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Let this guide be your starting point as you explore your new surroundings. We’ve included everything you need to know—but you’re sure to find surprises all on your own. Welcome to Yellowknife!

### WHAT TO PACK

The North of 60 essentials

#### WINTER

**DRESS IN LAYERS:** This means longjohns, snowpants, fleece tops, and wool socks. On windy days, this is your ticket to staying warm. You can rent gear from My Backyard Tours (mybackyardtours.com)

**HAT:** This means a good idea, too. A good down-filled parka or hooded jacket is essential. A warm hat will also keep you warm.

**Soaks up the tunes at the city’s famous Folk on the Rocks music festival.**

**BUG SPRAY:** You can purchase bug spray in town. If you plan to head out into the bush, a bug jacket is a good idea, too.

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FACT OR FICTION
Clearing up some misconceptions

FACT: It gets cold. In winter it can drop below -30°C (-40°C if you’re lucky). There is limited daylight in the winter months but when the sun is out it’s bright and brilliant. Dress for the weather and experience Yellowknife (see page 18). It’s not cold all year—the average July temperature is 21°C.

FICTION: You can see Northern Lights year-round. We are the world capital of aurora viewing for good reason. When it’s clear, emerald ribbons fill the night sky. But due to the near-constant sunlight in summer, you can’t see them until the dark returns in mid-August.

FACT: Houseboaters live on the lake all year. Whether frozen in or floating, their houseboats are home—the only thing that changes with the seasons is how they get there.

FICTION: There are polar bears. Phew! Our subarctic climate is not suited for the great white bears. Polar bears do live near the Arctic Ocean farther north.

FACT: You can drive on the ice. Ice roads are an important part of our transportation system. To be your own Ice Road Trucker, the Dettah Ice Road can be accessed from the main dock in Old Town, or off of School Draw Avenue. Make sure it’s safe, obey the signage and stick to the road!

FICTION: Yellowknife, the capital of the Yukon. This, to our disbelief, is still a common mistake. Yukon is our neighbour territory to the west.
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You can pretty much walk anywhere if you needed to, but just in case…

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MARCH
With long, sunny days and aurora-filled nights, it's the best time of winter to play outside.
Snowking XXIV: Long live the King! The Snowking Festival takes place March 2-31 on Yellowknife Bay. Visit the famous castle built entirely of snow and ice and stay for the art exhibits, live music, film festival, ice carving competition, pond hockey tournament, fish fry, snow playground...you name it! Snowking.ca
Frostbite 50: The annual cross-country ski race starting and ending at the Yellowknife Ski Club, March 16. For runners, try the Frostbite Mini, a run along the ice road from the Long John Jamboree site to Dettah and back.
Long John Jamboree: In and around the Snowking castle March 29-31. Family-friendly fun that includes ice carving and beard-growing competitions, a curling tournament on the lake, a cabane à sucre and fireworks. And don't forget the 150-mile Canadian Championship Dog Derby too! longjohnjamboree.ca; canadian-championshipdogderby.ca
Ptarmigan Ptheatrics: Catch Yellowknife talent onstage at the Northern Arts and Cultural Centre's annual spring play. This year they will put on Mamma Mia! facebook.com/ PtarmiganPtheatrics and nacnt.ca

MAY
Break-up time. The lake ice begins to crack, making it a rough commute for houseboaters.
NorthWords Writers Festival: International and local authors come together to celebrate Northern and Indigenous literature with readings and workshops. May 29 to June 1. northwordsfestival.ca
Spring Arts and Crafts Sale: The YK Guild of Arts and Crafts and YK Quilters Guild's annual spring sale of handmade pottery and textiles. Ykguild.wordpress.com

JUNE
Welcome to summer! Celebrate the longest day of the year on June 21.
The Yellowknife Farmers’ Market: Fresh food, handmade crafts and local tunes are on offer every Tuesday evening from 5:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., starting in early June at the Somba K’e Civic Plaza outside City Hall. yellowknifefarmersmarket.ca
National Indigenous Peoples Day: A statutory holiday in the NWT, June 21. Celebrate with the North Slave Métis Alliance’s fresh fish fry and cultural performances at Somba K’e Plaza.
Canadian North Midnight Classic: Golf under the midnight sun at Yellowknife’s carry-your-own-grass golf course. yellowknifecloudgolf.com

