

# ROAD & CAMPGROUND GUIDE



## NATURALLY **SPECTACULAR** NORTHWEST TERRITORIES



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## ROUTES LEGEND



### WATERFALLS ROUTE (HIGHWAY 1)

From the Alberta/NWT border to Enterprise then on to Checkpoint at the junction of Highways 1 & 7



### HERITAGE ROUTE (HIGHWAY 1)

From Checkpoint at the junction of Highways 1 & 7 to Wrigley



### LIARD TRAIL (HIGHWAY 7)

From Checkpoint at the junction of Highways 1 & 7 south to NWT/BC border



### GREAT SLAVE ROUTE (HIGHWAYS 2 & 6)

From Enterprise to Hay River and Fort Resolution



### WOOD BUFFALO ROUTE (HIGHWAY 5)

From the junction of Highways 5 & 6 south to Fort Smith



### FRONTIER TRAIL (HIGHWAY 3)

From the junction of Highways 1 & 3 to Yellowknife



### INGRAHAM TRAIL (HIGHWAY 4)

From the Yellowknife city limits to Tibbitt Lake



### DEMPSTER HIGHWAY (YT HIGHWAY 5 & NWT HIGHWAY 8)

From Klondike Junction, YT to Inuvik, NWT

## NWT HIGHWAY ROUTES

Our highways cover a large area and offer many different routes, each with unique scenery and camping opportunities. The highway routes have been assigned names that describe their unique characteristics and allow for easier navigation. Whichever route you choose, it will be an adventure you won't soon forget.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES SYMBOLS



Accommodations



Restaurant



Store



Bank



Banking Machine



Visitor Information



Golf Course



Medical Services



Police



Airport,  
Scheduled Service



Gasoline



Diesel



Propane



Automotive Service

## PARK SERVICES SYMBOLS



Campground



Power at Campsites



Washrooms



Picnic/Day Use Area



Kitchen Shelter



Showers



Drinking Water



Dump Station



Firewood



Boat Launch



Fishing



Interpretive Displays



Staffed Information



Trails



Lookout



Playground



Swimming



Visitor Information

*The information contained in this book is offered to you as a matter of interest and is believed to be correct and accurate at the time of printing (2013).*

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## NATURALLY SPECTACULAR

To truly experience the Northwest Territories, take your camping gear for a highway driving adventure! Long ribbons of road without traffic jams or urban clutter take you through vast landscapes with unrivalled vistas — scenic boreal forests, breathtaking waterfalls, mountains, plains and valleys. Take your time, explore. Savour the wide-open spaces and quiet of the wilderness. Surround yourself with wild beauty and the whispers of history. Immerse yourself in the ancient heritage of our Aboriginal people.

Discover the comfort and natural beauty of our well-maintained territorial parks. All along the highway, stopping places beckon: wayside picnic areas, campgrounds, parks, quaint churches, traditional villages, tumbling rapids or roaring waterfalls. You'll find countless places to camp, fish, view wildlife, canoe, pick berries, take a photo or a hike.

Territorial Parks are owned and operated by the Government of the Northwest Territories. The majority are open from May 15th to September 15th. Most campgrounds are readily accessible from the highways.

However you enjoy our parks, please help us preserve our natural habitat for future generations. When you enjoy a pristine camping spot, be sure to leave it that way for the next visitor.

Welcome to the Northwest Territories!  
Have a spectacular visit!

## NORTH AMERICA



### NWT PARKS INFORMATION

**Operating Season:**

**Dempster Highway Route parks:**  
June 1 - September 6

**All other parks:**  
May 15 - September 15

#### Camping Fees

**Tent pads:** \$15.00 per night

**Non-powered sites:** \$22.50 per night

**Powered sites**

**Fred Henne only:** \$32.00 per night

**Powered sites**

**all other parks:** \$28 per night

Maximum stay at Fred Henne, Prelude Lake and Hay River Territorial Parks is 14 days during peak season (June 15 – August 15).

Current information on all parks and campgrounds and a link to the on-line campsite reservation site is available at:

[www.nwtparks.ca](http://www.nwtparks.ca)

*Deh Cho Bridge*



B. Braden



Bison near Highway

## NORTHERN ROAD SAFETY

In the NWT many of our highways are paved, and our gravel roads are well maintained. However, you will be driving through one of Canada's largest regions of continuous permafrost, one that is constantly shifting and settling. This can sometimes create dips and bumps. Please use caution, and be prepared to reduce your speed, as road conditions vary.

Also be aware that there can be significant distances between gas stations and other services.

## TIPS FOR DRIVING ON GRAVEL HIGHWAYS

- Travel with your headlights on at all times.
- Approach bends, bridges, and other limited-visibility spots slowly – vehicles may cross the centre line to straighten out a curve, or there may be wildlife on the road.
- Red diamond markers on highways indicate a significant bump.
- You may wish to fit your headlights with plastic or wire mesh protectors.
- Do not over inflate your tires – this will help prevent flat tires and provide a more comfortable ride.
- Stay well behind the vehicle in front of you and reduce speed when meeting vehicles, to minimize dust and flying stones.
- Dust-free passing zones are located on all gravel highways. Just look for the signposts. Keep dust out of your vehicle by closing all windows and turning on the fan vent or air conditioning.
- Roads are regularly maintained – watch for graders and construction equipment.

- Carry a good spare tire and first aid/emergency road kit. Don't forget the bug repellent!
- Watch for bison on Highways 3, 5 and 7.

## FERRIES AND ICE ROADS

A number of our highways are intersected by rivers that must be crossed by ferry in the summer and ice road in the winter.

The territorial government operates a free ferry service during the months that the rivers are free of ice - roughly, from May to November.

Ferries are replaced by ice roads once the rivers freeze enough to support vehicle traffic.

*Note: No crossing is possible during periods of break-up in the spring and freeze-up in the fall, so check conditions and hours of operation in advance.*

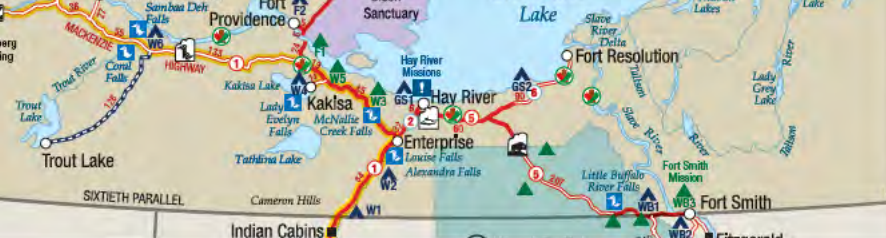
Daily reports for all NWT Ferries & Highways:  
[www.dot.gov.nt.ca](http://www.dot.gov.nt.ca)  
1-800-661-0750

## ADDITIONAL TRAVEL INFORMATION

Distances between major points along the routes are given throughout the guide in kilometres/miles and are meant as estimates, not exact distances.

Cell phone coverage in the NWT is limited to areas immediately surrounding major communities.

NWT Explorers' Map (a detailed road map) can be purchased from Tourism and Parks, Government of the Northwest Territories  
Ph: 867-873-7903 or  
Email: [parksandtourism@gov.nt.ca](mailto:parksandtourism@gov.nt.ca)



## WATERFALLS ROUTE (HIGHWAY 1)

Crossing the 60th parallel into the Northwest Territories, Alberta Highway 35 becomes NWT Highway 1 and the beginning of the Waterfalls Route. This route extends from the border to Enterprise then continues to Checkpoint at the junction of Highways 1 & 7.

A waterfall lover's delight, this route features numerous waterfalls ranging from small and charming to large and spectacular, as well as numerous rivers and lakes.

Territorial campgrounds along this route are well maintained in wilderness settings. Each has unique natural features and offer excellent hiking trails, sandy beaches or thundering waterfalls in their backyard. Most also have great fishing spots.



M. Morse, GNWT

Territorial campgrounds are located at the 60th Parallel, Twin Falls Gorge, Lady Evelyn Falls and Samba Deh Falls.

Interesting communities to visit along this route are Enterprise, Kakisa and Jean Marie River.

This route is also known as the Mackenzie Highway, named in honour of the famous explorer Sir Alexander Mackenzie, who visited this area over 200 years ago. The Mackenzie Highway began in the 1820s as a rough trail leading to the Northwest Territories from Alberta. The highway enabled settlers, traders, miners, and missionaries to extend their boundaries into the Northwest Territories, and it remains one of the most important routes for gaining access to the North.

*Kilometres/Miles reflect distance from the AB/NWT border.*

Louise Falls

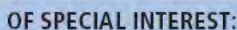


T. Parker, GNWT



## Kilometre 0 (Mile 0)

Entering the Northwest Territories from Alberta, the friendly staff at the 60th Parallel are available to welcome you. The Visitor Information Centre is open from May 15 to September 15. Brochures, maps, pay phone, drinking water, washrooms and free coffee are available. Aboriginal arts and crafts are on display in the centre. Audiovisual presentations depict the northern way of life and what you might expect to see on your travels in the NWT. Come in and have a cup of coffee while you take a short break.



- First time visitors receive a "North of 60 Certificate"
- An historic marker commemorates the completion of the Great Slave Lake Railway
- Our NWT 60th Parallel sign is a favourite photo opportunity

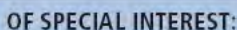
## Kilometre 0 (Mile 0)



Adjacent to the visitor information centre, this park has 7 non-powered campsites nestled amongst birch and aspen trees, and a scenic picnic area overlooking the beautiful Hay River.

