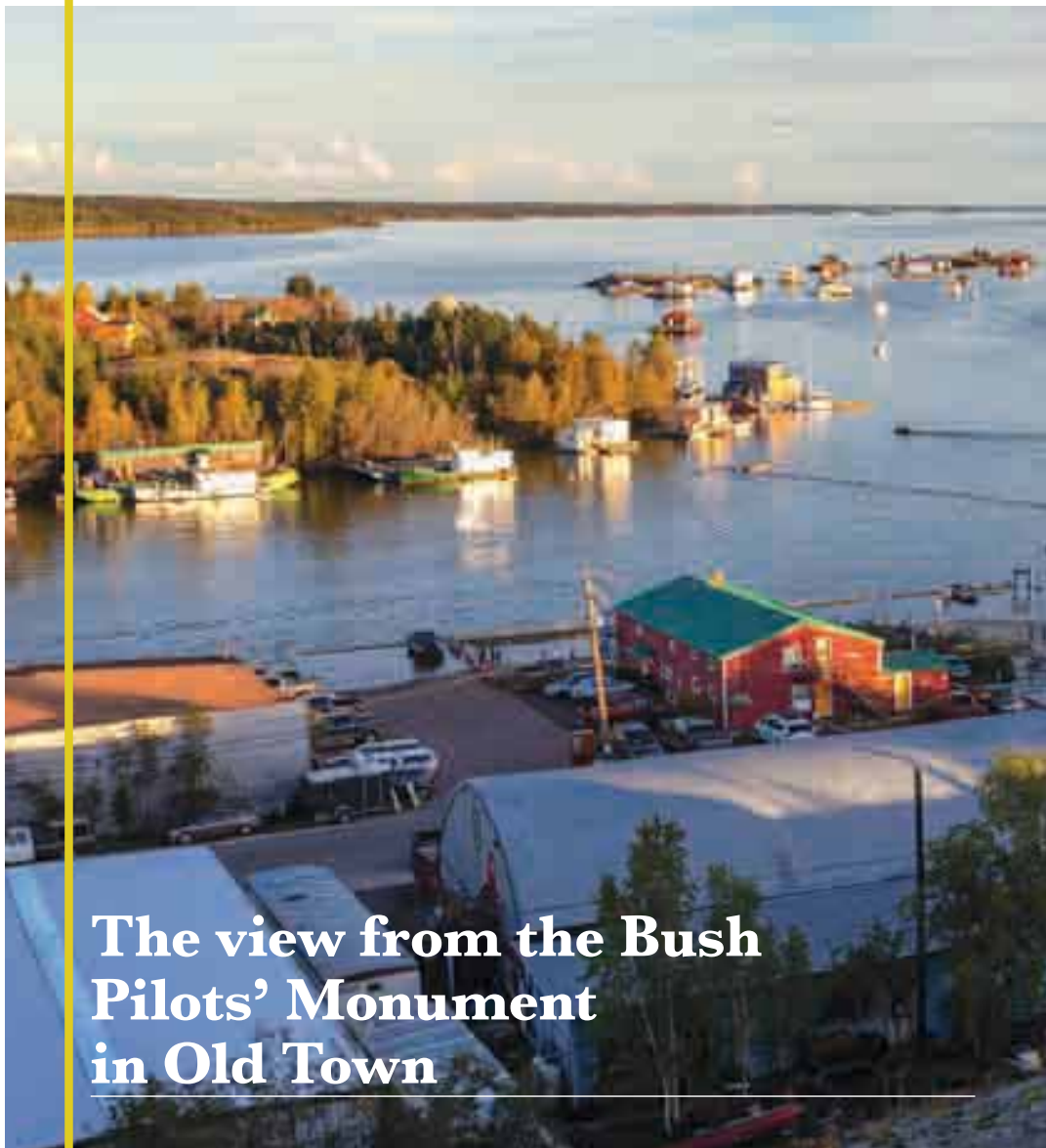
Sunrise on Dec. 21 shortest day of the year

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Sunset on the same shortest day

\$165,400

Average household income (2023)



The view from the Bush Pilots' Monument in Old Town

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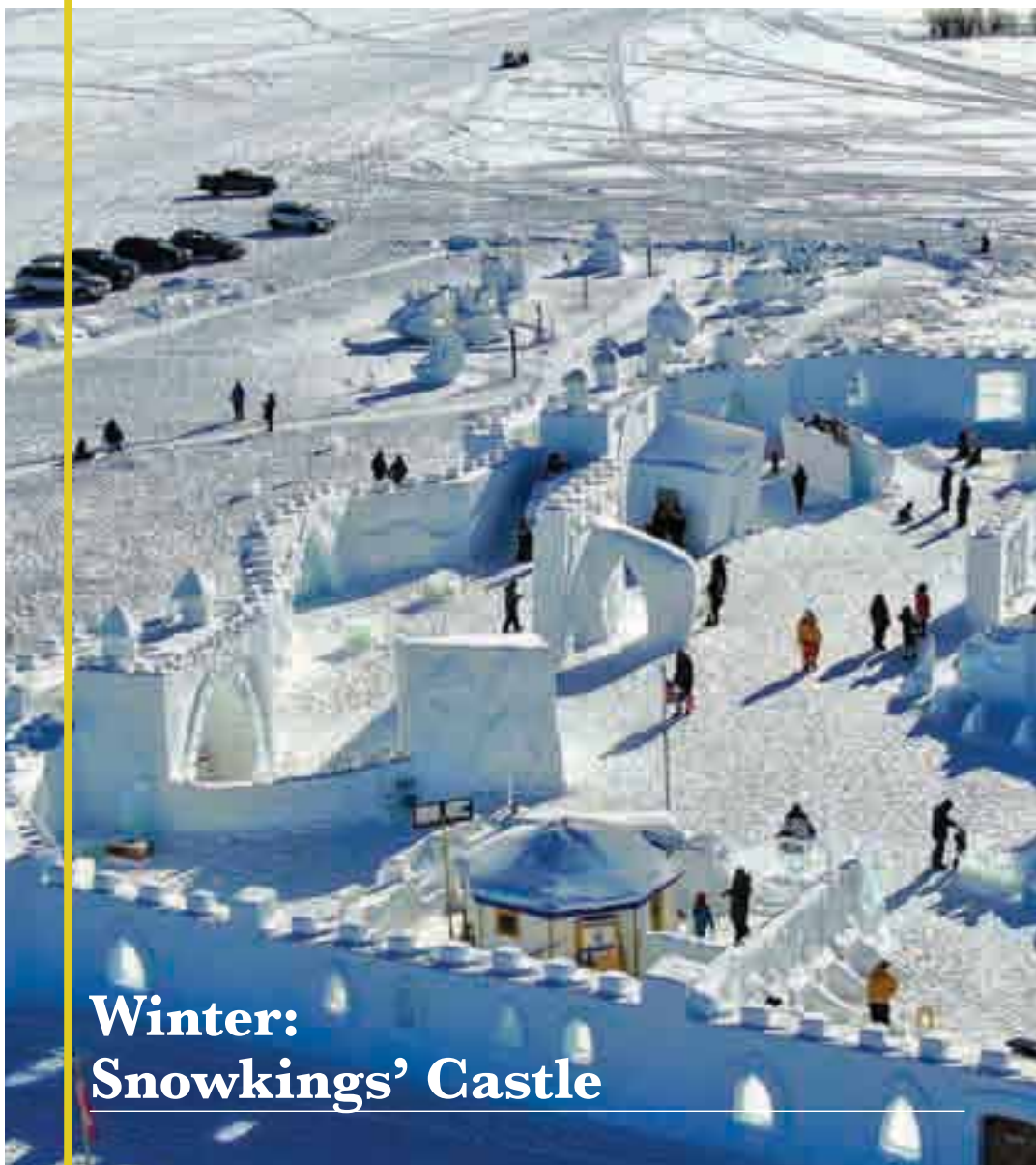
Climb the 100 plus steps to the top of the rock and the location of a monument to honor the bush pilots who opened the North. At the top, you'll get a 360 degree view of Yellowknife and the surrounding area. Yellowknife's houseboat community, the city's skyline and great views of Great Slave Lake are just some things you'll see. In winter, the top of the rock is a great place to see the Snowking's castle and maybe even catch a glimpse of a dog team heading down the frozen bay.