JULY
Heat, sun, lakes and music galore—it's everything we've longed for all winter.
Canada Day: On July 1, gather for the annual parade down Franklin Avenue, followed by live entertainment at Somba K’e Civic Plaza outside City Hall.
Yellowknife to Hay River, a.k.a. YK2HR: Three days, 500 kilometres, one monumental bike trip along the Mackenzie Highway.
The Midnight Sun Fly In: Gather at the Wardair dock in Old Town and gaze at the dozens of planes—on wheels or floats—showing their stripes. July 12 to 14. floatplaneflyin.com
Folk on the Rocks: The biggest festival of the summer. Live music at Long Lake, food, arts and crafts. July 12 to 14. folkontherocks.com

AUGUST
The nights are getting darker. Late in the month you can catch the Northern Lights—without a parka.
Old Town Ramble & Ride: A street festival with Old Town merchants, artists and musicians. August 2 to 4. oldtownywk.ca
NWT Pride: Workshops, storytelling, poetry slams, open mics, BBQs, live entertainment, watergun battles and open arms. nwtpride.com
Old Town Pond Sailor’s Regatta: The Snowking presents this annual sailing race, starting at the Old Town government dock. Most important rule: no electronics. extraordinaryyk.ca

SEPTEMBER
The trees show off their beautiful fall colours during prime cranberry-picking season.
Last Farmers’ Market: In early September, the final installment of the weekly Farmers’ Market is held. Time to stock up for the winter.
Prospecting 101: Yellowknife is a mining town and this weekend course through the NWT Mine Training Society offers an introduction to prospecting.

OCTOBER
It’s hit-and-miss with the Northern Lights because of the clouds. There will be snow by the end of the month.
Yellowknife International Film Festival: A collection of local, pan-Arctic and international films presented by Western Arctic Moving Pictures. Films are shown at the movie theatre and NACC. Late September or early October. ykfilmfest.com

NOVEMBER
Lakes begin to freeze up. Keep an eye on the City website for updates on ice thickness, so you know when it’s safe to venture out on them.
Pumpkin Lane: The McMahon Frame Lake Trail gets decorated with Halloween jack-o-lanterns.
Santa Claus Parade: A parade that’ll really make you feel like you’re at the North Pole. Bring hot chocolate! yellowknife.ca/en/getting-active/Special-Events.asp

DECEMBER
Northern Lights season opens up and the ice is perfect for skating, skiing, fishing and sledding.
Holiday lights: Take a stroll down McMahon Frame Lake Trail for the Christmas lights, starting early December. Somba K’e Plaza is quite the sight to see, too.
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**IF YOU HAVE**

**24 HRS**

1. Tour the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre for a crash course in the history and culture of the territory’s first peoples, Northern aviation, and the area’s wildlife and geology. Bonus stop: the museum opened a new restaurant operated by the chefs behind local favourite Flavour Trader.

2. Walk down to the Yellowknife Book Cellar and browse its large selection of Northern literature. Then head downstairs to the Gourmet Cup for a hot coffee and some fresh baked goods.

3. If you only do one thing in Yellowknife, make time for winter’s greatest gift to the city. Sign up for an aurora-viewing tour or venture out on your own. If you’re driving, head out on Ingraham Trail to find a good viewing spot. But please don’t park on the highway.

**IF YOU HAVE**

**72 HRS**

1. Take a tour of Old Town, the original town site turned quirky neighbourhood and heritage hotspot. Did you forget your long johns or a pair of warm mitts? Weaver & Devore has your winter gear and other supplies. The general store has been open in Old Town since 1936.

2. The Snowking’s Winter Festival on Yellowknife Bay runs throughout March. The famous snow castle hosts live entertainment for kids and adults, and its courtyard features an ice slide and snow sculptures.

3. Finish off the night at The Woodyard Brewhouse for a bite and locally brewed beer.

4. You’ve seen Ice Road Truckers, now experience the ice roads for yourself. You can drive across Yellowknife Bay to nearby Dettah. Be sure to check conditions before leaving.

