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Dare to go where few have gone before, to the far-flung reaches of national parks and national historic sites in northern Canada. Outstanding, exotic experiences await you in the gorgeous tundra, mountainous landscapes and unbroken forests of the North.

This is your chance to be an explorer. The planet's last great adventures are waiting for you! Come to Canada's treasured northern parks and sites. They will take your breath away!

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OFF THE beaten path

Satisfy the explorer in you with a journey to the extreme corners of Canada! Discover landscapes of the vast and rugged north few have seen....

Trek to the end of the world.

Picture yourself atop the mountains and ski to untouched peaks. Paddle wild waters. Hike untamed tundra. These are serious arctic adventures... not for the faint of heart!



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A Raft on the Wild Side

Looking for a unique thrill in new and spectacular surroundings? How about a remarkable Arctic adventure? Dare to raft the untamed waters of the Firth River! Travel through millions of acres of mountains, tundra and translucent waterways. Experience wildness like few others before you. You can count on it. This is THE wilderness journey of a lifetime!

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YUKON

Yearn for Hidden Treasures

Feel the spirit of Vuntut National Park as you immerse yourself in a prehistoric landscape that predates the last ice age. Stand in the warm golden light of the midnight sun and witness the explosion of life on the summer tundra. Here, arctic wildflowers and rare plants thrive as they did when this land was part of the Beringia Region.

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Mysteries of an Ancient Land

Wake to the soothing sounds of the South Nahanni River. Watch a cow moose with her calf calmly drinking the waters. Hear a beaver smack its tail on the glistening surface. Marvel at the deep canyons, profoundly significant to the Dene people. Then tackle the mighty rapids of George's riffle previously conquered by many experienced paddlers. Have courage! The prize awaiting you is one of South Nahanni's stunning canyons.

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NUNAVUT

To the Top of the World

Discover a raw, freshly revealed land few humans have seen. Ski to Barbeau Peak, the highest point east of the Rockies. Push your limits and stand on Ward Hunt Island, the junction between sea ice and the last point of North America. Then trek from there to the North Pole, 700km farther over pressure ridges and the polar ice cap.

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In Search of the Northwest Passage

Follow history's path as you move through the "Place People Travel". Discover 3,500 years of arctic peoples' past and the effect of nearly 200 years of European misadventures and explorations. As you hike the rolling tundra, paddle the meandering Thomsen River or watch the distant coast from a cruise ship, imagine the hardships and dramas of the men that sought the fabled passage.

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QUEST FOR uniqueness



Discover the spectacular wonders of the northern world! Bask in the midnight light. See a pingo rising up from the flat tundra. Cross the Arctic Circle. Surround yourself by shaggy muskox. These matchless northern experiences will be cherished for a lifetime!



NUNAVUT

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Make it Official

Just a day hike or snow machine trip in Auyuittuq National Park via Pangnirtung takes you to the Arctic Circle! Here it's 24 hours of winter darkness and 24 hours of summer daylight. Follow Akshayuk Pass, a natural corridor between mountains and ice and a centuries-old Inuit route. Take a photo at the inuksuk marker or invent your own ritual to celebrate your remarkable journey.

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YUKON

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One of the Last Few Great Migrations

Be awakened to a crisp arctic summer morning by the exquisite clicking of distant caribou hooves. Scan the horizon and see thousands of caribou crossing mountains into river valleys. As your heart quickens at these majestic views, you'll know you are one of the privileged few to witness these sights and hear these sounds. It's a memory of a lifetime!

Vuntut and Ivvavik National Parks p. 10



Never Ending Day Light

You can read about it, see pictures of it, imagine it, but nothing will truly prepare you for the midnight light! Paddle. Hike. Camp. At three o'clock in the morning you'll be smiling as the sun still shines in the arctic night. Don't forget to set the time in the camera and take a picture! Otherwise, who will believe you?