The Capital Park Area

MUST SEE #2

This area provides opportunities for exploring and understanding the culture, politics and natural environment of Yellowknife and the Northwest Territories. It includes the NWT Legislative Assembly building, the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, City Hall, Somba Ke Park and amphitheatre, the Department of National Defence and the RCMP northern headquarters. The route from the Heritage Centre to a ceremonial circle features flags from every community in the NWT. The area also includes the Frame Lake Trail which starts at the Legislative Assembly Building and circles Frame Lake.



Winter: Snowkings' Castle

MUST SEE #3

Work starts on the castle in January, and visitors are welcomed during the month of March. The structure is the work of mainly volunteers and includes sculptures by local artists and a range of events through March. Each season it also hosts a number of marriages.



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Summer: Yellowknife Street Art

MUST SEE #4

Wherever you go in Yellowknife, you'll see street art. Large murals, painted dumpsters, etched rock faces, exotic sculptures. Pick up the arts walk booklet at the visitor centre and wander through the downtown, Old Town and even residential neighbourhoods to view a wide selection of northern art.

PHOTO TESSA MACINTOSH

Easy to reach by air or road

THE FLIGHT FROM EDMONTON TO YELLOWKNIFE IS ABOUT 90 MINUTES. THE DRIVE IS ABOUT 20 HOURS...LONGER IF YOU STOP TO ENJOY THE SIGHTS ENROUTE.



PHOTO: NWT TOURISM

BY PLANE

Yellowknife is well serviced with direct daily flights from Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver. Seasonally the city also has direct flights from Ottawa, Toronto and Whitehorse. Airlines providing service to the capital from Alberta, BC and Ontario include Canadian North, WestJet, Air Canada and Air North. Flights arrive at the Yellowknife Airport, which is only a few kilometers from

downtown. Check the Yellowknife airport (YZF) website for everything you'll need to know about arrivals and departures.

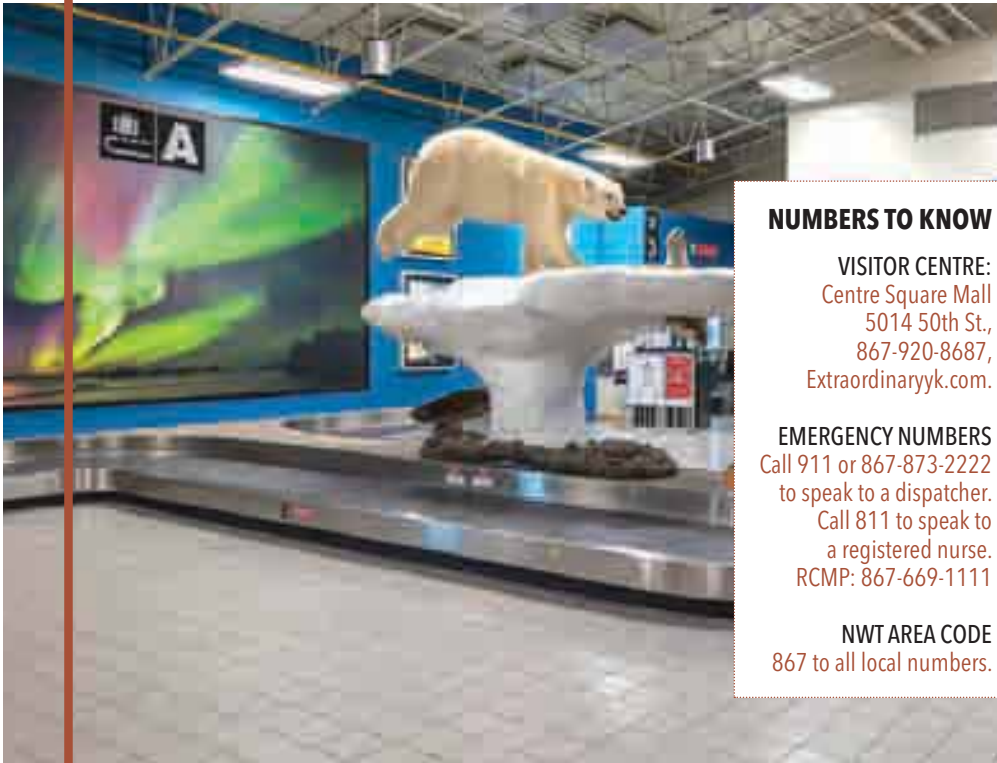
BY ROAD

Road access to the Northwest Territories is via Alberta (Highway 35 to the NWT border) then NWT Highway 1, or British Columbia (Highway 77 to the NWT border) and then NWT Highway 7. From Edmonton through

Alberta the route is approximately 1,500 km and takes about 20 hours of driving. The road is paved. Try and minimize any time spent driving after nightfall since bison wander onto the road and are hard to see (you don't want to hit a 1,500 lb ungulate). When you start to see distinctive pink granite along the side of the road, you're getting close to Yellowknife.