5. Snowmobiling is a practical and exhilarating way to experience the Canadian North. Guided snowmobile tours offered by many local operators will take you off the beaten track.

6. You must be hungry by now so make a reservation at Bullock’s—it’s always busy for a reason. The Old Town staple is known for its fresh-caught fish and harvested Northern meat.
IF YOU HAVE ONE WEEK

1. Explore the outdoors on skis, snowshoes or by fatbike. Head out to the Yellowknife Ski Club for groomed ski tracks. Try kite skiing on Great Slave Lake for something different.

2. Warm up with brunch at the Dancing Moose Café. Take in the local artwork on the walls and watch planes take off of frozen Great Slave Lake right out the windows.

3. Made famous by History television’s Ice Pilots NWT, Buffalo Airways has one of the world’s most unique fleets of vintage planes still in operation. Hangar tours are available Monday to Friday by appointment only.

4. Visit the NWT Diamonds Centre to learn how prospectors discovered kimberlite deposits in the territory and see first hand how the rough rocks become precious stones. Free diamond polishing demonstrations are presented Mon. to Sat. at 2:30 p.m.

5. Go ice-fishing in style. Take a heated SnoBear—a fishing hut on wheels—over the ice to your fishing hole and pull pike with Bluefish Services.

6. Curious about consensus government? Walk the Frame Lake Trail and stop at the NWT Legislative Assembly where you can take a free, guided tour weekdays at 10:30 a.m. The Legislative Assembly also has one of the territory’s best art collections.

7. Pick up some keepsakes and gifts in one of Old Town’s many galleries and shops. Visit downtown’s Northern Images to find a print from Cape Dorset’s legendary Kinngait Studios, or try Aurora Emporium Art Gallery for unique local crafts.

8. Zip across a frozen lake and twist and turn down forest trails in a dogsled. Beck’s Kennels and Aurora Village have dedicated and devoted dog teams excited to give you a ride to remember.

9. Learn about Dene history and traditions by visiting a cultural camp and share stories over tea and bannock. A history of Yellowknife is not complete until you learn about the people and culture living here for centuries (try B Dene Adventures).

Dogsledding
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AURORA WONDERLAND/BECK’S KENNELS
Owned by dogsledding champion Grant Beck, this is the real deal. 124 Curry Dr. 867-873-5603. Beckskennels.com, info@beckskennels.com

AURORA VILLAGE
Dogsledding during the day and aurora-viewing at night. 867-669-0006. AuroraVillage.com, booking@auroravillage.com

ENODAH KENNEL
Drive your own sled and get to know your friendly dog team. 867-444-9591, enodah.com, info@enodah.com

ICE FISHING
Before you find a spot in the ice, get your fishing licence at the downtown Reddi-Mart, Canadian Tire or online at licences.enr.gov.nt.ca/fishing-licence

AURORA WONDERLAND/BECK’S KENNELS
Some tours include indigenous ice fishing demonstrations. 124 Curry Drive. 867-873-5603. Beckskennels.com, info@beckskennels.com

B. DENE ADVENTURES
Cultural and historical tours of Yellowknife, Dettah and N’Dilo, with drumming, ice fishing, traditional hand games demonstrations. 867-444-0451; 867-445-4520. Bdene.com, tours@bdene.com

BLUEFISH SERVICES
Ice fishing in the comfort of a heated SnoBear bombardier. 867-873-4818. Bluefishservices.ca or bluefishservices@ssimicro.com

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GREAT SLAVE ADVENTURES
Day trips, ice fishing and aurora-viewing. Winter cabin rental. 867-445-2226. nwtfishing.ca, gsa@theedge.ca

GREAT SLAVE LAKE TOURS
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WINTER

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**URBAN WILDLIFE**

**FOX:** Foxes are a bit like the raccoons of Yellowknife—they seem adept at co-existing with city folk. They wander out of the forests around the city to scamper across downtown streets and backyards. They may appear curious, but they are generally scared of humans. Still, do not approach them.