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Consider Yourself Warned

Stroll the wooden boardwalks of Dawson City. Gaze into windows of long-abandoned buildings. Hear Klondike stories of hardship, glory and heroism. You'll soon fall under the powerful spell of history. A costumed interpreter will guide you through this fabled town. Enjoy the lively poetry of Robert Service at his hillside Klondike cabin or choose other programs and exhibits portraying the wild history and charm of Dawson City.

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The Yukon Gateway

Be inspired by the spirit of people whose drive and courage helped them survive in the rugged northern wilderness. Visit the Chilkoot Trail to follow in the footsteps of First Nation traders and Klondike Gold Rush stampedeers. You can also enjoy a day trip or overnight camping with friends and family at historic Bennett Lake. Or, hike a little farther for a camping experience at Lindeman City.

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SIMPLY breathtaking

Come to the end of the earth and visit Canada's northern National Parks and National Historic Sites. The views are simply breathtaking! Unexpected geological formations, cliffs of ochre, red, purple and brown, multicoloured tundra and endless wild beauty. Nature's palette is spectacular! These are the largest national parks in all of Canada and they are waiting for you to discover.



NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

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Stun Your Senses

Trek through a glorious world of rolling hills and multicoloured tundra where countless sites bear testimony to the land's ancient human history. This is a hikers dream. Endless daylight will urge you forward through the immense landscape. You'll find all your senses stunned by magnificent canyons and gorges. This is the world of Tukturnogait, home of the young caribou.

Tukturnogait National Park p. 11



YUKON

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Satisfy Your Northern Cravings

If you yearn for the wild beauty of an unspoiled Canadian landscape, Kluane National Park and Reserve is for you. Explore mountains, lakes, rivers and forests that have been home to Southern Tutchone people for thousands of years and discover the heart of their traditional culture and way of life. From scenic hiking on gentle trails to backcountry adventures in the mountain wilderness, a variety of activities await you.

Kluane National Park and Reserve p. 10



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Living Large in the North

Feel a cool mist rising from the water. Stand on the shore and watch wood bison, ducks, swans and geese feed. Nearby, the endangered whooping cranes nest. In this impressive expanse of the Peace-Athabasca Delta, the largest freshwater inland delta in northeastern Alberta. You'll experience the renewing force of this remote northern wilderness with its intricate landscapes and fascinating culture.

Wood Buffalo National Park p. 11



NUNAVUT

Place of Glaciers. Land of Diversity

Prepare to see more than 70 bird species, 21 species of marine and terrestrial mammals and 360 different types of plants. This impressive range of flora and fauna combined with the magnificent landscapes of glaciers and mountains will astound you! From bird watching to whale watching, Sirmilik is guaranteed to satisfy those who dare to brave its magnificent, rugged wilderness.

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Witness the Aurora

Look up and see a dazzling panorama. Swirling bands of pale green, red and purple dancing across the darkening late summer sky will hold you spellbound. Watch from the bow of an expedition cruise ship or through the door of your tent. Whichever you prefer, find yourself a front row seat to nature's dramatic sky spectacle.

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Northern Canada

National Parks and National Historic Sites of Canada



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Services and activities legend

The legend below identifies some of the services and activities that may be available at the parks and sites. Watch for these symbols when planning your visit.

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Quttinirpaq National Park

Quttinirpaq National Park

Yukon

1 Kluane



Kluane National Park and Reserve covers an area of 21,980 square kilometres. It is a land of precipitous, high mountains, immense icefields and lush valleys that yield a diverse array of plant and wildlife species and provides for a host of outdoor activities. Kluane National Park and Reserve is also home to Mount Logan (5959 m/19,545 ft), Canada's highest peak.

Haines Junction, Yukon – 158 km from Whitehorse, YT
1-867-634-7207 | parkscanada.gc.ca/kluane

2 Vuntut



Vuntut, which means “among the lakes” in the Gwich'in language, encompasses 4,345 sq. km of wilderness in the northwestern corner of the Yukon territory. The park is bounded by the height of land and Ivvavik National Park to the north, the international boundary and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to the west, Black Fox Creek to its confluence with the Old Crow River to the east and the Old Crow River to the south. Visit the John Tizya Centre in Old Crow to learn more about Vuntut National Park.

