

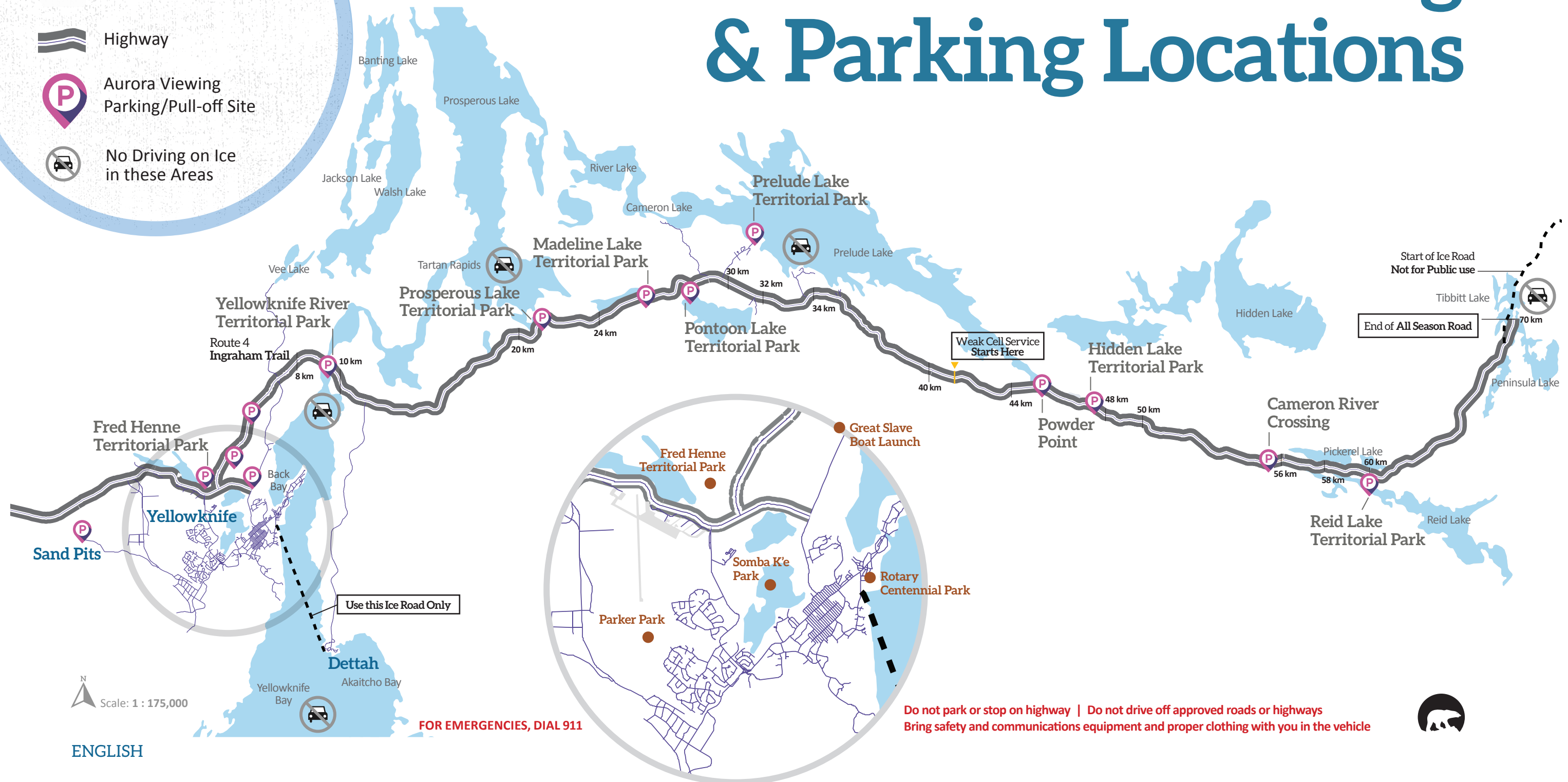


## Legend

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

# Safe Aurora Viewing & Parking Locations



# Exploring the Northwest Territories Safely



## 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](http://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**.



## 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.



**EMERGENCY INFORMATION**  
Dial **911** for emergencies