For highway conditions visit www.gov.nt.ca and click on Driving and Transportation. For detailed route information, visit Spectacularnwt.com and check out the Road Guide under Travel Info. For camping and reservation information see nwt-parks.ca/campgrounds.





NUMBERS TO KNOW

VISITOR CENTRE:

Centre Square Mall
5014 50th St.,
867-920-8687,
Extraordinaryk.com.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Call 911 or 867-873-2222
to speak to a dispatcher.
Call 811 to speak to
a registered nurse.
RCMP: 867-669-1111

NWT AREA CODE

867 to all local numbers.

**GETTING AROUND
IN YELLOWKNIFE**

Visitors can walk to most places in the downtown or Old Town sections of Yellowknife or even to the suburbs on well-marked trails, but we also offer other ways of getting around the city.

BY RENTAL VEHICLE

Rental cars and trucks are available at the airport. Rental firms include Budget, National, and Hertz, and nearby, at Gastown Rent-a-Car, 356 Old Airport Road.

VISITOR PARKING

The City of Yellowknife offers a 3-day parking pass to visitors using their own or rental cars. Visitor parking passes can be picked up at the Visitors Centre in the YK Centre Mall.

BY TAXI

Three taxi companies provide over

200 vehicles to serve our city. Taxis are always available to meet incoming flights, or you can simply call a cab. Some taxi companies will provide aurora viewing trips at set fees. Taxis: Aurora, 867-873-5050; City Cab, 867-873-4444; Yellowknife Cab, 867-873-6666.

BY BUS

The city bus service offers three regular routes:

- A** – Borden /Downtown, Route
- B** – Frame Lake/Northlands, Route
- C** – Old Town/Niven.

Buses run from 7:10 am to 7:25 pm Monday to Saturday, all year. There is no transit service on Sundays or statutory holidays. For details and a map go to www.yellowknife.ca/en/living-here/transit.asp. To check the schedule: www.yellowknife.ca/findmybus. Adult fare: \$3.00, Seniors: \$2.00, Children under 5: free.

BY CHARTER BUS

Bucketlist Tours offers a 16 passenger coach for rental by the hour or day. For more information contact them at 867-445-8405.

BY BICYCLE

You can rent bikes from Old Town Bikeworks at 3510A McDonald Drive, or you can rent fat bikes from Overlander Sports at 4909 50th Street. Borealis Bike Tours Unlimited offers guided fatbike tours.

BY LIMOUSINE SERVICE

Arctic Limo offers an eight passenger stretch limo which can take passengers on ice road trips and opportunities to view the Northern Lights. Contact arcticlimo@gmail.com



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Colourful past, vibrant future

➔ BUILT ON GOLD AND DIAMONDS. SUSTAINED BY A MULTICULTURAL POPULATION

Yellowknife is located on a traditional Dene river route north to the barrenlands. Today the Indigenous people who live close to the river's mouth are known as Yellowknives Dene. Métis and British explorers, including Samuel Hearne, Peter Pond and Alexander Mackenzie learned of the route from Dene guides in the 1700s.

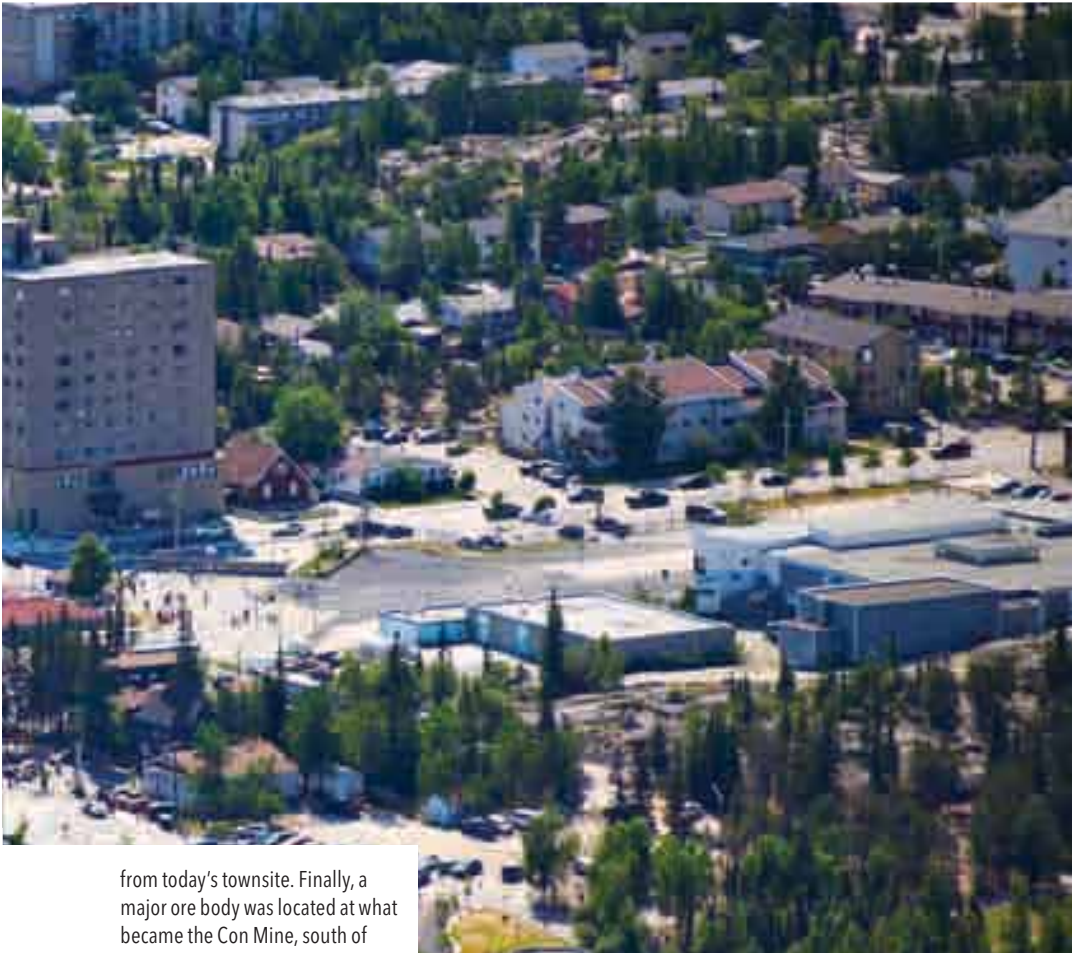
Two Yellowknives Dene communities, N'Dilo and Dettah, thrive close by. Weledeh, or Wiliideh, is the traditional Yellowknives name

for the Yellowknife River and the bay on Great Slave Lake, and for the language still spoken here. Weledeh translates as Inconnu or Coney River. Coney and whitefish are still plentiful and are available fresh from the lake.