**RAVEN:** Ubiquitous in Yellowknife, the garrulous raven can be heard conversing with its mates on rooftops or mimicking the sounds of the streets above a busy downtown intersection. Take a few seconds to watch them and they’re bound to surprise you with their intelligence. They are clever problem-solvers and merry pranksters. The raven is also revered as a trickster and helper by the Dene.

**PTARMIGAN:** These bulbous white birds aren’t so easy to spot in their white winter coats (which go brownish in the summer). That’s why you’ll see so many Yellowknife vehicles with bumper stickers that read “I brake for ptarmigan.” A patient eye will spot these camouflaged birds, but if you want to increase your odds, look up among the branches of trees along city trails, or in a few forrest Drive and Old Town yards that seem to be ptarmigan hotspots.

**BISON:** You won’t see any of these massive ungulates in town, but once you get about 60 kilometres up Highway 3, you’re sure to come across a bison (or 20) lazing or grazing along the side of the road. If you’re sure to come across a bison (or 20) lazing or grazing along the side of the road. You're sure to come across a bison (or 20) lazing or grazing along the side of the road.

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**ICE SKATING**
The city has five outdoor rinks—including one downtown on Frame Lake, just outside city hall. But be safe and check yellowknife.ca to make sure the ice is thick enough to venture out on.

**BEAR SAFETY**

BE AWARE: This is black bear country. But a few tips will keep you safe on the trails. Stay alert and keep aware as you walk. Whether travelling with a companion (recommended) or alone, whistle or sing as you walk. Wildlife will hear you coming and likely go in the other direction. If leaving the city, carry deterrents like bear spray, bear bangers, and/or an air horn, and become familiar with their safe usage beforehand. If you run into a black bear, stay calm. Raise your arms to make yourself appear big, talk firmly to the bear and back away slowly. If it approaches, use your deterrents. If camping, store food far from your tent, in bear-proof containers.

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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 or early September. If you’re here in April/May or October/November, you may not see much. The humidity coming from the breakup and freezeup of the lakes in and around Yellowknife tends to cloud the skies. Once you’re here, check @Auroramax on Twitter, astronomynorth.com or auroraforecast.com for activity forecasts. And 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.

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 galleries and studios across town (see page 70).
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WHAT TO DO:
SUMMER

Though Yellowknife is undeniably a winter city, Yellowknifers live for their summers. Music and festivals under near-endless sunlight, and outdoor adventure both within city limits and outside, will keep you busy. Just don’t forget to sleep.

IF YOU HAVE
24 HRS

1. Take a stroll through Old Town and snap some photos of its ramshackle shacks and eclectic architecture. Use the Old Town Soundwalk app to learn the history of Yellowknife’s first neighbourhood.

2. Stop for lunch at The Wildcat. If there’s room, find a seat on the sunny patio to watch floatplanes take off and land on Back Bay.

3. Head over to Old Town Glassworks to pick up a souvenir sandblasted glass made from a recycled wine bottle. Better yet, sign up for a workshop and create your own.

4. Treat yourself to some of the best fish and chips in the country at Bullock’s Bistro. The whitefish, lingcod and lake trout are often pulled from Great Slave Lake the very same day. Tip: the pan-fried whitefish is a favourite.

5. End your day with a pint—or a flight—at the Woodyard Pub. The NWT’s only brewery has a wide selection of craft beer on tap, and introduces new experimental small cask or seasonal brews all the time. Grab a growler to take home.

IF YOU HAVE
72 HRS

1. Wake up and grab a coffee and a bannock ’n egger at Birchwood Coffee Kj.

2. Book a tee-time and hit the dunes at the Yellowknife Golf Club. The 18 hole course’s famed sand fairways (portable grass provided) are unlike anything you’ve played before. Tip: Watch the ravens—they’ve been known to steal a ball or two.

3. Now that you’ve built up an appetite, head over to Flavour Trader at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.

4. Plan a downtown pub-crawl. Have a pint at the Black Knight Pub, but make sure you get to the Gold Range in time to hear Welders Daughter, the hardest working band just about anywhere. The Gold Range made such an impression on Canadian songwriter Joel Plaskett that he wrote a song about it.

5. After a night on the town, mingle with the regulars at breakfast (or brunch, if we’re being honest) at the Gold Range Bistro.