Old Crow, Yukon
1-867-966-3626 | parkscanada.gc.ca/vuntut

3 Ivvavik



Ivvavik, meaning “a place for giving birth, a nursery”, in Inuvialuktun, the language of the Inuvialuit, is the first national park in Canada to be created as a result of an aboriginal land claim agreement. The park protects a portion of the calving grounds of the Porcupine caribou herd and represents the Northern Yukon and Mackenzie Delta natural regions.

Yukon
1-867-777-8800 | parkscanada.gc.ca/ivvavik

4 Chilkoot Trail



The Chilkoot Trail was designated a national historic site because of the role it played in the mass movement of people to the Yukon during the Klondike Gold Rush. It protects the historic gateway to the Yukon once trod by Tlingit First Nation traders and Klondike Gold Rush stampeders.

Whitehorse, Yukon
1-800-661-0486 / 867-667-3910
parkscanada.gc.ca/chilkoot

5 Dawson Historical Complex



Sinking slowly into the northern permafrost, the old miners' shacks, shops, hotels, and theatres of the last century create an irresistible romantic atmosphere, and the lively artists' and miners' Dawson City of today blurs with the famous town of the past. Talented Parks Canada interpreters in historic costume provide a variety of activities. Or explore the town at your own pace with a self-guided audio tour.

Dawson City, Yukon
1-867-993-7200 | parkscanada.gc.ca/dawson

6 Dredge no. 4



One of the most amazing gold-mining inventions to appear in the Klondike goldfields was the dredge. Dredge No. 4 National Historic Site was the largest dredge of its kind in North America, and it represents the culmination of decades of adapting technology designed to meet the special needs of mining in northern permafrost conditions.

Dawson City, Yukon
1-867-993-7200 | parkscanada.gc.ca/dawson

7 S.S. Keno of Canada



The S.S. *Keno* was one of the hundreds of stern-wheelers that once worked the Yukon waterways transporting the miners, ore, and supplies that built the communities and industry of the Territory. Hike up the gangplank of the S.S. *Keno* and immerse yourself in stories about the excitement and challenges of running paddle wheelers and barges loaded with ore on the wild northern rivers.

Dawson City, Yukon
1-867-993-7200 | parkscanada.gc.ca/dawson

8 S.S. Klondike



S.S. *Klondike* National Historic Site tells the story of hundreds of steam-powered stern-wheelers that once worked the challenging and remote waters of the Yukon River. Climb aboard the S.S. *Klondike II* and explore one of the largest vessels to ever work the fast and shallow Yukon River. Relive the romance and adventure of this bygone era, when the Yukon River was the highway and life-blood of the territory for First Nations, Gold Rush explorers, and growing Yukon communities.

Whitehorse, Yukon
1-800-661-0486; 867-667-4512 (summer)
parkscanada.gc.ca/ssklondike

Northwest Territories

9 Nahanni



Nahanni National Park Reserve protects a portion of the Mackenzie Mountains Natural Region offering the adventurous visitor a wilderness experience. A key feature of the park is the Naha Dehé (South Nahanni River). Four great canyons line this spectacular whitewater river. At Nailicho (Virginia Falls) the river plunges in a thunderous plume. The park's sulphur hot springs, alpine tundra, mountain ranges, and forests of spruce and aspen are home to many species of birds, fish and mammals. A canoe trip of a lifetime!

Fort Simpson, Northwest Territories
1-867-695-7750 | parkscanada.gc.ca/nahanni

10 Tuktot Nogait



With rolling tundra, wild rivers, precipitous canyons, and a variety of unique wildlife and vegetation, Tuktot Nogait ('young caribou') is one of Canada's undiscovered gems. This remote park is located 170 kilometres north of the arctic circle and is home to the Bluenose West caribou herd, wolves, grizzly bears, muskoxen, arctic char, and a high density of raptors.