Fur traders bypassed this area, but Europeans were curious to map a land route to the Arctic. British naval officer John Franklin began a land expedition to the Arctic with assistance from the Dene chief Akaitcho, on the Yellowknife River

in 1819. Sketches by one of his companions show a landscape still obvious today. Franklin's trip was generally thought to be a disaster, and interest in this route faded.

Some decades later, gold was spotted near here in the 1890s, and the hunt for gold brought more explorers. When northern air travel expanded in the 1930s there was a sudden gold rush. First, free gold was discovered on the Yellowknife River. Next, gold was spotted at Burwash, across



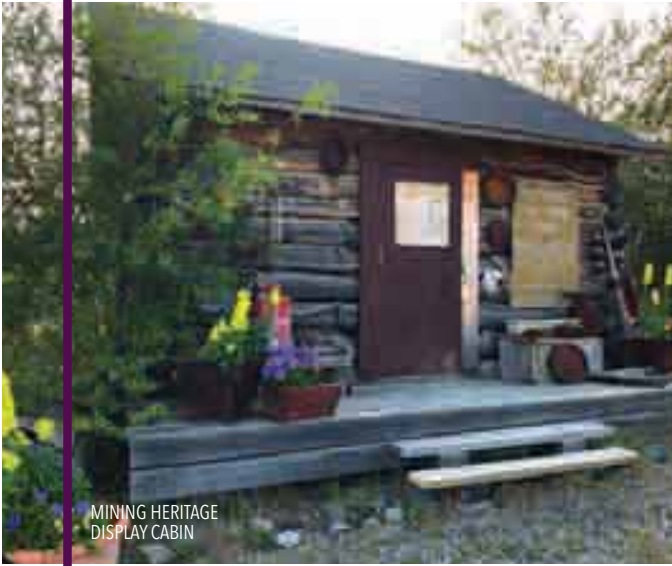
from today's townsite. Finally, a major ore body was located at what became the Con Mine, south of today's city. The first gold brick was poured in 1938, and a tent city was incorporated as Yellowknife the same year. The town chose Samuel Hearne's name for the Dene of this area, the Yellowknives, a reference to copper knives.

A new burst of gold excitement saw the town expand in 1946, when the Giant Yellowknife Mine opened. By 1953, the town had expanded up the hill from Yellowknife Bay, there were streets with rows of houses and the town had a mayor. Residents could truthfully claim the gold was paved with streets, as the hard rock gold mines expanded underground. In 1967, Yellowknife was named capital of the Northwest Territories,



DISPLAY NEAR THE YELLOWKNIFE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

PHOTO PAGE BURT



MINING HERITAGE
DISPLAY CABIN

PHOTO PAGE BURT

bringing an influx of government personnel. It was named a city in 1970.

Gold mining was the basis of the Yellowknife economy and the source of employment for over 60 years. In the early 2000s the mines shut down, one at a time. Miners had produced 12 million ounces of gold. But Yellowknife continued to thrive. In the 1990s, diamonds were discovered 300 kilometres northeast of the city in the barrenlands and Yellowknife was a natural to supply the new mines. Four diamond mines eventually opened.

The remaining mines are nearing the end of their lives, but the potential for gold and other minerals holds promise for Yellowknife's continued prosperity. Today, exploration for more gold, and for lithium, continues surrounding the city.

To learn more about the history of Yellowknife and the Northwest Territories, plan a visit to the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre (across from the Explorer hotel as you drive into Yellowknife) and the Yellowknife Mining and Geological Museum near the former Giant Mine site.

Quick History

FOR CENTURIES

The Weledeh Dene live and travel in the region, fishing in the Yellowknife River in the summer.

1898

Prospector E.A. Blakeley discovers gold near Yellowknife Bay. His find is overshadowed by the furor around the Klondike Gold Rush.

1934

Johnny Baker and a crew of prospectors find gold on the east side of Yellowknife Bay, establishing the Burwash Mine.

1935-37

A gold find at the west end of Yellowknife Bay spurs a mini gold rush. Over the next two years Con Mine is developed and a town is settled.

1948

Giant Mine, Yellowknife's other gold mine begins production at the east end of Yellowknife.

1953

Yellowknife becomes a municipality and elects its first mayor John "Jock" McNiven.

1960

A year-round highway connecting Yellowknife and the south is complete.

1967

Yellowknife is named the capital of the Northwest Territories.

1970

The Northwest Territories introduces its famous polar bear shaped licence plates.

1972

The first edition of the local newspaper, the *Yellowknifer*, is published

1991

The discovery of diamonds at Point Lake sparks the largest staking rush in Canadian history.

1998

Canada's first diamond mine, Ekati, opens 310 km northeast of Yellowknife.

1999

Separation of the territory of Nunavut from the Northwest Territories.

2004

The last of Yellowknife's gold mines closes.

2019

New \$350 million hospital opens in Yellowknife, the largest government capital investment in the history of the NWT.

2023

On August 16, due to approaching wildfires, a government ordered evacuation caused a three week closure of the city, while volunteers cleared fire breaks. 106 wildfires burned more than one million hectares of the surrounding area. No fires reached the city.

The curtain rises

FRONT ROW SEATS TO ONE OF THE GREATEST SHOWS ON EARTH



PHOTO BILL BRADEN

Yellowknife can truly claim to be the home of Aurora Borealis. The capital of the Northwest Territories is located at a world class sweet spot. It's 62 degrees north and 68 degrees magnetic north on the Auroral oval—the invisible necklace of viewable northern lights that rings the Arctic night.

Depending on the sun's activity, and Yellowknife's clear night skies, the chances of residents and visitors catching sight of the

mysterious Aurora are very good, with a display as often as every third clear dark night or more from late August to late April.

It is hard not to be awed by displays of the Northern Lights, whether you're seeing it for the first or 100th time. Their swooping and drifting curtains of light play a large role in the stories of northern Indigenous people. Today, science tells us the lights bloom hundreds of kilometres above us although

they may appear to almost touch the ground. Aurora watchers can view swirls and curtains of green and sometimes multi-coloured light looking toward the North, or they might stand under a breathtaking crown of shifting, coloured lights filling the night sky and casting an eerie glow.

The Aurora is only visible under dark night skies, but is actually caused by the sun. Our sun sends a stream of charged particles



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into space, and sometimes shoots out storms of particles. This “solar wind” disturbs the earth’s protective magnetic shield. Some charged particles become trapped in our upper atmosphere, where they react with oxygen (greenish yellow) and nitrogen (pink and crimson) to cause the flare of Northern Lights.