6. No Yellowknife experience is complete until you’ve been out on the water. Book a tour on a commercial fishing boat with Great Slave Lake Tours and see nets get pulled. And then take home a whitefish for dinner from the fish plant or fish truck down at the government dock.

7. Before you leave, hop in a voyageur canoe and take the Floating Dinner Theatre tour with NARWAL Northern Adventures. Paddle around the bay and get a world-class fiddle concert at the same time. You’ll see mini-plays, watch painters create works of art and get a traditional meal, too.
Lakes in and around Yellowknife are made for adventures.

IF YOU HAVE ONE WEEK

1 Take a hike. Yellowknife and the surrounding area have no shortage of historic or nature trails for the casual to experienced hiker. (See the fold-out map for details.)

2 Sample some of Yellowknife’s excellent international cuisine—from sushi to Korean ribs, and Chinese hot pot to Vietnamese pho. Tip: Don’t leave town without eating at Zehabesha, named one of Canada’s best Ethiopian restaurants by the Toronto Star.

3 Drive up the Ingraham Trail to do some camping. Have a cookout at one of the many day-use areas just off the highway. A beautiful view and some peace and quiet are guaranteed.

4 Plan a trip to Great Slave Lake’s East Arm, or book a fly-in visit to one of the many lodges in the North Slave region. You’ll find once-in-a-lifetime fishing and hunting experiences. (Yes, the trout really are this big.) Or just take a floatplane tour of the city. If you want to stay grounded, drive about an hour down Highway 3 and there’s a good chance you’ll pull up next to a hulking bison, or a whole herd. Marvel at North America’s largest land mammal but please stay in your car.

5 Long summer days mean there’s plenty of time to spend on the countless water bodies in and around the city. Rent a kayak or canoe and get exploring. If you don’t know what you’re doing, let Jackpine Paddle teach you.

6 Drop in at Somba K’e Plaza on Tuesday evening for the Yellowknife Farmers’ Market. Browse the handmade crafts, home-cooked food and take in a local performance. And then stay up all night and watch the sun barely dip below the horizon.

ON THE WATER

The city is surrounded by pristine lakes and waterways, with plenty of room for fishing, canoeing, kayaking and boating. Arrange guided fishing expeditions and tours with local operators, or rent your own vessel.

LONG LAKE BEACH

Remember your sunscreen and swimsuit. Long Lake beach is at the Fred Henne Territorial Park, out by the airport; beach volleyball nets available.

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OMEGA MARINE
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Canoe and kayak rentals. 867-873-2474. Overlandersports.com, sales@overlandersports.com

PRELUDE LAKE RENTALS
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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.

INCONNU
Stedonus 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 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.

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.

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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Central to our past, present and future, Yellowknife’s bush planes come in many shapes and sizes. Here’s a quick guide to tell the difference between the planes you see in the sky.

**Pilatus Porter**
**Physical characteristics:** 11m long; box-shaped body and blunt, pug-like nose; once described as a “big ol’ pelican”—slow, cumbersome, but carries its weight in fish. **Sound:** Loud snarl. **Find:** The Beaver is named after Canada’s national animal, but the first Canadian-designed DeHavilland was named after the Chimpanzee.

**DeHavilland Beaver**
**Physical characteristics:** 9.2m long, box-shaped body and blunt, pug-like nose; once described as a “big ol’ pelican”—slow, cumbersome, but carries its weight in fish. **Sound:** Loud snarl. **Find:** The Beaver is named after Canada’s national animal, but the first Canadian-designed DeHavilland was named after the Chimpanzee.

**Cessna 185**
**Physical characteristics:** 7.9m long, feline nose, slender tail, agile, lithe, maneuvers well, highly responsive, can fly on floats, wheels, floats with wheels, and skis. **Sound:** On take-off, it emits a cough followed by an uninterrupted screech. **Find:** Starred in the History Channel’s Ice Pilots NWT.

**Piper Cub**
**Physical characteristics:** 6.8m long, highly recognizable by its eager, stub nose and open, friendly face, the Cub’s low-hanging belly and stocky legs lend to a slow, sturdy air. **Sound:** The butterfly of bush planes, the Cub flies nearly silently. **Find:** First seen in Yellowknife’s bush planes in the 1960s, it touched down on a 5,750-metre mountain peak in Nepal—but then crashed on its way out.