## Kilometre 72 (Mile 44.7)

This beautiful park includes Alexandra Falls, Louise Falls and Escarpment Creek.



- View the breathtaking Alexandra and Louise Falls from lookouts
- Climb the awesome spiral staircase at Louise Falls
- Stroll the beautiful 2 km/1.2 mile trail that winds along the Hay River Gorge from Alexandra Falls to Louise Falls
- Enjoy the drum shaped interpretive panels

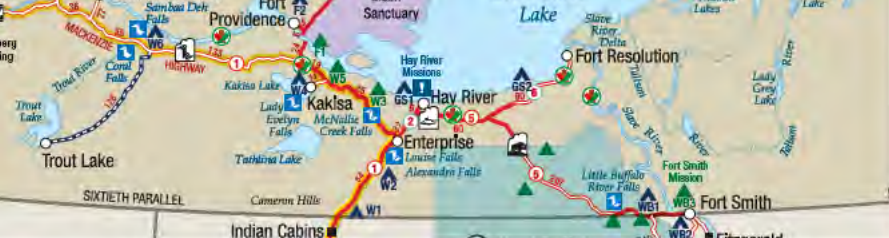
## Kilometre 72 (Mile 44.7)



A dramatically beautiful spot to enjoy a picnic, stroll the boardwalk to Louise Falls or watch Alexandra Falls tumble 32 metres over the Hay River. View the magnificent falls from either of two viewing platforms a short walk away.

*Drum signs at Alexandra Falls*





## W2 LOUISE FALLS CAMPGROUND

Kilometre 74.6 (Mile 46.4)



Louise Falls offers 28 powered campsites surrounded by jack pines, spectacular flora and 400 million year old limestone formations along the Hay River gorge. A unique 138-step spiral staircase leads you down the embankment to a viewpoint overlooking the lovely Louise Falls.

## W2 ESCARPMENT CREEK GROUP CAMPING AREA

Kilometre 77.5 (Mile 48.2)



There are 10 powered campsites that are well equipped for group camping as well as day use activities. An attractive series of small waterfalls adorn this deep gorge of the Hay River.

## ENTERPRISE

Kilometre 83.2 (Mile 51.7)



Located at the junction of Highways 1 & 2. Enterprise (pop. 109) is the first community on the Waterfalls Route and offers a range of services including gas stations, restaurants, accommodations, a grocery store and an excellent native crafts gift shop. Visitor Information is available at the hamlet office on Robin Road.



## JUNCTION OF HIGHWAYS 1 & 2

Kilometre 83.2 (Mile 51.7)

Keep left on Highway 1 to continue the Waterfalls Route. Highway 2, to the right, leads to Hay River and Fort Resolution (Great Slave Route) and to Fort Smith (Wood Buffalo Route).

## W3 MCNALLIE CREEK TERRITORIAL PARK DAY USE AREA

Kilometre 119.8 (Mile 74.4)



A small picnic area with a short trail leading to the 17-metre McNallie Creek Falls. At the viewing platform, a plaque explains the origin of the creek's name. Look for the cliff swallows nesting in the ravine walls.

## SLAVE RIVER LOWLANDS OVERVIEW

Kilometre 135 (Mile 83.9)

From here you can see the Slave River lowlands as they roll north and west to the shores of Great Slave Lake. You can also see the only high-rise building in Hay River, over 50 km/31.7 miles away.



#### W4 LADY EVELYN FALLS TERRITORIAL PARK

Kilometre 167.1 (Mile 103.8)

Take the access road to the south off Highway 1 for 6.8 km/4.2 miles to the park.



This park has 23 powered campsites and Lady Evelyn Falls are only a short walk away. These dramatic falls form a giant curtain of water as the Kakisa River spills over a limestone escarpment.

A staircase leads into the gorge at the base of the falls. The Kakisa River is a warm boulder-strewn river with many lovely spots for wading and swimming. The fishing is excellent! Northern pike, pickerel/walleye and Arctic grayling can often be hooked by casting with small spoons into the pools at the base of the falls.

### *Lady Evelyn Falls*



**KAKISA**

Kilometre 167.1 (Mile 103.8)



To reach this tiny Dene community (pop. 40), follow the access road off Highway 1 another 5 km/3 miles past the Lady Evelyn Falls campground road. This picturesque log village has a convenience store with groceries, gasoline, and a motel.

**W5 KAKISA RIVER TERRITORIAL  
PARK DAY USE AREA**

Kilometre 168.8 (Mile 105.1)



Take a break to enjoy a picnic or spend the afternoon fishing (in season) along the fast moving Kakisa River. Watch for trophy grayling. Great Slave Lake is home to the current world record Arctic grayling and one of the grayling's favourite spawning tributaries of Great Slave Lake is the Kakisa River. Hike the trail to Lady Evelyn Falls.

 JUNCTION OF  
HIGHWAYS 1 & 3

Kilometre 186 (Mile 115.7)

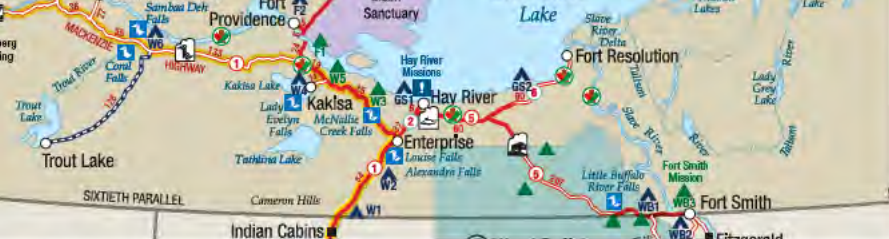


Continue west on Highway 1 to complete the last portion of the Waterfalls Route. Highway 3 is the beginning of the Frontier Trail which takes you to Yellowknife.

## BOUVIER CREEK

Kilometre 277.4 (Mile 172.5)

In springtime this can provide a nice fishing experience.



## W6 SAMBAA DEH FALLS TERRITORIAL PARK

Kilometre 325 (Mile 245)



Located at the junction of Highway 1 and the Trout River. This park has 20 non-powered campsites.

The Trout River (Sambaa Deh in the Slave language) was traditionally an important transportation route for the Aboriginal populations of the area (before and during the fur trade). The falls forced travellers to portage around this dangerous stretch of water.

Hiking trails take you to views of both Sambaa Deh and Coral Falls. Coral Falls is so named due to the numerous coral fossils washed down the river each year.



### OF SPECIAL INTEREST:

- Sambaa Deh Falls, which are readily visible from the bridge
- Coral Falls, which are approximately one and a half kilometres upstream
- The dramatic gorge running along the north side of the highway about a half kilometre west of the bridge
- Good fishing for Arctic grayling and pickerel/walleye
- There are many fossils throughout this area

## WALLACE CREEK

Kilometre 288.4 (Mile 179.2)



A pretty rest spot which offers a short 15-minute forest walk north to a small but sometimes spectacular waterfall.

## REDKNIFE RIVER

Kilometre 295.2 (Mile 183.8)

A favourite fishing spot of local people for pickerel/walleye or Arctic grayling.

## TROUT LAKE

Kilometre 321.3 (Mile 200.1)



Looking south, you may see evidence of the winter road that leads 126 km/78 miles to the Dene community of Trout Lake (pop. 85). There is no road access in the summer, but air charters are available from Fort Simpson and Hay River. The community is known for its traditional lifestyles and big fish. The community-run Sambaa Ke Fishing Lodge offers a rustic fishing experience with the opportunity to catch lake trout, pickerel/walleye and northern pike.



Photographing Fireweed

## JEAN MARIE RIVER

Kilometre 376 (Mile 233.6)



An access road north of Highway 1 leads 27 km/17 miles to the community of Jean Marie River (pop. 71). There is a small community campground here. The community boasts a number of fine artisans, some of whom have great skill in the creation of beautiful crafts using moose hair tufting.

## JEAN MARIE RIVER BRIDGE

Kilometre 412 (Mile 256)

In spring, paddlers can use this location as a starting point to reach Fort Simpson via the Jean Marie and Mackenzie Rivers.

*Note: As water levels drop the river becomes impassable, so be sure to check conditions in advance.*

## CHECKPOINT

Kilometre 413 (Mile 258)

There are NO VISITOR SERVICES here.



## JUNCTION OF HIGHWAYS 1 & 7

Continue northwest on Highway 1 to travel the Heritage Route to Fort Simpson and Wrigley. Highway 7, the Liard Trail, leads south to Fort Liard and the Alaska Highway.



The nearest location for fuel is Fort Simpson (63 km/39 miles). If you are taking the Liard Trail, the next available fuel is at Fort Liard (224 km/139 miles).

## Sambaa Deh Territorial Park Visitor Information Centre





## HERITAGE ROUTE (HIGHWAY 1)

This route extends from Checkpoint northwest to Fort Simpson and then on to Wrigley. It will take you through a ruggedly beautiful region of forested hills, mountains and clear lakes and rivers. Outdoor activities are within easy reach - camping, fishing, hiking, canoeing, rafting and nature watching.

A community campground is being developed in Wrigley. Currently, Fort Simpson Territorial Park provides the only campground on this route.