Yellowknife has a unique aurora warning system in the shape of small lighthouse signal towers at popular locations around town. These blink daily through the dark months to indicate predictions for that evening’s light show - flashing red, green or blue. Red indicates the potential for vibrant Auroras, green predicts some auroral activity near midnight and blue indicates a calm night with the potential for gentle auroras.

Tour operators offer group visits to unique viewing sites, far from the interference of city lights. However, it is possible to view the lights from

the city in any semi-dark location. Several spots close to the city centre include the shore of Great Slave Lake in Old Town, one of the city’s smaller lakes, or parks, or the sand pits. Outside the city, the territorial parks along the Ingraham Trail offer excellent viewing and safe parking for vehicles.

Maps of the Ingraham Trail are available at the visitor centre or the airport information desk.

For more information on Yellowknife’s Aurora visit www.astronomynorth.com

Aurora Up is a guide to aurora watching by Yellowknife’s Bill Braden. Local photographer Braden includes traditional stories of the Aurora as well as the latest science, and how to take photos of the Northern Lights.

AURORA TIPS

WHAT ARE THE BEST WAYS TO SEE THE NORTHERN LIGHTS?

FORECAST: Although the Aurora are unpredictable, the best months to view them are January through March, and mid-August through September. If you’re here in April/May or October/November, you may not see much. The humidity coming from the breakup and freeze-up of the lakes in and around Yellowknife tends to cloud the skies. If you happen to spot a lighthouse near certain Yellowknife businesses, such as Aurora Ford, Gallery of the Midnight Sun or Sushi North, here’s what their colours mean: green-there’s not much going on; red-there’s a Northern Lights storm.



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AURORA TIPS

WHAT ARE THE BEST WAYS TO SEE THE NORTHERN LIGHTS?

VIEW: The trick is to simply get away from streetlights. If you're on foot, you'll see them better from Frame Lake. If you've got wheels, head to the ice road to Dettah and then stop along the side of the road for a magnificent view. If you're feeling even more adventurous, drive down the Ingraham Trail and turn off at any of the lake entrance parking lots. Careful, though: many a driver has been so caught up in the light show overhead, they've accidentally driven into a snowbank. Keep your eyes on the road.

CAPTURE: Want to give Northern Lights photography a shot? Be sure to bring a tripod and a spare battery; your batteries will drain quickly in the cold. Set your ISO to at least 800, and leave your aperture open as wide as it can go. If you're not planning to take your own photos, you can pick up a print or photo of the aurora-lit skies from various stores across the city.

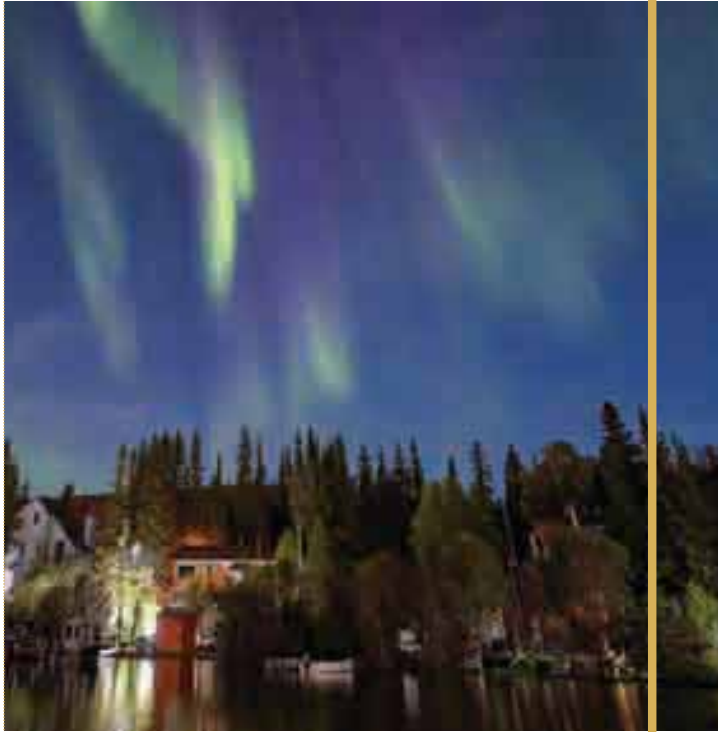


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AURORA VIEWING OPERATORS

There are many aurora viewing operators in Yellowknife, offering tours in various languages. Following is a list of operators. You can also check the list at the Yellowknife Visitors Centre.

AURORA VIEWING

Aurora Village 867-669-0006
 Yellowknife Tours 867-873-4600
 Morning Star Travel 867-444-1098
 JiGuang Tours 867-445-2838
 Arctic Tours Canada 867-446-7335
 Aurora Dream Tours 867-444-3888
 Sonny Aurora Tours 867-445-0151
 Yellowknife Vacations 867-445-6864
 Bucketlist Tours 867-445-8405
 Yellowknife Outdoor Adventure
 867-873-5800
 B. Dene Adventures 867-444-0451
 North Star Adventures
 867-446-2900
 Aurora Wonderland/Beck's
 Kennels 867-873-5603

Enodah/Aurora Station
 867-873-4334
 Northern Lights Tours
 867-444-0772
 Tlicho Adventures Limited
 info@mybackyardtours.com
 Trail Blazer Tours 867-446-5091
 Tugah Northern Experience
 867-444-7797
 Nanook Aurora Tours
 867-446-6800
 AuroraTours.net 867-688-0989
 North of Sixty 867-446-6061
 Hello Aurora 867-445-9088
 Yellowknife Holiday 867-444-9326

AURORA PACKAGES

(one or more nights including accommodation)
 Lac La Martre Adventures
 867-688-8687
 Enodah/Trout Rock Lodge
 867-873-4600
 Peterson's Point Lake Lodge
 (fall season only)
 867-920-4654

AN ANGLER'S PARADISE

Forget the gold mines, the real treasure's in the water



ARCTIC GRAYLING

Thymallus arcticus

Grayling are treasured by anglers for their feistiness, which guarantees an exciting battle, but are limited to the open water season. Members of the whitefish family, the pretty little fish with sail-like dorsal fins are found at the mouths of rivers. They average from 0.5 to 1kg and can reach up to 1.5kg.



WALLEYE

Sander vitreus vitreus

Also commonly called pickerel (a misnomer), these are arguably the most prized shorelunch around—what you catch is culinary quality. On average, walleye weigh in at 1 to 2kg, but people have been known to reel them in at 3kg. You can catch these year-round throughout the Mackenzie River watershed and in the tributaries of Great Slave Lake, as well as other little lakes in the area.