**DeHavilland Duke Otter**
**Physical characteristics:** 15.8m long; sleek, pointed nose and full, bottom-heavy breast; long-blunt-tipped wings set toward the centre of the back; plumage variable, but notable species include the Kenn Borek (red, black and white underbelly) and the Canadian Forces (solid red with a large blue dot under the wing). **Sound:** Quiet growl, intermittent low whooshes when propellers reverse direction mid-flight. **Find:** In 2007, when Antarctica’s resident doctor needed a medevac from her -60°C winter outpost, the Twin Otter was the only plane rescuers trusted to perform the mission.

**On Land**

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**The Outdoor Range**
Head down Highway 3, turn when you see the sign for the sandpits. BYOG—or Bring Your Own Guns. 867-445-4783. Yellowknife shooting club.ca

**Yellowknife Golf Club**
An 18-hole, par-72 golf course with sand fairways and reasonable green fees is just off Highway 3, across from the airport. If you don’t have time for the full 18, whack a few balls on the driving range. 867-873-4326. Yellowknife golf.com

**Tennis**
The city has three outdoor tennis courts at Somba K’e Park, McNiven Beach and near the Multiplex. 867-445-2459. yellowknife tennis.com, info@yellowknife tennis.com

**The Yellowknife Guide to Bugs**
They may not be poisonous but they can drive you mad. Here’s how to stay sane:

**Mosquitoes:** Newcomers who aren’t accustomed to mosquitoes tend to get swollen welts from their bites at first. Not to worry—soon your body adapts and you will barely even notice a bite. Use bug spray, wear light colours, and avoid scented products. Smoke from your bonfire will keep them at bay. Other defenses are bug jackets or authentic moccasins made with smoky moose hide.

**Blackflies:** These small suckers are going to aim for exposed skin at your neck, behind your ears, waist and ankles. Their bites don’t hurt, they just bleed. Make sure you’re on swatting patrol in June.

**Horseflies/Bulldogs:** Their names are representative of their force. These guys are not fun to deal with. They’re big and common around lakes. Bug spray won’t work—your only defense is baggy clothes.
Hiking Trails

Yellowknife is a hiker’s dream, whether you’re looking for casual afternoon strolls or intense week-long expeditions. There is no shortage of trails within city limits, as well as an abundance of popular hikes farther up the Ingraham Trail.

In Yellowknife:

Mcmahon Frame Lake Trail
This 9 km trail circles Frame Lake in the centre of town, and is popular with walkers, bicyclists, joggers and dog-walkers. An extension of it leads towards the Bristol Monument, Lakeview Cemetery and Jackfish Lake. Pack bug spray!

Niven Lake Trail
Running alongside a marshy ecosystem, home to amphibians, waterfowl, muskrats and beavers, this 2 km trail is a must for wildlife lovers.

Prospectors’ Trail
Accessible from the Fred Henne Park Campground, this 4-km trail is full of geological phenomena.

Range Lake Trail
Connects to the Frame Lake Trail from the hospital, through the uptown supermarket and starts behind the Shell convenience store and gas station.

Tin Can Hill
A popular off-leash dog-walking trail that links Yellowknife with the old Con mine site.

Yellowknife Ski Club Trails
A day-use fee of $5 gives access to multiple routes—from 2 to 10 km—full of wooded trails and views of Back Bay.

On the Ingraham Trail:

Big Hill Lake
This is a hidden treasure of the Yellowknife area. Accessible by driving down the Ingraham Trail to Madeline Lake (25 km east), with parking available on a rough pull-out on the south side of the highway. The 6 km round-trip hiking trail is well marked in the summer months only. It is a great destination for an overnight camping trip. No facilities.

Cameron Falls Trail
This 2 km round-trip pathway to Cameron Falls on the Cameron River is accessible from the Ingraham Trail, 46 km east of Yellowknife. The falls are a prime day-trip destination with many beautiful views of the taiga landscape.