*Kilometres/Miles reflect distance from Checkpoint at the junction of Highways 1 & 7*

## THE LAFFERTY FERRY - LIARD RIVER CROSSING

Kilometre 42.8 (Mile 26.6)

This ferry operates daily from 8:00 a.m. until 11:45 p.m. "on demand" from late May through October.

In winter an ice road replaces the ferry.

No crossing is possible during break-up in spring and freeze-up in fall. Check current conditions at [www.dot.gov.nt.ca](http://www.dot.gov.nt.ca) (click travel tab, then ferry system) or call 1-800-661-0750.

### Ceremonial Circle, Fort Simpson



B. Dillon, GNWT



## JUNCTION OF HIGHWAY 1 & FORT SIMPSON ACCESS

Kilometre 57.5 (Mile 35.7)

Highway 1 turns left to take you further northwest and on to the community of Wrigley. Continuing straight will take you to the main portion of the Village of Fort Simpson.

## FORT SIMPSON

Kilometre 61 (Mile 38)



Fort Simpson (pop. 1,264) is located at the confluence of the Mackenzie and Liard Rivers and is both the largest community in this region and the oldest former trading post on the Mackenzie River. It is also the primary access to Nahanni National Park Reserve and where the park has its main office.

*Note: there is no road access to the Nahanni National Park Reserve, however, air charters can be arranged from several communities in the NWT including Fort Simpson, Fort Liard and Yellowknife. Visit the park office for more information.*

Fort Simpson has a 9-hole golf course, a 32-site campground and a very nice Visitor Information Centre with a wealth of displays and historical information. Local arts and crafts shops feature traditional Dene artwork.

Historically, this was a primary meeting place for Aboriginal groups prior to contact with European-based traders, explorers and settlers. During the





fur trading years this area was an important location for the Northwest Trading Company (subsequently the Hudson's Bay Company). They established the "Fort of the Forks", which was later renamed Fort Simpson after the first governor of the Hudson's Bay Company. The Mackenzie River was named after Alexander Mackenzie who was an explorer seeking a route west to expand the fur trade. As it turned out, the Mackenzie River took him north rather than west, and opened up a different world to the traders.



#### OF SPECIAL INTEREST:

- Ask about an Historical Walking Tour at the Visitor Information Centre
- "Open Sky Festival" is an annual arts/music festival held at the end of June
- Arrange an air charter to Nahanni National Park

## H1 FORT SIMPSON TERRITORIAL PARK

Kilometre 61 (Mile 38)



Located at the entrance to Fort Simpson, and at the confluence of the Mackenzie and Liard Rivers, this park has 20 powered sites, and 12 non-powered sites. Services and attractions in the town are within walking distance, including the Papal Site, where Pope John Paul II visited in 1987.



#### OF SPECIAL INTEREST:

- This is a great location for bird-watching and listening to the chorus of northern frogs! Many different species of birds have been documented in this area and many use The Snye as a nesting area. The Snye is a shallow wetland ecosystem located between the main portion of the community and the southern shoreline of the river. Many species of migratory waterfowl may be seen in season, including tundra swans and snow geese.



## JUNCTION OF HIGHWAY 1 & FORT SIMPSON ACCESS

Kilometre 57.5 (Mile 35.7)

To complete the Heritage Route, head northwest 220.5 km/137 miles to Wrigley.

*Kilometres/Miles reflect the distance from Checkpoint.*

## MARTEN RIVER

Kilometre 75 (Mile 46.6)

The one-lane bridge at this location should be taken with great care and reduced speed. Local people often fish here when the pickerel/walleye or Arctic grayling are active.

## SHALE CREEK

Kilometre 114.6 (Mile 71.2)

This small creek is also crossed by a one-lane bridge that requires caution and lower speed.



## THE JOHNNY BERENS FERRY - NDULEH CROSSING

Kilometre 135.3 (Mile 84)

The ferry operates "on demand" from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. from late May through October.

*Note: This crossing is subject to extreme high and low water level fluctuations which may cause delays. Check current conditions at [www.dot.gov.nt.ca](http://www.dot.gov.nt.ca) (click travel tab, then ferry system) or call 1-800-661-0750.*

No crossing is possible during break-up in spring and freeze-up in fall. In winter an ice road replaces the ferry.

## WILLOWLAKE RIVER

Kilometre 212.3 (Mile 131.9)

The Willowlake River winds its way from the Horn Plateau in the east to the Mackenzie River. This river was historically used by the Aboriginal groups from the east to bring furs to Fort Alexander, which was located near here. The furs and supplies were then traded and goods transported to market via the Mackenzie River.

## MACKENZIE VALLEY VIEWPOINT

Kilometre 218.2 (Mile 135.6)

Great view to the south of the Mackenzie Valley and River where it meets with the Willowlake River. Looking west across the Mackenzie River and several large islands, you can see the Mackenzie Mountains beyond. Looking east you can see the beginnings of the McConnell Range that turns into the Franklin Range a little further north.

## RIVER BETWEEN TWO MOUNTAINS

Kilometre 239 (Mile 148.6)

This river cuts a channel through the McConnell Range in the east, on its way to the Mackenzie River. The river has substantial cultural and historical significance to the Aboriginal groups in the area.

## WRIGLEY

Kilometre 278 (Mile 172.7)



Wrigley (pop. 170) is the northernmost all-season access point along Highway 1. This picturesque community overlooks the Mackenzie River with the Franklin Mountains in the distance. Most of the Dene people in Wrigley live in log homes and carry on their traditional livelihoods of hunting, fishing and trapping. In the winter the community provides a stop-over for vehicles driving further north on the winter roads to the communities of Tulita, Deline, Norman Wells, Fort Good Hope and Colville Lake.



Road to Wrigley



L. Leong, GNWT



T. Parker, GNWT



## LIARD TRAIL (HIGHWAY 7)

This route starts at Checkpoint and takes you southwest, following the scenic Liard River valley to Fort Liard and the NWT/BC border. It features inspiring views of the Liard River and the Nahanni Mountains, especially at Blackstone Territorial Park, the only territorial campground on this route.

*Kilometres/Miles reflect distance from Checkpoint at the junction of Highways 1 & 7.*

## POPLAR RIVER

Kilometre 34.8 (Mile 21.5)

Good Arctic grayling and pike fishing.

## LINDBERG LANDING

Kilometre 100.6 (Mile 62.4)

A road leads west to the small homestead of Lindberg Landing on the shore of the Liard River. This location has for many years been used as a landing site for travellers on the South Nahanni and Liard Rivers. Rustic accommodation is available here as well as a small store.



Blackstone Park

L. Adamson, GNWT

## LT1 BLACKSTONE TERRITORIAL PARK

Kilometre 103.4 (Mile 64)



This park has 19 non-powered campsites in a spectacular setting rich in historical significance, alive with abundant wildlife and framed by stunning mountain views. The fast flowing Liard River, and its proximity to the South Nahanni and Blackstone Rivers, makes this an excellent start or end point for canoeists, boaters or anglers.

The visitor information building, built with local logs, is open mid-May to mid-September.

## BLACKSTONE RIVER AND UPPER BLACKSTONE RIVER

Kilometre 107.6 (Mile 66.8)



There is a small picnic area between the two bridges.

## NAHANNI BUTTE

Kilometre 124.4 (Mile 77.2)



Looking west you will see the location of the winter ice road that leads 22.3 km/13.8 miles to Nahanni Butte (pop. 116). This small Dene community at the confluence of the South Nahanni and Liard Rivers is accessible in summer by boat, floatplane or wheeled plane. Boats to Nahanni Butte can be arranged at Blackstone Territorial Park.



## NETLA RIVER

Kilometre 137.9 (Mile 85.6)

This is an important waterfowl-breeding habitat. Gorgeous views of the mountains on the opposite side of the Liard River.

## LIARD VALLEY VIEWPOINT

Kilometre 176.8 (Mile 109.8)

Rest stop on the west side of the highway. Picturesque view of the Liard Valley and the mountains in the Liard Range. Interpretive signs.

## MUSKEG RIVER

Kilometre 207.5 (Mile 128.8)

Turnout with interpretive sign at north end. Fishing for pike, pickerel/walleye and freshwater clams. Frequently used as a swimming hole by local residents.

## HAY LAKES CAMPGROUND

Kilometre 220.5 (Mile 137)

This municipal campground is located about 4 km/2.5 miles along the access road to Fort Liard. Situated next to a small lake it has a kitchen shelter and several campsites.



## FORT LIARD

Kilometre 223 (Mile 138.4)



This small community (pop. 591) is located 6.4 km/4 miles west of the Liard Highway, at the confluence of the Liard and Petitot Rivers. The view of the rivers and mountains from the access road and the community is well worth the short side trip.

Fort Liard is considered "the tropics of the north" as it often has the warmest weather and best growing conditions in the Northwest Territories. This is one of the oldest continuously settled areas in the north.



### OF SPECIAL INTEREST:

- The community is the home of Acho Dene Native Crafts. The artisans of Fort Liard are especially renowned for their birch bark and porcupine quill artistry.



The nearest fuel supply when heading south is Fort Nelson, BC (199 km/124 miles).

The nearest fuel supply to the north is Fort Simpson (287 km/178 miles).

## NWT/BC BORDER

Kilometre 254.5 (Mile 158)

Be sure to check out the new welcome sign!





## GREAT SLAVE ROUTE (HIGHWAYS 2 & 6)

At Enterprise, take Highway 2 to begin the Great Slave Route. This interesting drive takes you to two communities located along the southern shores of Great Slave Lake - Hay River and Fort Resolution.