Paulatuk, Northwest Territories

1-867-580-3233 | parkscanada.gc.ca/tuktutnogait

11 Aulavik



Aulavik, meaning "place where people travel" in Inuvialuktun, protects more than 12,000 square kilometres of arctic lowlands on the north end of Banks Island. The park encompasses a variety of landscapes from fertile river valleys to polar deserts, buttes and badlands, rolling hills, and bold seacoasts. At the heart of Aulavik is the Thomsen River, which offers visitors a chance to paddle one of the continent's most northerly navigable waterways.

Sachs Harbour, Northwest Territories

1-867-690-3904 | parkscanada.gc.ca/aulavik

12 Wood Buffalo



Seek the thrill of a lifetime in Wood Buffalo National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Embrace the challenge of seeing one of the few free-roaming wood bison. Hike or canoe this vast northern boreal forest. Boat and bird watch in the Peace-Athabasca Delta or sit in awe of Canada's largest national park, the nesting site of the only naturally migrating Whooping Cranes.

Fort Smith, Northwest Territories

1-867-872-7960 | parkscanada.gc.ca/woodbuffalo

13 Saoyú – ʔehdacho



This national historic site is located within two peninsulas of land on Great Bear Lake. Place of outstanding landscapes that blend the natural and cultural worlds. Legends, trails, portages, myths, hunting and fishing camps all give testimony to thousands of years of Dene life.

Inuvik, Northwest Territories – near Déline, NT

1-867-777-8800 | parkscanada.gc.ca

14 Pingo



Pingo Canadian Landmark protects a unique arctic landmark: ice-cored hills called pingos. The Landmark features eight of the 1350 pingos found in the region, including Ibyuk Pingo, Canada's highest pingo. Approximately one quarter of the world's pingos are concentrated in the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula area.

Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories

1-867-777-8800 | parkscanada.gc.ca/pingo

Nunavut

15 Quttinirpaaq



The High Arctic is the choice for the truly adventurous. This national park encompasses one of the most northern points of land on our planet. Its world-class features include: ice caps up to 900 metres thick, the lush Lake Hazen ecosystem and a rich diversity of arctic wildlife. Quttinirpaaq National Park and its surrounding region has a rich cultural history that tells the story of human occupation of the area – a legacy that dates back thousands of years.

Pangnirtung, Nunavut

1-867-473-2500 | parkscanada.gc.ca/quttinirpaaq

16 Ukkusiksalik



Ukkusiksalik National Park is the place where stone can be used to carve post and oil lamps. Its geological foundation of mudflats, cliffs, rolling hills, tundra banks and unique coastal regions along with a reversing waterfall created by tidal action, await visitors who come to explore the park.

Repulse Bay, Nunavut

1-867-462-4500 | parkscanada.gc.ca/ukkusiksalik

17 Sirmilik



Glaciers spilling into the sea, icebergs afloat, unexpected geological formations, sea ice fractured by the open water of the floe edge, and one of the most diverse bird communities in the High Arctic offer Sirmilik National Park visitors a surprising collection of options.

Pond Inlet, Nunavut

1-867-899-8092 | parkscanada.gc.ca/sirmilik

18 Auyuittuq



Sweeping glaciers and polar ice meet the jagged granite mountains of Auyuittuq National Park. The park protects 19 089 km² of glacier scoured terrain and includes the highest peaks of the Canadian Shield such as the internationally famous Thor Peak, Mount Asgard, the Penny Ice Cap and Akshayuk Pass.