LAKE WHITEFISH

Coregonus clupeaformis

Found in Great Slave Lake's Yellowknife Bay, as well as at Tartan Rapids outside the city and in lakes along the Ingraham Trail, whitefish average 1kg. These fish provide a lot of action but must be hooked gently, as they have fragile mouths.



NORTHERN PIKE

Esox lucius

Pike are greedy, so they're relatively easy to catch. But hold on tight; they're fighters! Often called jackfish, pike generally run from 2 to 7kg, and some tip the scales at more than 18kg. Pike prefer warm, slow-moving, weedy water. You can catch these year-round.



INCONNU

Stedonou leucichthys

Inconnu average from 3 to 5kg, although it's not uncommon to reel them in at 9 to 14kg. Some even reach up to 22kg. The name is French for "unknown," but they're well known in Great Slave Lake and Marian Lake, where they're often called coney.






LAKE TROUT

Salvelinus namaycush

Lake trout average 4.5kg, but catches of 18kg and above are common. They grow slowly in our cold water, taking 12 or more years to mature. The big ones can be found out in the East Arm of Great Slave Lake.

INGRAHAM TRAIL

-  Territorial Campsites
-  Day Camping Sites
-  Waterfalls



In winter, our campgrounds and day use areas are great stops to view the aurora

POWDER POINT TERRITORIAL PARK DAY USE AREA

The day use spot includes washrooms, picnic tables, and boat launch access, as well as entry point for Hidden Lake Territorial Park. Kilometre 44 on the Inghram Trail.

PROSPEROUS LAKE TERRITORIAL PARK DAY USE AREA

Day use spot with washrooms and boat launch access. Kilometre 19.7 on the Inghram Trail.

REID LAKE TERRITORIAL PARK

Includes a day use area, beach,

washrooms, and a campground for tents and RVs (with 65 non-powered sites and 11 tent pads). Kilometre 59 on the Inghram Trail.

YELLOWKNIFE RIVER TERRITORIAL PARK DAY USE AREA

Popular day use spot with fire pits, picnic tables, washrooms, and boat launch access. Kilometre 7.7 on the Inghram Trail.

BOOK A CAMPSITE

Since some campsites, especially around Yellowknife, can be very busy, it is recommended that you book a site online well in advance of your arrival. Bookings for the season usually open in April. nwt.parks.ca

On foot or on wheels

→ EXPERIENCE THE BOREAL FOREST AND CANADIAN SHIELD.



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We're incredibly lucky to have plenty of access to land and nature here in the North, and there's no better way to take in the wonders of the natural world than a hike. From where it sits atop the Precambrian shield, Yellowknife and the surrounding area is flush with lovely trails that allow you to bask in the glory of the subarctic landscape (just make sure to bring a sturdy pair of hiking boots that are up to the task).

The Niven Lake Trail, Frame Lake Trail, Prospectors Trail, and Tin Can Hill are all within city limits for those looking for something nearby. If you're interested in ven-

turing out a bit further, head up the Ingraham Trail. There, you'll find well-used trails leading to beautiful spots like the Cameron Falls and Prelude Lake.

Or perhaps you'd prefer to hit the trails on wheels instead—another excellent way to explore your surroundings. Most hiking trails in town double as cycling routes. Be aware you are sharing the trail with hikers, some with dogs, and keep the speed down for everyone's safety. Meanwhile, the ice-road across Yellowknife Bay offers a unique and exciting ride in the winter. We suggest opting for a "fat-bike" (so named for

the thick wheels that cut through snow and ice) in those colder months; these can be rented from either Borealis Bike Tours in Old Town or Overlander Sports downtown, alongside helmets and handle-bar mitts.

TRAILS TO TRY

NIVEN LAKE TRAIL

This level gravelled trail starts near a bridge across the end of Niven Lake near the Nova Suites Hotel and circles an attractive lake, likely the finest birding area in spring-time (May - June), waterfowl, gulls, grebes, ducks, loons, warblers,

and other songbirds are common, as are foxes, muskrats and the occasional beaver. Ptarmigan in winter. Many people walk with their small children here, so keep your dog leashed.

FRAME LAKE TRAIL

A five-kilometre loop that circles Frame Lake. One of the best-used trails in the city, and includes a section of bike path. The side toward town is paved; the far side is well marked but rough. Look for loons, red-necked grebes, and arctic terns along the lake. Many mountain bikers use this trail, so keep small kids close and your dog leashed as bikes move swiftly.

PRELUDE LAKE NATURE TRAIL

A two-and-a-half-kilometre loop located within the Prelude Lake Territorial Campground, about 30 kilometres east of Yellowknife along the Ingraham trail. Trail runs through mature white spruce woodland and over rocky ridges. Includes interpretive signs with information about the surrounding flora and fauna.

THE PROSPECTOR'S TRAIL

A four-kilometre hike starting and finishing in Fred Henne Territorial Park in Yellowknife. Honours the prospectors who discovered gold in the area in 1935. Pick up a map and geology guide at the park entrance. There's a nice open muskeg area, and high overlooks on the forest. Bald eagles are often seen soaring overhead.

RANNEY HILL

A two-and-a-half-kilometre loop that features a stunning panorama of Yellowknife and the surrounding wilderness at its summit. Drive 7 km out along the Ingraham Trail (just about to the Giant Mine area), then turn left onto Vee Lake Access Road. If you get to the Vee Lake boat launch, turn back about 100 m to park at the trailhead. Very colourful foliage in fall. Bonaparte's gulls, arctic terns, spruce grouse.

TIN CAN HILL

A recreation area that includes a 2-kilometre loop. Offers a scenic view of Great Slave Lake and Mosher Island on Yellowknife Bay. It's a perfect spot for a casual dog walk on foot or an easy bicycle ride. It's considered an off-leash dog area, so keep this in mind, and keep your dog on leash if you have any doubts about getting him back.

CAMERON FALLS TRAIL AND CAMERON FALLS RAMPARTS TRAILS

These lovely trails are located within Hidden Lake Territorial Park, about 45-minutes east



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visitors to Yellowknife, dogsledding is an enjoyable way to explore the region and get a feel for Northern living. Or try a kicksled pulled by a husky on Great Slave Lake.