Territorial campgrounds are located at Hay River Territorial Park and Little Buffalo River Crossing Park.

*Kilometres/Miles reflect distance from Enterprise.*

## PARADISE GARDENS

Kilometre 13 (Mile 8)

This is the largest market gardening area in the NWT. Here, rich soil has built up along the banks of the Hay River and long summer days make for good wheat, vegetable and raspberry growing.

### Golfing in Hay River



## HAY RIVER GOLF COURSE

Kilometre 25.3 (Mile 15.7)

A scenic 9-hole golf course with artificial greens sprawled along the Hay River. The clubhouse serves meals and drinks. Licensed facility. Visitors are welcome.

## HAY RIVER

Kilometre 38 (Mile 24)



Located on Great Slave Lake, the community of Hay River (pop. 3,651) began as a mission and fur trade centre in 1858. Water, road and rail transportation links have made Hay River "the hub of the north". The Great Slave Lake Railway ends here. Mackenzie River and Arctic Coast freight barging begins where the Hay River meets Great Slave Lake.



## OF SPECIAL INTEREST:

- Hay River is the largest shipping centre in the north
- The town has the look and feel of a seaport, with its tugs, barges and commercial fishing operations
- The fishing is great
- There is a beautiful golf course
- Several arts and crafts shops





Hay River Territorial Park Beach



## JUNCTION OF HIGHWAYS 2, 5 & 6

Kilometre 92.7 (Mile 57.6)

Continue east on Highway 6 to Fort Resolution to complete the last portion of the Great Slave Route. Highway 5 to the south is the start of the Wood Buffalo Route which ends in Fort Smith.

## GS2 LITTLE BUFFALO RIVER CROSSING TERRITORIAL PARK

Kilometre 159 (Mile 98.8)



20 non-powered sites on the shores of Little Buffalo River but minutes away from Great Slave Lake. A pleasant stopping point for fishing, boating and picnicking. Or as a scenic base from which to explore nearby Fort Resolution.

## FORT RESOLUTION

Kilometre 182 (Mile 113)



First located at the mouth of the Slave River, Fort Resolution (pop. 510) was moved to its present location in 1796. The first settlers were Cree-Metis. By 1852 Oblate priests had arrived to establish a mission and school. Treaty 8 with the Chipewyan was signed here in 1900. Fort Resolution was a major medical and educational centre until the 1950s. For a taste of northern history and insight into the Dene way of life, Fort Resolution is an excellent destination.



## OF SPECIAL INTEREST:

- Fort Resolution is the oldest, continuously occupied settlement in the NWT
- Information on walking tours of the town and boat trips to the original settlement are available at the Community Council Office

Church in Fort Resolution





## WOOD BUFFALO ROUTE (HIGHWAY 5)

The Wood Buffalo Route will take you to Fort Smith and the largest national park in North America, Wood Buffalo National Park.

Of special interest along this route are the golf course in Fort Smith, the salt plains and bison in Wood Buffalo National Park, white water rafting and kayaking on the Slave River, pelicans and cranes at the Slave River rapids and much more!

The Territorial campgrounds on this route are Little Buffalo River Falls and Queen Elizabeth Territorial Park, near Fort Smith.

*Kilometres/Miles given reflect distance from Enterprise.*

## WOOD BUFFALO NATIONAL PARK

Kilometre 128.3 (Mile 79.9)

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, this 44,800 km<sup>2</sup> / 17,300 miles<sup>2</sup> park is the largest national park in North America. Established in 1922, the park protects one of the last remaining free roaming herds of wood bison in the world. There are currently about 3,500 bison roaming the area. Other park attractions include the last remaining natural nesting ground of the endangered Whooping Crane, the biologically rich Peace-Athabasca river delta, extensive salt plains that are unique in Canada, and some of the finest examples of gypsum karst topography in North America. Stop at the Wood Buffalo Visitor Information Centre in Fort Smith to learn more about the park through interpretive displays and excellent audiovisual presentations.

## ANGUS FIRE TOWER

Kilometre 132 (Mile 82)



Angus Tower features a giant sinkhole, evidence of the unique karst topography of this area.

## WB1 LITTLE BUFFALO RIVER FALLS TERRITORIAL PARK

Kilometre 247 (Mile 153.5)



6 non-powered sites in a uniquely picturesque spot. The area was devastated by a forest fire in 1981 but re-growth has been swift. Now, the area is an ideal spot to observe and learn how nature revives and replenishes the land. Relax by a small waterfall or launch your canoe in the gorge below.

## SALT PLAINS OVERLOOK

Kilometre 263.1 (Mile 163.5)

A 13 km/8 mile road takes you to an amazing panoramic view of the salt plains. For a close-up view, take the hiking trail down. There is an interpretive exhibit, a viewing telescope, picnic area, and outhouses.

*Kayaking on Slave River*



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# NORTHWEST TERRITORIES MAP



## MAP LEGEND

### SYMBOLS

- Day Use Area
- National Park
- Campground
- Ferry

### HIGHWAYS

- Paved Surface
- Unpaved Surface

## NWT TERRITORIAL PARKS



### Waterfalls Route

- W1 60th Parallel –
- W2 Twin Falls Gorge
- Alexandra Falls
- Louise Falls
- Escarpment Creek
- W3 McNallie Creek
- W4 Lady Evelyn Falls
- W5 Kakisa River
- W6 Sambaa Deh Falls



### Heritage Route

- H1 Fort Simpson
- H2 McKinnon



### Liard Trail

- LT1 Blackstone Park



### Great Slave Route

- GS1 Hay River
- GS2 Little Buffalo River Crossing

- Wood Buffalo Route**
- WB1 Little Buffalo River Falls
  - WB2 Queen Elizabeth
  - WB3 Fort Smith Mission

**Frontier Trail**

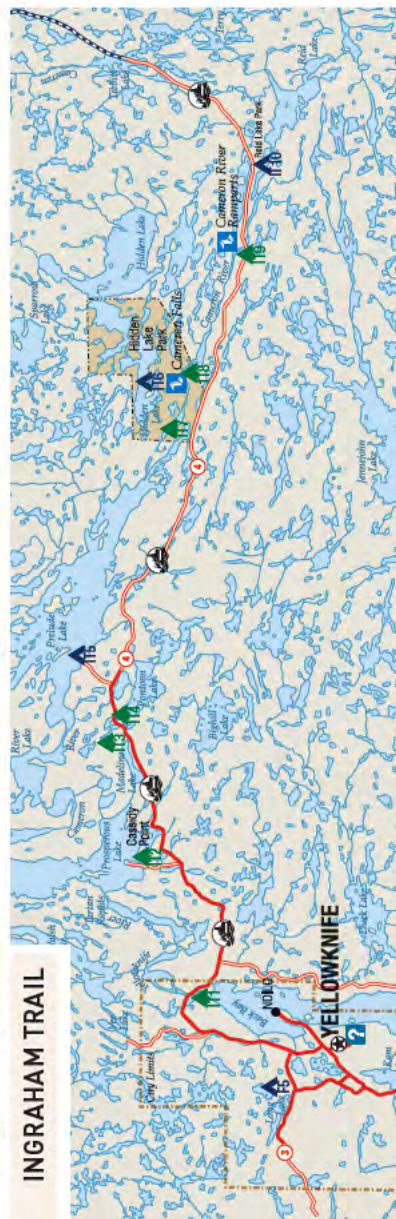
- F1 Dory Point
- F2 Fort Providence
- F3 Chan Lake
- F4 North Arm
- F5 Fred Henne

**Ingraham Trail**

- IT1 Yellowknife River
- IT2 Prosperous Lake
- IT3 Madeline Lake
- IT4 Pontoon Lake
- IT5 Prelude Lake
- IT6 Hidden Lake (Backcountry)
- IT7 Powder Point
- IT8 Cameron Falls Trail
- IT9 Cameron River Crossing
- IT10 Reid Lake

**Dempster Highway**

- D1 Tetlit Gwiniik
- D2 Nitainilaii
- D3 Gwich'in
- Vadzath Van Tshik
- Titthegeh Chii Vitaii
- Gwich'in
- Ehjuu Njik
- Nihtak
- Jak
- Happy Valley





## WB2 QUEEN ELIZABETH TERRITORIAL PARK

Kilometre 292.8 (Mile 181.9)



Located just outside of the community of Fort Smith, this park has 17 powered campsites and a number of nearby attractions. There are trails around the park, and to great views of the Slave River, whose rapids are a world-class venue for white water kayaking and rafting. Keep your eyes peeled for summer colonies of white pelicans at home in their northernmost outpost in the world.

## FORT SMITH

Kilometre 300 (Mile 186.4)



Fort Smith (pop. 2,430) was once the political capital of the Northwest Territories. On the NWT/Alberta border, it is the southernmost community in the NWT and is now known as "The Garden Capital of the North". Situated on the shore of the Slave River, on the original portage route around the Slave River Rapids, the town began as a fur trading post (Hudson Bay Company) in 1874 but fur traders travelling down the Mackenzie River had been using the area as a stopover for more than a century.

There are several recreation facilities including a golf course, a swimming pool, tennis courts and a recreation complex. The Fort Smith Visitor Reception Centre is located at Wood Buffalo National Park headquarters at 149 McDougal Road, where friendly staff are available to answer your questions and direct you to activities happening around town.