Prelude Lake Trail
This scenic 2.5 km nature trail within the Prelude Lake Territorial Campground (30 km east) provides gorgeous views of Prelude Lake and interpretive signage will explain everything you need to know about the North’s wildlife and vegetation.

Ranney Hill Hike
It’s 2.5km of trail marked by colourful flagging tape. You know you’re at the end when you climb the pink granite of Ranney Hill. At the top? A panoramic view of the Yellowknife area and its wilderness. To get to the trailhead, drive about 6 km onto the Ingraham Trail and turn left on Vee Lake Road. Most people park on the shoulder at the trailhead.
Yellowknife is a great place for families. Summer or winter, you’ll find it easy to keep busy with the little ones. Be sure to check out the Yellowknife Recreation Guide for specific events and activities that are planned during your visit.

**FARMERS’ MARKET**
Grab a bite, listen to some music and run around with the kids until they get tuckered out. Somba K’e Civic Plaza, Tuesdays from 5:15-7:30 p.m. from early June until September.

**FLIP FOR GYMNASTICS**
Register for gymnastics programs or drop-in for some fun. 41 Kam Lake Road—in the Multiplex, 867-920-7771, info@ykgymnastics.com, yellowknife.gymnastics.com

**LEARN TO SKATE**
Yellowknife is a winter city—for six months of the year, skating is as important as walking. Learn from those in the know. ykskatingclub@outlook.com, https://www.ykskatingclub.ca/pages/LEARN-TO-SKATE/

**LOVE THE LIBRARY**
All sorts of readings, arts and crafts activities and programs throughout the year at the Yellowknife Public Library. Second floor of the Centre Square Mall, 5022 49 Street, 867-920-5642, Yellowknife.ca/ypl

**MAKE BELIEVE AT THE MUSEUM**
Pull out the stuffed animals or get dressed up and live like a true bushman or woman at the downstairs museum play area. For little and big kids alike. 4750 48 Street, 867-767-9347

**BOOGIE DOWN AT THE BELLA DANCE ACADEMY**
From ballet to hip-hop, for babies and adults, there are dance classes for everyone. #103 349 Old Airport Road, 867-87-DANCE, belladance.ca

**BREAK OUT THE BIKES**
Head down to the bike rodeo in June to get a free tune-up and go through an obstacle course. Prizes available.

**PLAY TOGETHER**
Drop into the multiplex for some extended playtime for kids up to four years old. Toys included. Check for times here: yellowknife.ca/en/getting-active/drop-in-programs.asp
FOOD & DRINK

No matter what you’re craving, Yellowknife’s diverse culinary scene has something to offer you.

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Lighter fare, first-rate coffee, great for a midday meal.

BARREN GROUND COFFEE
You can buy locally roasted beans at local gift shops and grocery stores, or stop by the roastery in Old Town to purchase their organic and/or fair trade coffee and grab a pour-over coffee to go. 3532 McDonald Drive. Barrengroundcoffee.com

BIRCHWOOD COFFEE KÓ
Have a coffee or latte, the perfect companion to homemade cinnamon buns or a Bannock ‘N Egg. 5021 49 Street. 867-873-5466. Birchwoodcoffeeko.com

BUBBLE TEA NORTH
Bubble tea is the main item, but this little spot also offers frozen yogurt and fresh fruit smoothies. 5115 48 Street. 867-766-2017. Bubbleteanorth.com

THE CLIFF CAFÉ
Daily soup and catch-of-the-day specials and much more at the Legislative Assembly’s new cafe. Open year-round, weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 4570 48 Street. 867-767-9010. facebook.com/thecliffyk

DANCING MOOSE CAFÉ
In Old Town’s Bayside B&B on the shore of Yellowknife Bay, it serves breakfast and lunch. Catering and special occasion dinners available. 3505 McDonald Drive. 867-669-8844. baysidenorth.com

FLAVOUR TRADER AT PWNHC
The new faces behind the museum restaurant are the chefs from local favourite Flavour Trader. Open Monday-Friday for lunch and Thursday night for dinner with the occasional special culinary event on Friday or Saturday nights. 4750 48 Street. flavourtrader.com/museum-cafe

GOURMET CUP
A large selection of coffees are available in this bright café, which also serves up baked goods and sandwiches. Lower level YK Centre Mall, 3 4802 50 Ave. 867-873-8782. Gourmetcupyellowknife.ca

JAVAROMA GOURMET COFFEE
A popular downtown coffee and meeting spot with sandwiches, soups and bagels. Suite 101 5201 50 Ave. 867-669-0725. Javaroma.ca

CASUAL & PUB FARE
Grab a pint with your meal for the full experience.

