

Safe Aurora Viewing & Parking Locations

Legend

- - - Winter Road
- - All Season Road
- Highway
-  Aurora Viewing
Parking/Pull-off Site
-  No Driving on Ice
in these Areas



Exploring the Northwest Territories Safely



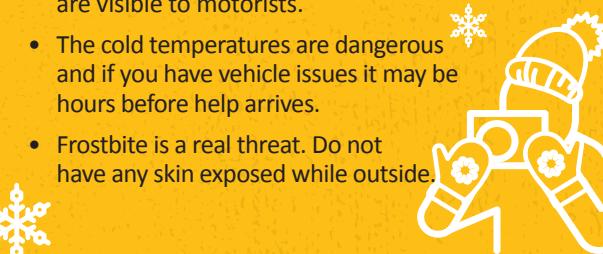
Highway Safety

- Never park on the side or in the middle of the road – this puts you and other drivers at risk.
- Always have headlights on while driving, and dim your high beams to oncoming traffic.
- NWT roads are used by large commercial vehicles. Give them lots of room.
- Ice, snow, rain, gravel and poor visibility can all decrease your ability to drive safely.
- There are areas along highways where there is weak or no cellular service.
- There are no services outside city limits.
- Follow speed limits at all time.



Weather Preparedness

- Dress for the weather. Make sure you have a parka, snow pants, winter boots, hat and gloves – you can rent this clothing from local tourism operators.
- Wear bright colours or reflective gear so that you are visible to motorists.
- The cold temperatures are dangerous and if you have vehicle issues it may be hours before help arrives.
- Frostbite is a real threat. Do not have any skin exposed while outside.



Ice Safety

- It is only safe to drive on ice roads maintained by the Government of the Northwest Territories – in the Yellowknife area, this only includes the Dettah Ice Road.
- Do not walk on ice until it measures 6" (15cm) in monitored locations. Ice measurements are updated at www.yellowknife.ca.
- River ice is usually 15% weaker than lake ice due to the undercutting of the current.
- Ice thickness can change with currents and temperature. Do not assume the ice is safe.



Wildlife Awareness and Feeding Animals

- NEVER APPROACH OR TRY TO FEED WILDLIFE.** It is extremely dangerous and often results in the animal having to be killed by Wildlife Officers.
- There are foxes, bears, wolves, coyotes, bison, moose and lynx in the NWT. It is a good idea to carry bear spray, bear bangers or other noisemakers.
- Animals can carry disease such as rabies. If you have an encounter with wildlife, seek medical attention and contact the local Environment and Natural Resources office.
- For information on wildlife safety or to report a wildlife emergency in the Yellowknife area, call: **1.867.873.7181**.



EMERGENCY INFORMATION
Dial **911** for emergencies