### OF SPECIAL INTEREST:

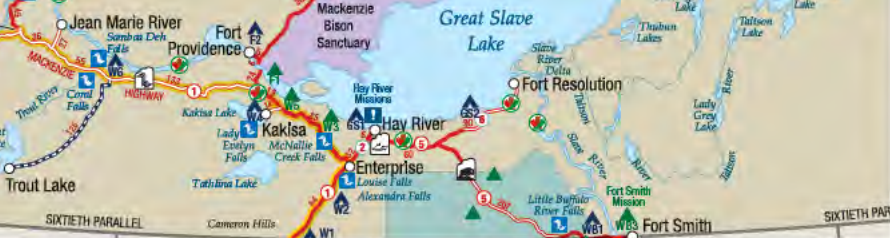
- The Northern Life Museum has extensive galleries depicting the traditional lifestyle and activities of First Nations and Metis people
- Wood Buffalo Visitor Information Centre has interpretive displays and fascinating audiovisual presentations
- The Slave River's four major rapids - Cassette, Pelican, Mountain, and Rapids of the Drowned - produce some of the biggest and best whitewater in the world

## WB3 FORT SMITH MISSION TERRITORIAL PARK DAY USE AREA



Tour the remains of the original 151 acre Oblate Catholic Mission. The park provides an extensive self-guided tour of the site, with sign boards describing various aspects of the history and activities of the mission.





## FRONTIER TRAIL (HIGHWAY 3)

Driving north on Highway 3, the Frontier Trail will take you through rolling, polished Precambrian rock, dotted with thousands of clear lakes and rivers.

The Frontier Trail is paved all the way to Yellowknife.

Interesting communities to visit along this route are Fort Providence, Rae, Edzo, N'Dilo and Yellowknife. Yellowknife, the capital of the Northwest Territories, is located on the north shore of Great Slave Lake and offers all the amenities of a southern city.

Territorial campgrounds along this route are located at Fort Providence and at Fred Henne Park in Yellowknife.

 Watch for bison on and beside the highway.

*Kilometres/Miles reflect distance from junction of Highways 1 & 3.*



## F1 DORY POINT TERRITORIAL PARK DAY USE AREA

Kilometre 21.2 (Mile 13.2)



Located on the south bank of the mighty Mackenzie River where it empties out of Great Slave Lake, just a short way from the Deh Cho bridge crossing. A great spot to take a break before continuing your journey – north or south.

## THE DEH CHO BRIDGE - MACKENZIE RIVER CROSSING

Kilometre 23.6 (Mile 14.7)

Officially opened on Nov. 30, 2012, this 1.045 kilometre (0.65 mile) bridge crosses the Mackenzie River near Fort Providence.

The Deh Cho Bridge provides visitors and northern residents travelling this stretch of highway with a safe, reliable all-weather road, available 24 hours per day, 365 days of the year.

There are no tolls on the bridge for passenger vehicles.



A few minutes drive after crossing the bridge, just before you get to the turn off to Fort Providence, there is a gas station, restaurant and an arts and crafts store.

## THE MACKENZIE BISON SANCTUARY

Kilometre 25.6 (Mile 15.9)

For the next 80 km/50 miles or so, the area of land from the highway east to Great Slave Lake is set aside for free-roaming wood bison. The bison often roam on and around the highway. Keep





*Mackenzie River at Fort Providence*

a lookout and use caution if bison are on the road. A collision with an animal can be fatal to both parties. Treat these animals with respect. They may look slow and docile but can move with amazing speed and aggression. Keep your distance.

## F2 FORT PROVIDENCE TERRITORIAL PARK

Kilometre 33.4 (Mile 20.7)



32 powered campsites and 11 non-powered day use sites situated on the north bank of the Mackenzie River, only a 2 km/1.2 miles drive off Highway 1. Enjoy spectacular sunsets, great fishing and bird watching, and the amenities and attractions of nearby historic Fort Providence.

## FORT PROVIDENCE

Kilometre 36.4 (Mile 22.6)



This community is 5 km/3 miles down an access road west of the highway. Fort Providence (pop. 748) is a scenic and historic community located on the banks of the Mackenzie River. A Roman Catholic Mission was

### *Fort Providence Territorial Park*



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established in 1861. Our Lady of Fort Providence church is a major landmark. An excellent craft shop features moose hair tufting, a local specialty.



### OF SPECIAL INTEREST:

- Long history as a trading post and a mission to the Dene People
- Mission priests once farmed extensively here
- West of town are two historical cairns: one commemorating Sir Alexander Mackenzie's 1789 voyage, the other acknowledging the contribution of the Grey Nuns to the community



There are no services along Highway 3 for another 231 km/144 miles, so if you are going to Yellowknife, gas up!

## F3 CHAN LAKE TERRITORIAL PARK DAY USE AREA

Kilometre 123.8 (Mile 77)



A picturesque spot for a picnic, located at the northern end of the Mackenzie Bison Sanctuary. Wildlife abounds: watch for bison on the road, sandhill cranes in the bush at the side of the road and waterfowl on adjacent Chan Lake.

## MOSQUITO CREEK

Kilometre 227.3 (Mile 141.2)

No visitor facilities but a turn off leads to a trail going down the creek. Good pickerel/walleye fishing, but closed May 1 to June 30 for conservation.





## F4 NORTH ARM TERRITORIAL PARK DAY USE AREA

Kilometre 232 (Mile 144.2)



Enjoy a break from driving. Stop on the picturesque shores of Great Slave Lake to take photos or simply to relax with a picnic. Be sure to look around you – the scenery abruptly changes here from the rocky Canadian Shield to Mackenzie Lowlands and is a haven for waterfowl.

## ACCESS TO EDZO

Kilometre 239 (Mile 148.5)

Turn off to the settlement of Edzo. No services.

## RAE

Kilometre 245 (Mile 152.2)



The community of Rae (pop. 1,500) is 11 km/7 miles west of the highway. The two hamlets of Rae and Edzo, (24 km/15 miles apart), make up the community government area of Behchoko. Together they have the Territories' largest Dene population. Rae, where most of the community resides, is an old Dene hunting spot and was the site of two early trading posts.

## YELLOWKNIFE GOLF CLUB

Kilometre 334 (Mile 207.5)

Just off the highway to the north is the Yellowknife Golf Club. This unique 18-hole golf course has sand fairways, artificial greens, pro shop, and licensed clubhouse. Site of the famous June 21 Midnight Sun Tournament.



As you continue along the highway, after you pass a sandy area on the right, you will notice several buildings at the end of the airport runway. These are the diamond sorting plants.

To the left is the *Folk On The Rocks* site, home of a very popular summer music festival usually held the third weekend in July.

## YELLOWKNIFE AIRPORT

Kilometre 335.6 (Mile 208.5)

The Yellowknife Airport is on the right side of the road across from Long Lake.

## F5 FRED HENNE TERRITORIAL PARK DAY USE AREA

Kilometre 335.6 (Mile 208.5)



A roadside turn-out to the left provides access to this popular recreational area on the shores of Long Lake. Picnic sites, a boat launch and kitchen shelters, as well as a sandy beach, a playground







## OF SPECIAL INTEREST:

- Visit the many cultural and historical displays at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre museum
- Take an informative tour of the unique Legislative Assembly Building
- Visit the Northern Frontier Visitors Centre for their mining displays and information on community events, maps for hiking or canoeing and activities offered by local tourism operators
- In Old Town, there are several unique shops, restaurants and fish vendors. Visit the historic Wild Cat Café, and take in the view from Pilot's Monument.
- See a local play or an internationally known singer at the Northern Arts and Cultural Centre
- Visit nearby Aboriginal communities of Rae, Edzo, N'Dilo and Detah





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## INGRAHAM TRAIL (HIGHWAY 4)

The Ingraham Trail begins in Yellowknife and extends 70 km/43.5 miles to Tibbitt Lake. Lakes, campgrounds, picnic sites, and boat launches dot this highway through Yellowknife's cottage country. A beautiful drive, the Ingraham Trail winds through Precambrian landscape with scenic vistas of lakes, forest and ancient rock. A variety of outdoor recreation opportunities are available, including: hiking trails, canoeing, boating, swimming, fishing and bird watching.

The trail is paved to the Prelude Lake Territorial Park access. Camping facilities are available at Prelude Lake and Reid Lake Territorial parks.

*Kilometres/Miles reflect distances from junction of Highways 3 & 4, just north of Yellowknife.*

## IT1 YELLOWKNIFE RIVER TERRITORIAL PARK DAY USE AREA

Kilometre 7.7 (Mile 4.8)



The first of nine parks strung like beads along the Ingraham Trail. Located on the Yellowknife River, the park is a perfect place to enjoy a picnic or fishing. For the more adventurous, boat up the river and into the string of lakes it connects to; or downstream into Back Bay and Yellowknife Bay on Great Slave Lake.

## ACCESS TO DETAH

Kilometre 9.8 (Mile 6.1)

An access road leads 11 km/7 miles to the small Dene community of Detah (pop. 223).