THE BLACK KNIGHT
A popular after-work watering hole, this Scottish pub offers hearty pub fare, daily specials (Greek Knight, Wings Knight) and a large selection of beer on tap. Upstairs, the Top Knight frequently hosts live shows. 4910 49 Street. 867-920-4041. facebook.com/blackknightNWT

BOSTON PIZZA
Casual dining with pizza, pasta, salads and ribs in a room full of big-screen TVs. 5102 48 Street. 867-920-2000. bostonpizza.com

COYOTE’S BISTRO ON FRANKLIN
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HOT SHOTS PUB & GRUB
The name says it all for this strip mall establishment, which delivers pub fare along with occasional specials. 4 Stanton Plaza Mall. 867-669-7529. hotshots@theedge.ca

THE KILT AND CASTLE PUB
An Irish pub with frequent live music and great drink prices. 5019 49 Street. 867-766-5458. Facebook.com/kiltandcastle

MONKEY TREE PUB
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ELKE’S TABLE ON 47TH
German schnitzel and Mediterranean cuisine—plus local fish—to fill you up. 4911 47 Street. 867-873-3489. Facebook.com/elkestable

JA-PAIN
Japanese-style bakery featuring additive-free bread, pastries and coffee. Centre Square Mall 5010 49 Street. 867-444-1200. facebook.com/japanesebakery

K&M CONCESSION STAND
Turkish coffee and borek—a feta-and-parsley pastry—are on offer at this concession stand serving the Yellowknife Fieldhouse, along with traditional concession fare. 45 Kam Lake Road. 867-669-3457.

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KOREA HOUSE
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Old Town
For the architecture or history buff, check out Yellowknife's historic lakefront district, Old Town. The Wildcat Café and Weaver & Devore are two founding businesses. Yellowknife's first bank still stands, a little log cabin on Otto Drive. You'll also glimpse the work of the city's most famous architect, Gino Pin, who designed the futuristic townhouses on McDonald Drive as well as the “Eraser House” on Latham Island—its slanted shape mirrors the contours of the region's many mine headframes.

Outdoor Mining Heritage Museum
Visit the Giant Mine site near the Great Slave Cruising Club and public boat launch. Here, you can find ore cars and train tracks, loading machinery, old photos from the mine’s heydays and more. Pack some snacks and enjoy them at the nearby picnic tables.

Pilot's Monument
It's got the best 360 degree view of the city year-round. You can watch floatplanes land and take off amongst the houseboats, right at the memorial for bush pilots past.

The Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre
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ON YOUR LUNCH BREAK:
Walk the Frame Lake Trail. It’s accessible from downtown, probably minutes away from your conference. The whole loop can take about an hour and runs behind the Legislative Assembly and along the far side of the lake.

Check out the museum. If you’ve got more time to take in all the exhibits, great. But if lunch is all you’ve got, make the most of it at the new restaurant.

IN THE EVENING:
Hike up Pilot’s Monument. You’re probably waiting for a table at Bullock’s Bistro anyway, so you’ve got the time. If it’s fall, winter or spring, and you save the climb for after dinner, you might even see the Northern lights.

Take a stroll through the eclectic shacks in the Woodyard and continue through Old Town for a few more vantage points of Houseboat Bay.

And while you’re in Old Town, head into Down to Earth Gallery, the Gallery of the Midnight Sun, Mother Earth Rocks, Just Furs or Old Town Glassworks to pick up a Yellowknife souvenir. And take home a growler from The Woodyard, home to the NWT Brewing Co., the territory’s lone brewery.

Government Dock in the summer offers great views of the bay and the houseboat community. Buy fresh catches from fishermen right off their boats.

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