ICE FISHING

Before you find a spot in the ice, get your fishing licence, available online at licencesenr.gov.nt.ca/ fishing-licence. Then wait for the pike, trout or walleye to bite as you sit in a heated shack or vehicle atop at least three feet of ice.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

For groomed cross country ski trails, visit the Yellowknife Ski Club. You can



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also take your skis out on Frame or Great Slave lakes, once the ice has been tested and is thick enough to be safe. The ski club has programs for all ages and skill levels. Its heated two-storey chalet just out of town has a lounge and wax room. The club maintains 14 km of groomed ski trails including a 3 km lighted loop. Visitor fee for use of trails is \$15 per person or \$40 for a family



ICE CURTAINS AT ICE CAVES

PHOTO BILL BRADEN

SNOWSHOEING

If you've never tried snowshoes before, you'll quickly find out it is not as easy as it looks. You can try snowshoeing some of the trails around Yellowknife, or on one of our frozen lakes

SNOWBOARDING

Day passes are available at the Bristol Pit and you can also rent equipment there. There is a clubhouse on site and the hill has a tow lift. For times and costs visit nwtsnowboard.ca

SNOWMOBILING

Drive your own snowmobile along winding trails, or across open lakes. Several operators provide snowmobile tours, and they'll even outfit you and teach you how to drive a snowmobile as part of the package.

ICE ROAD DRIVING

The History Channel's reality show Ice Road Truckers made stars of Yellowknife's Alex Debogorski and our seasonal highways. If you want to try a short trip on an ice road we have one that stretches about 6km across Yellowknife Bay connecting Yellowknife with the small community of Dettah.

ICE SKATING

The city has five outdoor rinks including one downtown on Frame Lake, just outside city hall. There are scheduled hours for indoor skating at two Yellowknife arenas.

SNOWKING FESTIVAL

March is Snowking Festival time in Yellowknife. The Snow king's castle opens in early March and the festival extends throughout the month. It includes art exhibits, live entertainment, children's play areas and much more. For a schedule of events, opening times and admission fees visit snowking.ca

ICE CAVES

Each year, walls of ice form from overhanging rock faces on the west side of Yellowknife's Back Bay. The results are spectacular cave-like structures made entirely of ice. It's possible to walk across Back Bay to these structures, or join a tour that offers dog team or snowmobile access to the ice caves.

ALSO...

Yellowknife has a range of gyms, fitness/health centres, clubs that are

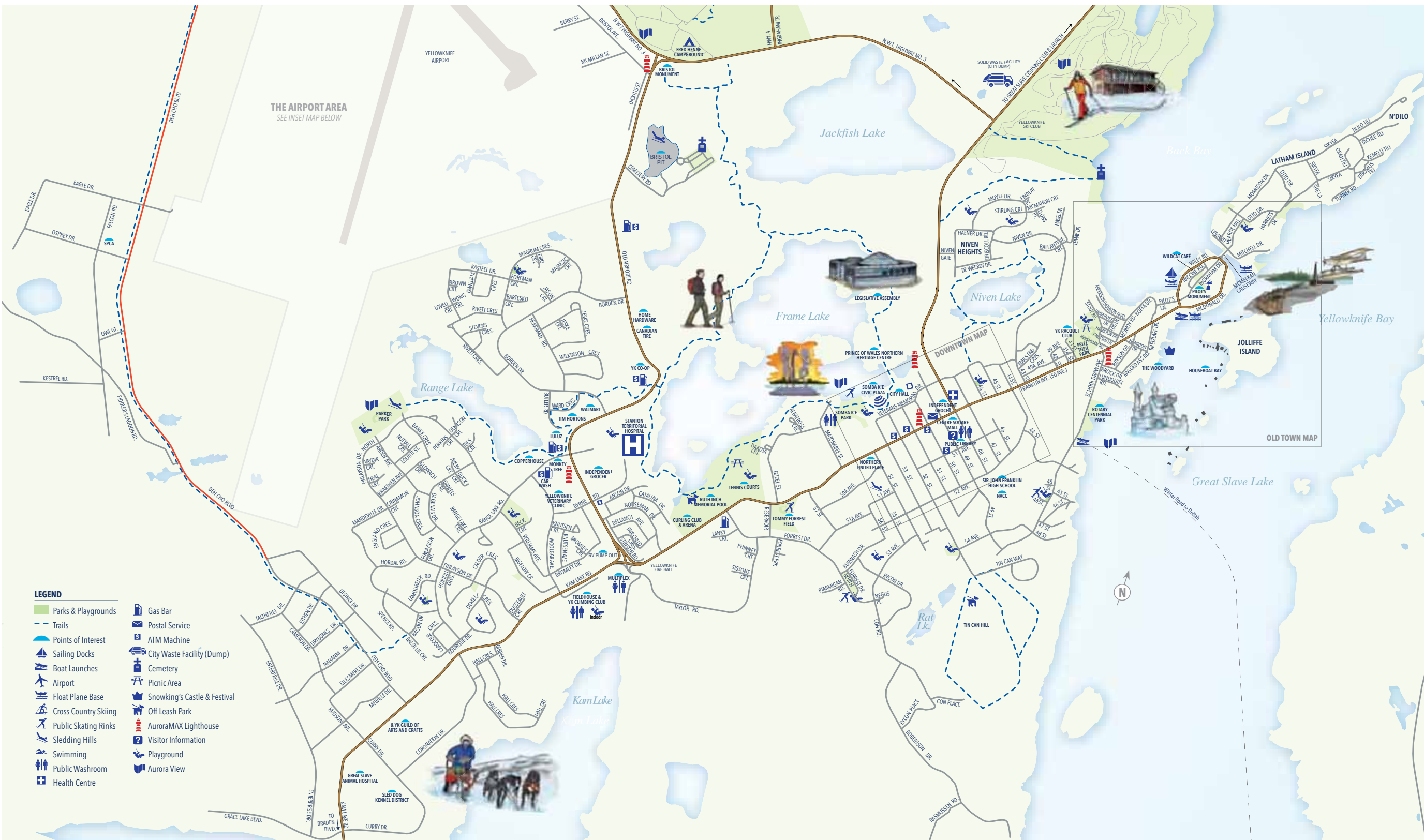
OPERATORS OFFERING WINTER ACTIVITIES.

Aurora Village, Aurora Wonderland, Enodah, Sundog Adventures, B. Dene Adventures, Bluefish Services, Great Slave Lake Tours, Yellowknife Sportfishing Adventures, Yellowknife Outdoor Adventures, Overlander Sports, Arctic Limousine, Borealis Bike Tours, North Star Adventures

open to both members and guests. The city also has a well appointed field house, with multi-purpose fields, an indoor track, a climbing wall. The city has a swimming pool with a steam room and hot tub. A much larger facility with two pools is under construction next to the existing pool.

Here are some companies/clubs offering fitness and wellness services: Anytime Fitness, Breakaway Fitness, Collective Soul Space, Fox Den Martial Arts, Juniper Health, Yellowknife Racquet Club

If you prefer to stay indoors, Yellowknife has a three-screen movie theatre, a bowling centre and a number of establishments that offer billiards tables to customers or members, including the Raven Pub, the Monkey Tree, the Yellowknife Elks Club and the Legion.