## IT2 PROSPEROUS LAKE TERRITORIAL PARK DAY USE AREA

Kilometre 19.7 (Mile 12.2)



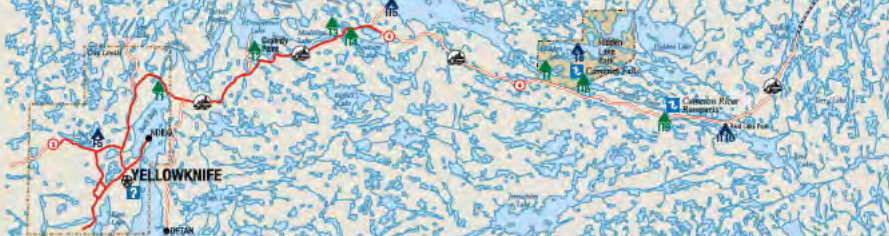
While the park is primarily a boat launch, don't be deceived by the apparent size of Prosperous Lake as seen from the shores – most of it is just out of sight and ready to be explored. Fish for monstrous lake trout or launch your canoe downriver to the Tartan Rapids on the Yellowknife River.

### Prelude Lake Marina



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### IT3 MADELINE LAKE TERRITORIAL PARK DAY USE AREA

Kilometre 24 (Mile 14.9)



A small park primarily used as a launching point for canoeists, boaters and anglers.

### IT4 PONTOON LAKE TERRITORIAL PARK DAY USE AREA

Kilometre 26.4 (Mile 16.4)



A scenic little peninsula jutting into Pontoon Lake, this is a perfect spot to fish, picnic or soak up the midnight sun on the granite rocks framing the shore. Short trails allow you to get different views of the lake and watch for wildlife.

### IT5 PRELUDE LAKE TERRITORIAL PARK

Kilometre 28 (Mile 17.4)



Prelude Lake is a water lover's dream. The largest developed park on the Ingham Trail, it has numerous facilities to enjoy and 64 campsites to choose from (52 non-powered and 12 tent pads). There is a sandy beach where you can enjoy a wide range of water activities: swimming, canoeing, wind surfing and water skiing. The park's trail system offers a short stroll to a panoramic view or a longer, interpretive hike.

### IT6 HIDDEN LAKE TERRITORIAL PARK

3,000 hectares of beauty and adventure. Hidden Lake is an undeveloped, water-based park. Backcountry camping is permitted, however, there are no facilities provided. Access is a series of rivers and lakes linked by short portages. Two day use areas, (Powder Point and Cameron Falls), service the park and have picnicking and other facilities.

### IT7 POWDER POINT DAY USE AREA

Kilometre 44 (Mile 27.3)



Powder Point is the main access into Hidden Lake Territorial Park's pristine wilderness. Enjoy the day fishing or picnicking at the day use area; or, launch your canoe for backcountry adventure. Interpretive panels provide information on the park beyond visible shores.

*Madeline Lake Day Use Area*



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*Relaxing at the Reid Lake Territorial Park*

## IT8 CAMERON FALLS DAY USE AREA

Kilometre 45.8 (28.4)



A 1 km/.6 mile trail a moderately easy, 20-minute walk – leads up and over rocky outcrops and in and out of valleys. Hikers are rewarded at the end by a spectacular view of Cameron Falls. Benches overlooking the waterfall provide a scenic picnic or rest spot. For the more adventurous, follow the trail upstream to a pedestrian bridge crossing the river.

## IT9 CAMERON RIVER CROSSING TERRITORIAL PARK DAY USE AREA

Kilometre 53.9 (Mile 33.5)



A perfect spot to idle away a summer day. Picnic on the sandy shores of the Cameron River or walk the short trail to the Ramparts waterfall for picture taking and wildlife watching. The base of the falls, easily reached by the trail, is the ideal spot to soak up the sun or dip a toe into the water.

*Reid Lake*



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## IT10 REID LAKE TERRITORIAL PARK

Kilometre 61 (Mile 38)



With 65 non-powered campsites and 11 tent pads, fishing, swimming, canoeing, hiking, bird watching, and wildlife viewing, this is a great place to camp and enjoy the outdoors. It is also an excellent base camp for power boating or extended canoe trips into the surrounding lake systems.

## TIBBITT LAKE

Kilometre 68.9 (Mile 42.8)

This is the end of the Ingraham Trail and a launching point for canoeists. There are no facilities here. You may see signs that indicate the beginning of the ice roads that are used in the winter to service the diamond mines.

*Cameron Falls*



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## DEMPSTER HIGHWAY (HIGHWAY 8)

The Dempster Highway begins 40 km/25 miles east of Dawson City in the Yukon, and ends in Inuvik in the Northwest Territories. It stretches 740 km/460 miles through three mountain ranges and three ecological areas, providing the opportunity to view wildlife and enjoy some of the most beautiful wilderness scenery in the world.

Completed in 1978, the Dempster is the only public highway in Canada to cross the Arctic Circle. It was named for Sgt. W.J.D. Dempster of the Northwest Mounted Police who, in the winter of 1910-11, was sent to search for the "Lost Patrol". Construction started under Canada's "Roads to Resources" program in the late 1950s but only 117 km/72.7 miles were completed at that time. In the 1970s work began again as an overland supply route to Inuvik was needed to serve the large-scale oil exploration taking place in the Beaufort Sea. Since then, visitors from around the world have discovered the phenomenal beauty of this highway and make this journey a major focus of their vacation.

Information about the route is available at the Dempster Delta Visitor Information Centre on Front Street in Dawson City. Check here for current highway conditions as it is a long way between service centres. There is also an interpretive display about the highway at Klondike Corner

The NWT portion of this route will take you through the communities of Fort McPherson, Tsiigehtchic, and Inuvik. There are several territorial campgrounds, viewpoints, picnic sites and fishing spots along the way.

Northwest Territories' campgrounds along the Dempster are Nitainlaih, Vadzaih Van Tshik and Gwich'in. Jàk and Happy Valley, located in Inuvik, easily accommodate RVs.

Gasoline, diesel and propane services are available at Fort McPherson, Inuvik and Eagle Plains in the Yukon.

The highway ends at Inuvik, but from December to April, depending on the weather, ice roads connect Inuvik to Aklavik and Tuktoyaktuk. Attractions of interest in these communities include "Mad Trapper" Albert Johnson's grave in Aklavik and pingos around Tuktoyaktuk.

### *Tombstone Mountain, Yukon*





## Dempster Highway

| Inuvik to         | Miles | Km   |
|-------------------|-------|------|
| Arctic Circle, YT | 205   | 331  |
| Eagle Plains, YT  | 236   | 379  |
| Whitehorse, YT    | 759   | 1222 |
| Calgary, AB       | 2195  | 3532 |
| Fort Nelson, BC   | 1366  | 2200 |
| Edmonton, AB      | 2010  | 3235 |
| Vancouver, BC     | 2422  | 3898 |
| Toronto, ON       | 4120  | 6611 |

*Kilometres/Miles reflect distance from the beginning of the Dempster Highway in the Yukon, at the junction of Klondike Highway 2 and Dempster Highway 5.*

*When crossing into the NWT, the Dempster becomes NWT Highway 8.*

### TOMBSTONE MOUNTAIN CAMPGROUND

Kilometre 72 (Mile 45)

30 campsites.

### VIEWPOINT OF TOMBSTONE MOUNTAIN

Kilometre 75 (Mile 47)

### NORTH FORK PASS

Kilometre 82 (Mile 51)

The Dempster Highway's highest elevation at 1,298 metres (4,229 feet)

### COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE

Kilometre 117 (Mile 72)

The Royal Northwest Mounted Police trekked this country on their month-long patrols from Dawson to Aklavik. This plaque commemorates the role of Sergeant W.J.B. Dempster.

### ENGINEER CREEK CAMPGROUND

Kilometre 194 (Mile 120)

10 campsites.

### OGILVIE RIVER BRIDGE

Kilometre 223 (Mile 141)

The Dempster leaves the river valley at kilometre 242 (mile 150), and begins to climb again, some 915 metres (3,000 feet) into the continental divide and through the rolling Eagle Plains.

### OGILVIE-PEEL VIEWPOINT

Kilometre 259 (Mile 161)

### "DRUNKEN FOREST"

Kilometre 281 (Mile 174)

Permafrost action has heaved the ground under a patch of jack pine and black spruce.

### EAGLE PLAINS HOTEL AND RV CAMPGROUND

Kilometre 369 (Mile 229)

The halfway point to Inuvik. The highway lodge is open year-round, offers a licensed restaurant and lounge, full-service garage, RV Park and campground – 15 sites.

### ARCTIC CIRCLE

Kilometre 405 (Mile 252)

Just beyond Eagle Plains, the highway crosses the Arctic Circle where there is 24-hours of daylight for six weeks during summer. Have your picture taken at the signpost!





## ROCK RIVER CAMPGROUND

Kilometre 447 (Mile 277)

17 campsites offer sheltered protection within a steep gorge of the Richardson Mountains.

## YUKON/NWT BORDER CROSSING

Kilometre 465 (Mile 289)

Rest stop and interpretive display. Here the Dempster crosses the continental divide a third time as it winds through the Richardson Mountains.

## WRIGHT PASS SUMMIT

Kilometre 482 (Mile 299)

The last high point on the highway before it descends to the Peel River.

## JAMES CREEK HIGHWAY CAMP

Kilometre 485 (Mile 301)

No services but good grayling fishing in the creek.

## MIDWAY LAKE

Kilometre 514 (Mile 319)

Site of the annual Midway Lake music festival held on the August long weekend.

## D1 TETLIT GWINJIK TERRITORIAL PARK DAY USE AREA

Kilometre 536 (Mile 333)



Nestled on the north-facing slope of the Peel River Plateau, this interpretive lookout gives a sweeping view that encompasses the Richardson Mountains, the Mackenzie Delta, and the community of Fort McPherson on the banks of the Peel River.