Pangnirtung or Qikiqtarjuaq, Nunavut

867-473-2500 or 867-927-8834

parkscanada.gc.ca/ayuittuq

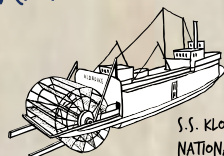
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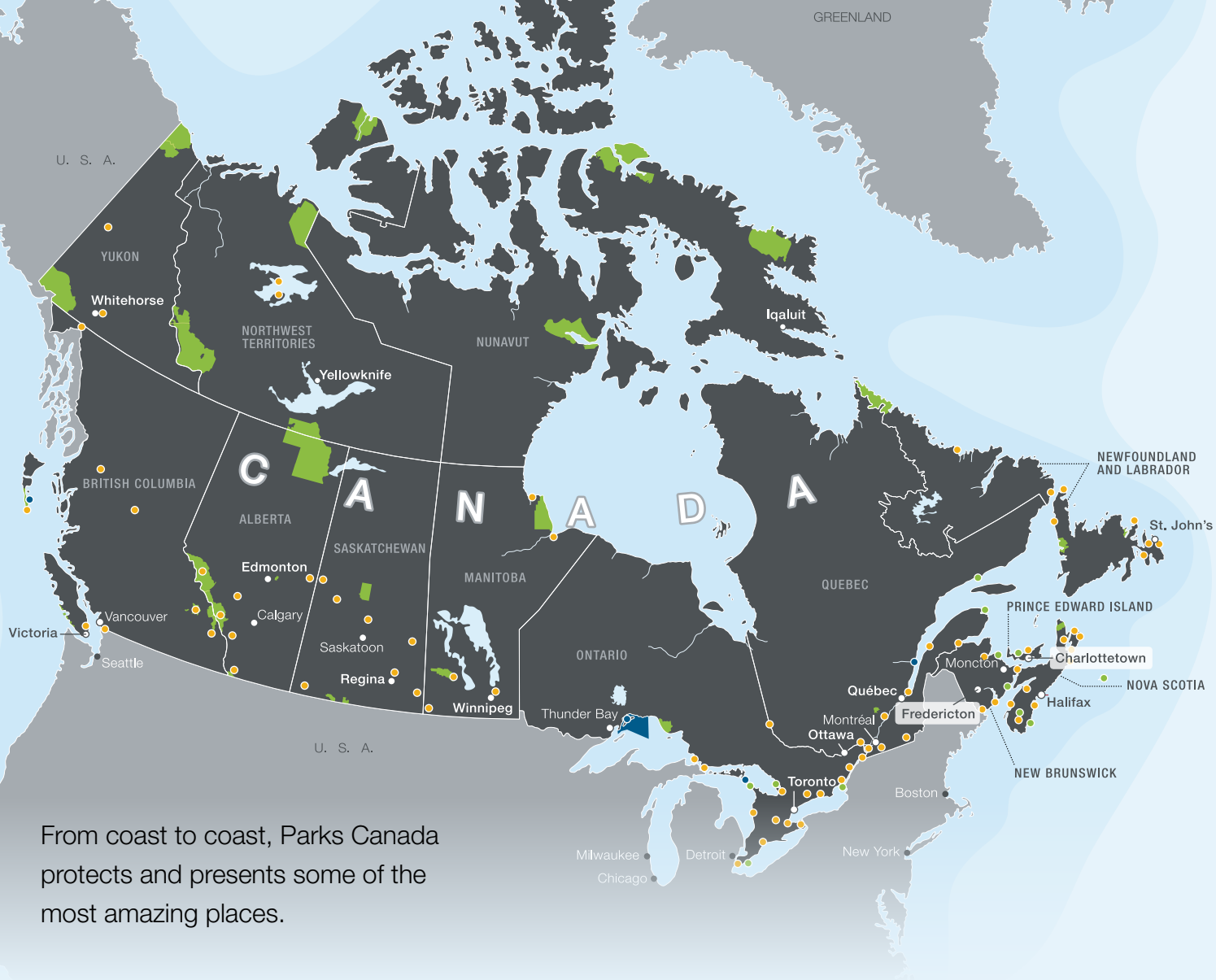


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