THE AIRPORT AREA
SEE INSET MAP BELOW



LEGEND

- Parks & Playgrounds
- Trails
- Points of Interest
- Sailing Docks
- Boat Launches
- Airport
- Float Plane Base
- Cross Country Skiing
- Public Skating Rinks
- Sledding Hills
- Swimming
- Public Washroom
- Health Centre
- Gas Bar
- Postal Service
- ATM Machine
- City Waste Facility (Dump)
- Cemetery
- Picnic Area
- Snowking's Castle & Festival
- Off Leash Park
- AuroraMAX Lighthouse
- Visitor Information
- Playground
- Aurora View



PLACES TO STAY

- 4. Old Town B&B

PLACES TO EAT

- 6. The Woodyard Brew Pub
- 7. Wildcat Cafe (seasonal)
- 8. Bullock's Bistro

COMMERCIAL

- 9. Down To Earth Gallery
- 11. Gallery of the Midnight Sun
- 10. Mother Earth Rocks
- 12. Just Furs
- 13. Oldtown Glassworks
- 14. Weaver & Devore

AIR BASES

- 15. Air Tindi Float Base
- 16. Buffalo Airways Floatbase
- 17. Ahmic Air

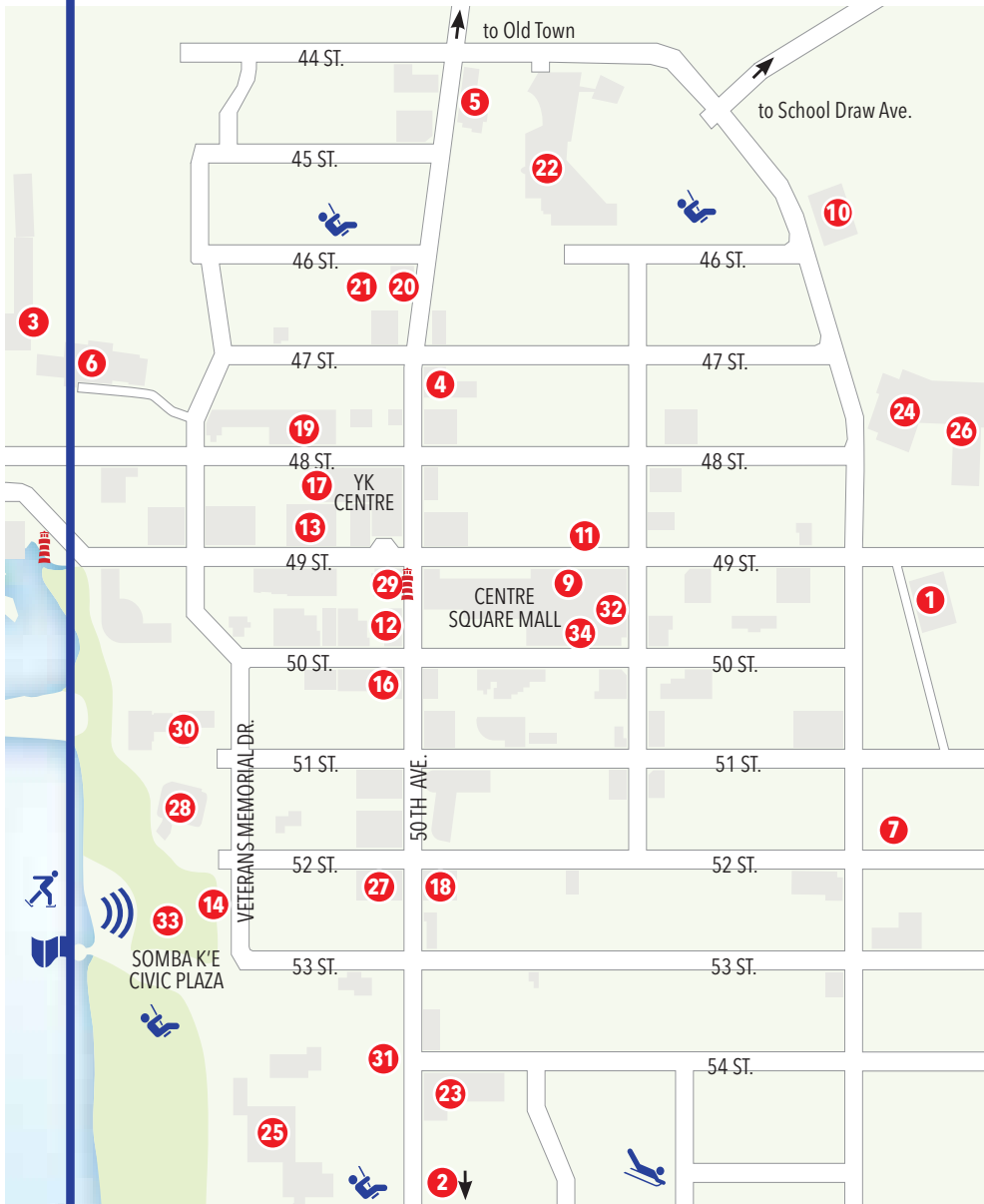
POINTS OF INTEREST

- 18. Historic TD Bank
- 19. Fritz Theil Park
- 20. Canoe Launch
- 21. Pilot's Monument
- 22. N'Dilo
- 23. Government Dock
- 24. Houseboats
- 25. Ragged Ass Road Sign
- 26. The Woodyard
- 27. Painted Rock

OTHER

- 28. YK Outdoor Adventures
- 29. Old Town Log Cabins
- 30. Sundog Adventures
- 31. Great Slave Yacht Club

DOWNTOWN



PLACES TO STAY

1. Anderson Thomson Tower
2. Capital Suites
3. Chateau Nova
4. Discovery Inn
5. Nova Inn
6. Explorer Hotel
7. Embleton House B&B
9. Quality Inn
10. The Watermark

COMMERCIAL

11. Birchwood Coffee Co.
12. Sutherland's Drugs
13. Shoppers Drug Mart
14. Fireweed Studio
16. 50/50 Mini-mall
17. Independent Grocer
18. Northwest Tower & Javarama

HEALTH

19. Yellowknife Primary Care Centre (Clinic)
20. Public Health
21. Eye Clinic

SCHOOLS

22. Saint Patrick's High School
23. Northern United Place & Aurora College
24. Sir John Franklin High School
25. Mildred Hall School

ENTERTAINMENT

26. Northern Arts & Cultural Centre
27. Capitol Theatre

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

28. City Hall
29. Yellowknife Post Office
30. RCMP
31. Old Schoolhouse
32. Yellowknife Public Library

POINTS OF INTEREST

33. Farmers' Market
34. Visitors Centre