## THE ABRAHAM FRANCIS FERRY - PEEL RIVER CROSSING

Kilometre 539 (Mile 335)

Operating hours are 9:15 a.m. to 12:45 a.m. "on demand", from early June to mid-October.

In winter an ice road replaces the ferry.

No crossing is possible during break-up in spring and freeze-up in fall. Check current conditions at [www.dot.gov.nt.ca](http://www.dot.gov.nt.ca) (click travel tab, then ferry system) or call 1-800-661-0750.

## D2 NITAINLAI TERRITORIAL PARK

Kilometre 541 (Mile 336)



23 non-powered sites perched on a cliff overlooking the Peel River, and surrounded by stands of white birch and white spruce trees. This is an ideal place to unwind for a few nights on the long journey up or down the Dempster. Spend time in the visitor centre for a fascinating glimpse of the life of the Gwich'in Dene people, past and present.

Welcome to Northwest Territories





## FORT MCPHERSON

Kilometre 550 (Mile 342)



Fort McPherson (pop. 791) is a picturesque community located on a rolling plateau between the Richardson Mountains and the Mackenzie River Delta. For years the community was only accessible by air or water and was seldom visited by tourists. But all that changed in 1979 with the completion of the Dempster Highway. Today Fort McPherson sits on the edge of this highway, and is a popular stopping off place for the many travellers heading for the end of the road.



### OF SPECIAL INTEREST:

- Visit the Fort McPherson Tent & Canvas Company, world famous for their prospector tents, tepees and sturdy duffel bags
- Visit the graves of the Lost Patrol of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police
- Visit the craft shop and cultural centre

*View of Arctic Red River*



## THE LOUIS CARDINAL FERRY - MACKENZIE RIVER AND ARCTIC RED RIVER CROSSING

Kilometre 608 (Mile 378)

The ferry operates from 9:30 a.m. to 12:45 a.m. "on demand", from early June to late October. This ferry travels across the Mackenzie River and also provides access to Tsiigehtchic. Let the crew know if you want to go there.

In winter an ice road replaces the ferry.

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## TSIIGEHTCHIC

Kilometre 608 (Mile 378)



Tsiigehtchic (Arctic Red River) is a small community (pop. 177) located in a picturesque setting, at the confluence of the Arctic Red and Mackenzie Rivers. Tsiigehtchic, means "mouth of iron river". Most of the Gwichya Gwich'in inhabitants still follow a traditional lifestyle of hunting, fishing and trapping.

## RENGLING RIVER

Kilometre 649 (Mile 403)

A fine picnic spot with Arctic grayling fishing.





### D3 GWICH'IN TERRITORIAL PARK

Kilometre 692 (Mile 430)

The Dempster Highway serves as a boundary for the 8,800 hectare park and connects visitors to two campgrounds, two day use areas and a scenic lookout. The park is home to a number of natural heritage wonders of the Mackenzie Delta Region: limestone cliffs, rare arctic plant communities, migratory bird staging areas and Campbell Lake, an excellent example of a reversing delta.

The following five sites are within the park and offer day use or camping facilities.

### D3 VADZAIH VAN TSHIK CAMPGROUND

Kilometre 692 (Mile 430)



12 non-powered sites nestled on the side of Caribou Creek, well protected from the elements by a steep cliff on the north side of the creek. Birds of prey glide high past the park while kingfishers are occasionally seen skimming the water. Watch for nesting peregrine falcons.

### D3 TITHEGEH CHII VITAI LOOKOUT



A short walk from the highway takes you to the edge of the cliffs overlooking Campbell Lake. Wood frogs, at the northern limit of their range here, inhabit the lake.

### D3 GWICH'IN TERRITORIAL CAMPGROUND

Kilometre 705 (Mile 438)



Facilities include 15 non-powered campsites and 4 tent sites. Enjoy the spectacular shoreline of Campbell Lake. Try your luck fishing. Take a walk in search of unique rocks and fossils. Or be adventuresome and hit the beach for a swim above the Arctic Circle.

### D3 EHJUU NJIK DAY USE AREA

Kilometre 714 (Mile 443)



Spend the afternoon picnicking on the banks of Cabin Creek or cast your line for Arctic grayling.

### D3 NIHTAK DAY USE AREA

Kilometre 719 (Mile 446)



Access point to Campbell Lake at the foot of the Dolomite Hills. During the spring water run off, large numbers of whitefish migrate up the creek to spawn. Spend the day picnicking and absorbing the panoramic scenery.

Gwich'in Park Lookout





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Lookout at Jāk Territorial Park

## JUNCTION WITH AIRPORT ROAD

Kilometre 725 (Mile 449)

The airport facilities are to the left and the town of Inuvik is at the end of the road to the right.

## D4 JÅK TERRITORIAL PARK

Kilometre 731 (Mile 454)



6 powered and 32 non-powered sites located just outside of Inuvik. An observation tower offers excellent views of the surrounding scenery and prime bird watching opportunities. Watch for falcons, eagles, ducks and more. And look for the abundance of cranberries, blueberries and cloudberry that give the park its name. (Jāk means 'berry' in Gwich'in.)

## INUVIK

Kilometre 736 (Mile 457)



Inuvik is the last stop on the Dempster Highway in the summer. A modern Arctic community, Inuvik (pop. 3,420) has full visitor services, including boat and air tours to other communities and to sites of interest in the Mackenzie Delta. For golf enthusiasts, a driving range and 3 holes are currently available.

Being some 220 km (124 air miles) north of the Arctic Circle, Inuvik experiences the true Midnight Sun from May 24 to July 24. The sun does not set for 57 days. This is contrasted by about 30 days (December 5 to January 5) when the sun does not rise above the horizon, but still provides four hours of twilight.



## OF SPECIAL INTEREST:

- The Western Arctic Regional Visitor Centre is a unique building with northern displays
- Visit the Igloo Church - Inuvik's best known landmark
- The Community Greenhouse, in a former arena, is a green oasis
- The Aurora Research Centre
- Aboriginal Day celebrations on June 21st
- The Great Northern Arts Festival, held the 3rd week of July, draws amazing talent from across the north

## D5 HAPPY VALLEY TERRITORIAL PARK



Located right in the town of Inuvik, this park offers convenient access to the town's facilities and attractions. There are 19 powered and 8 non-powered sites as well as a group tenting site. Situated on a bluff overlooking the east branch of the Mackenzie River, the park has wonderful views of the Richardson Mountains.

Igloo Church, Inuvik



T. Marsh, GNWT



Great Bear Lake

## SAHTU REGION (NO HIGHWAY)

### Hiking in the Mackenzie Mountains



T. Parker, GNWT

## ADVENTURES BEYOND THE HIGHWAY

Your tour of the Northwest Territories doesn't have to stop at the end of the highways. While you are here, take advantage of the opportunity to explore and experience areas not accessible by all-season roads. Nestled between the western shore of Great Bear Lake and the Mackenzie Mountains are the communities of Norman Wells, Tulita, Deline, Fort Good Hope and Colville Lake, which are only accessible by road in winter. Norman Wells, the regional centre, enjoys daily jet service from Yellowknife and points south, and offers connections to outlying settlements as well as hunting, fishing and naturalist lodges through-out the area.

## H2 MACKINNON TERRITORIAL PARK



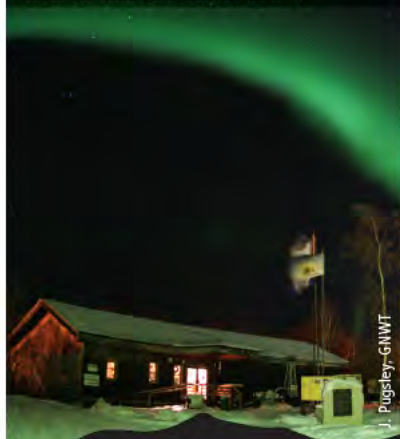
MacKinnon Territorial Park is the only territorial campground not accessible by road. Located in the community of Norman Wells, on the banks of the Mackenzie River, it offers 8 non-powered campsites.

### MacKinnon Territorial Park



K. Taggart, GNWT

### Norman Wells Historical Centre



J. Pugelley, GNWT



Fly Fishing in Cameron River

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## INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE NWT:

### Sunrise and Sunset times on June 21st (summer solstice)

#### **Fort Smith:**

Sunrise 4:03 a.m. Sunset 10:55 p.m.

#### **Yellowknife:**

Sunrise 3:37 a.m. Sunset 11:38 p.m.

#### **Inuvik:**

24-hour day light  
(sun sets again on July 19th)

### Average Summer Temperatures (July)

Fort Smith .....21°C

Yellowknife .....21°C

Inuvik .....18°C

- We have 11 official languages.
- The oldest rocks in the world are found in the NWT – approximately four-billion-years old.
- **Total Area:** 1,170,000 km<sup>2</sup> (785,000 mi<sup>2</sup>)
- **Time Zone:** Mountain Standard Time
- **NWT Population:** 42,810 and growing
- **Area Per Person:** 31 km<sup>2</sup> (18 mi<sup>2</sup>)

### Sport Fishing

For information on sport fishing regulations and locations to buy fishing licences:  
[www.enr.gov.nt.ca/\\_live/pages/wpPages/sport\\_fishing\\_regulations\\_guide.aspx](http://www.enr.gov.nt.ca/_live/pages/wpPages/sport_fishing_regulations_guide.aspx)

### Home to four National Parks:

Aulavik National Park,  
Nahanni National Park Reserve (also a UNESCO World Heritage Site),  
Tuktut Nogait National Park, and  
Wood Buffalo National Park (also a UNESCO World Heritage Site).

### Home to five Bird Sanctuaries:

Anderson River Delta Bird Sanctuary,  
Banks Island Bird Sanctuary #1,  
Banks Island Bird Sanctuary #2,  
Cape Perry Bird Sanctuary, and  
Kendall Island Bird Sanctuary, and

### One Bison Sanctuary:

Mackenzie Bison Sanctuary.

### Territorial Symbols:

Our territorial mineral is *gold*.

Our territorial gemstone is the *diamond*.

Our territorial bird is the *gyrfalcon*.

Our territorial tree is the *tamarack*.

Our territorial flower is the *mountain aven*.

Our territorial fish is the *Arctic grayling*.



# NWT TOURISM INFORMATION

## NWT TOURISM

P.O. Box 610

Yellowknife NT X1A 2N5

Toll Free: 1-800-661-0788

Tel: (867) 873-7200

Email: [info@spectacularnwt.com](mailto:info@spectacularnwt.com)

[www.spectacularnwt.com](http://www.spectacularnwt.com)

## INFORMATION CENTRES

Open Year Round

### NORTHERN FRONTIER REGIONAL VISITORS' CENTRE

4807-49th Street

Yellowknife NT X1A 3T5

Tel: (867) 873-4262

Toll-free: 1-877-881-4262

[www.northernfrontier.com](http://www.northernfrontier.com)

### ACHO DENE NATIVE CRAFTS & VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Fort Liard

Tel: (867) 770-4161

### FORT SMITH VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

149 McDougal Road

Fort Smith NT X0E 0P0

Tel: (867) 872-3065

Email: [fortsmithinfo@northwestel.net](mailto:fortsmithinfo@northwestel.net)

[www.fortsmith.ca](http://www.fortsmith.ca)

### NORMAN WELLS HISTORICAL CENTRE

23 Mackenzie Drive, Norman Wells

Tel: (867) 587-2415

[www.normanwellsmuseum.com](http://www.normanwellsmuseum.com)

### WOOD BUFFALO NATIONAL PARK HEADQUARTERS

149 McDougal Road

Fort Smith NT X0E 0P0

[www.parkscanada.gc.ca/buffalo](http://www.parkscanada.gc.ca/buffalo)

### NAHANNI NATIONAL PARK RESERVE

Fort Simpson NT X0E 0N0

Tel: (867) 695-3151

[www.parkscanada.gc.ca/nahanni](http://www.parkscanada.gc.ca/nahanni)

## SEASONAL INFORMATION CENTRES

Open Mid-May to Mid-September

### 60TH PARALLEL VISITOR CENTRE

Located at the AB/NWT Border

### HAY RIVER VISITOR CENTRE

73 Woodland Drive, Hay River

Tel: (867) 874-3180

[www.hayriver.com](http://www.hayriver.com)

### FORT SIMPSON VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Adjacent to Fort Simpson Territorial Park

Tel: (867) 695-3182

[www.fortsimpson.com](http://www.fortsimpson.com)

### BLACKSTONE INTERPRETIVE CENTRE

Located in Blackstone Territorial Park

### DEMPSTER DELTA VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Located on Front Street in

Dawson City, Yukon

Tel: (867) 993-6167

Email: [travel\\_westernarctic@gov.nt.ca](mailto:travel_westernarctic@gov.nt.ca)

### NITAINLAI TERRITORIAL PARK VISITORS INFORMATION CENTRE

One Km north of the Peel River

### WESTERN ARCTIC REGIONAL VISITOR CENTRE

At the entrance to Inuvik on the right hand side across from the red and blue hospital.

Tel: (867) 777-4727

Email: [travel\\_westernarctic@gov.nt.ca](mailto:travel_westernarctic@gov.nt.ca)

## DISTANCES BY ROAD

| MILES | Edmonton AB      |      |            |      |         |               |               |        |                  |               |           |          |            |               |              |          |            | Edzo | Enterprise  | Rae | Wrigley | Yellowknife | Kilometres |
|-------|------------------|------|------------|------|---------|---------------|---------------|--------|------------------|---------------|-----------|----------|------------|---------------|--------------|----------|------------|------|-------------|-----|---------|-------------|------------|
|       | Edmonton AB      | Edzo | Enterprise | Rae  | Wrigley | NWT/BC Border | NWT/AB Border | Kakisa | Jean Marie River | High Level AB | Hay River | Ft Smith | Ft Simpson | Ft Resolution | Ft Nelson BC | Ft Liard | Enterprise | Edzo | Edmonton AB |     |         |             |            |
|       | Checkpoint       | 351  | 175        | 298  | 158     | 255           | 159           | 39     | 374              | 227           | 390       | 39       | 317        | 161           | 256          | 139      | 203        | 287  | 861         |     |         |             |            |
|       | Edmonton AB      | 935  | 1036       | 882  | 1022    | 606           | 720           | 857    | 460              | 682           | 841       | 900      | 771        | 744           | 666          | 1001     | 658        | 871  |             |     |         |             |            |
|       | Edzo             | 64   | 462        | 11   | 447     | 265           | 169           | 281    | 384              | 237           | 399       | 327      | 326        | 132           | 544          | 427      | 213        |      |             |     |         |             |            |
|       | Enterprise       | 276  | 378        | 224  | 364     | 52            | 62            | 198    | 171              | 24            | 186       | 243      | 113        | 86            | 460          | 343      |            |      | 846         |     |         |             |            |
|       | Ft Liard         | 490  | 314        | 437  | 27      | 395           | 299           | 175    | 514              | 367           | 526       | 178      | 456        | 300           | 124          |          |            | 761  | 107         |     |         |             |            |
|       | Ft Nelson BC     | 608  | 431        | 555  | 97      | 513           | 416           | 296    | 664              | 484           | 646       | 297      | 574        | 418           |              |          | 737        | 538  | 822         |     |         |             |            |
|       | Ft Providence    | 196  | 336        | 144  | 321     | 139           | 42            | 155    | 257              | 110           | 272       | 200      | 199        |               |              | 669      | 444        | 693  | 529         |     |         |             |            |
|       | Ft Resolution    | 390  | 492        | 337  | 476     | 165           | 181           | 311    | 284              | 97            | 185       | 356      |            |               | 183          | 514      | 289        | 538  | 374         |     |         |             |            |
|       | Ft Simpson       | 390  | 140        | 337  | 200     | 295           | 199           | 262    | 413              | 267           | 429       |          |            | 594           | 374          | 191      | 860        | 635  | 884         |     |         |             |            |
|       | Ft Smith         | 462  | 564        | 409  | 549     | 238           | 248           | 383    | 357              | 170           |           |          | 313        | 357           | 137          | 122      | 623        | 398  | 647         |     |         |             |            |
|       | Hay River        |      | 300        | 402  | 247     | 387           | 76            | 85     | 221              | 195           |           | 273      | 574        | 618           | 398          | 383      | 884        | 659  | 908         |     |         |             |            |
|       | High Level AB    | 447  | 549        | 395  | 535     | 119           | 232           | 370    |                  |               |           | 273      | 574        | 618           | 398          | 383      | 884        | 659  | 908         |     |         |             |            |
|       | Jean Marie River | 346  | 214        | 293  | 199     | 250           | 154           |        |                  |               | 690       | 429      | 665        | 123           | 320          | 474      | 322        | 543  | 628         |     |         |             |            |
|       | Kakisa           | 233  | 334        | 180  | 319     | 114           |               |        |                  | 573           | 297       | 156      | 457        | 501           | 291          | 266      | 767        | 542  | 791         |     |         |             |            |
|       | NWT/AB Border    | 329  | 431        | 276  | 416     |               |               | 321    | 322              | 438           | 177       | 414      | 250        | 68            | 223          | 516      | 231        | 540  | 316         |     |         |             |            |
|       | NWT/BC Border    | 511  | 334        | 458  |         |               |               | 923    | 478              | 1040          | 779       | 1069     | 476        | 670           | 825          | 156      | 893        | 694  | 978         |     |         |             |            |
|       | Rae              |      | 67         | 473  |         |               | 199           | 483    | 734              | 287           | 851       | 590      | 827        | 282           | 481          | 636      | 43         | 704  | 505         |     |         |             |            |
|       | Wrigley          |      | 526        |      |         |               | 552           | 741    | 139              | 182           | 391       | 299      | 38         | 275           | 319          | 99       | 84         | 585  | 360         |     |         |             |            |
|       |                  |      |            |      |         | 343           | 687           | 876    | 213              | 525           | 642       | 381      | 618        | 454           | 272          | 720      | 17         | 744  |             |     |         |             |            |
|       |                  | 1402 | 1059       | 1611 | 1071    | 1198          | 1241          | 1449   | 1353             | 1097          | 738       | 1383     | 1158       | 975           | 1644         | 1419     | 1668       | 1504 |             |     |         |             |            |
|       | 1387             | 463  | 328        | 224  | 413     | 259           | 510           | 63     | 627              | 366           | 603       | 63       | 257        | 412           | 254          | 480      | 281        | 565  |             |     |         |             |            |