



ABOUT NDIŁQ

Ndiłq is located on the north end of Latham Island, adjacent to the City of Yellowknife that became a permanent settlement in the 1940's. Despite being located in close proximity to Yellowknife, Ndiłq remains an independent and distinct community of approximately 200 people. The land was set aside for use by status Indians by the Government of Canada in 1947. In 1959, the government built the first ten permanent houses for Dene families. They were colourful homes and so people began referring to the community as 'Rainbow Valley'. The name was officially changed to Ndiłq in 1992. The area has always been an important fishing and berry picking spot, with access to prime hunting areas. Ndiłq became a permanent settlement in the early 1940s. For more information about Yellowknives Dene First Nation please visit: ykdene.com



EVENTS

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SPECTACULAR
NORTHWEST
TERRITORIES
DESTINATION: NORTH SLAVE

WHAT TO DO

Ndiłq is a very walkable community where people can still see examples of traditional culture. Take a stroll past the Community garden in the summer or attend an arts and crafts Christmas sale at the Ndiłq Community Arena. We welcome you to Chief Drygeese Territory and ask that you please refrain from entering private yards without permission.

OUR LAWS

Share What You Have

Share all the big game you kill; only take what you need and share with others who do not have any.

Help Each Other

Help the poor, sick and Elders, who are in need; visit them, give them food, cook for them. Help them get firewood or whatever needs to be done around the house.

When you lose someone in death, go to the family right away, help out the widow as much as possible and help take care of the orphaned children.

Love Each Other as Much as Possible

Treat each other as brother and sisters, as though you are related. Help each other and don't harm anyone.

Be Respectful of Elders and Everything Around You

Don't run around when Elders are eating; sit down until they are finished.

Sleep at Night and Work During the Day

Don't run around or laugh loudly when it gets dark. Everyone should sleep when darkness falls.

Be Polite and Don't Argue with Anyone

Don't harm anyone with your voice or actions. Don't hurt anyone with your power. Don't show your anger.

Young Girls and Boys Should Behave Respectfully

Don't make fun of each other, especially in the matter of sex. Don't make fun of older men and women. Be polite to each other.

Pass on the Teachings

Elders are to tell stories about the past every day. In this way, young people learn to distinguish between good and unacceptable behaviours, and someday when they are older, they will become the storytellers who will keep the circle of life going.

Be Happy at All Times

The Creator has given you a great gift: Mother Earth. Take care of her and she will always give you food and shelter.

NDIŁQ MAP

LEGEND

1. Yellowknives Dene First Nation Government Offices (Det'on Cho Corporation 2nd floor)
 2. Visitor Parking
 3. K'àlemì Dene School
 4. Buffalo Nights B&B
 5. Bob Turner Enterprises B&B
- Suggested Walking Path

GETTING HERE

Ndiłq is located on the end of Latham Island and is easily accessed from Old Town via the Latham Island causeway.



CONTACT INFORMATION

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 Yellowknives Dene First Nation Government Offices (867) 873-8951
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 Buffalo Nights B&B (867) 446-0409
 Dene Beadz
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 Rosebud Black
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ABOUT DETTAH

Dettah is a small Yellowknives Dene settlement located on the Northern shore of Great Slave Lake, just outside of Yellowknife. It is a 6.5 km drive by ice road in winter and a 27 km drive on an all-season road. In 1959, there were about 15 houses in Dettah when a fire burned out of control, reducing the entire point to ashes, and requiring the residents of Dettah to start anew. Here you'll find many examples of the traditional Dene lifestyle with fish drying on racks and hides being tanned beside houses. The Dettah area has been used as a summer time gathering site for generations, eventually growing into one of the two Yellowknives Dene Communities. For more Information about Yellowknives Dene First Nation please visit: ykdene.com



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ARTS AND CRAFTS

The artisan shop located in the Chief Drygeese Centre is the one-stop shop for traditional locally made arts and crafts. Here you'll find everything from porcupine quill earrings to delicate fish scale art, intricately beaded moose hide moccasins and gloves and fur products. While there, ask and receive your free YKDFN souvenir certificate.



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ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

The canteen at the Chief Drygeese Centre is open during special events and there is catering available for meetings and private events. For more information please contact the Chief Drygeese Centre office at (867) 873-4307. There are currently no overnight accommodations in Dettah.

WHAT TO DO

While in Dettah visitors should make a point of stopping at the Chief Drygeese Centre, home of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation Artisan shop. While at the Chief Drygeese Centre take note of the unique architecture. The round building is inspired by Dene bead work, which is often in the shape of a rose, you'll see that the flower motif runs throughout the complex with rose patterns on the floors of all the building's levels. This beautiful building is topped off with a teepee shaped glass roof on the second floor. We welcome you to Chief Drygeese Territory and ask that you please refrain from entering private yards without permission.

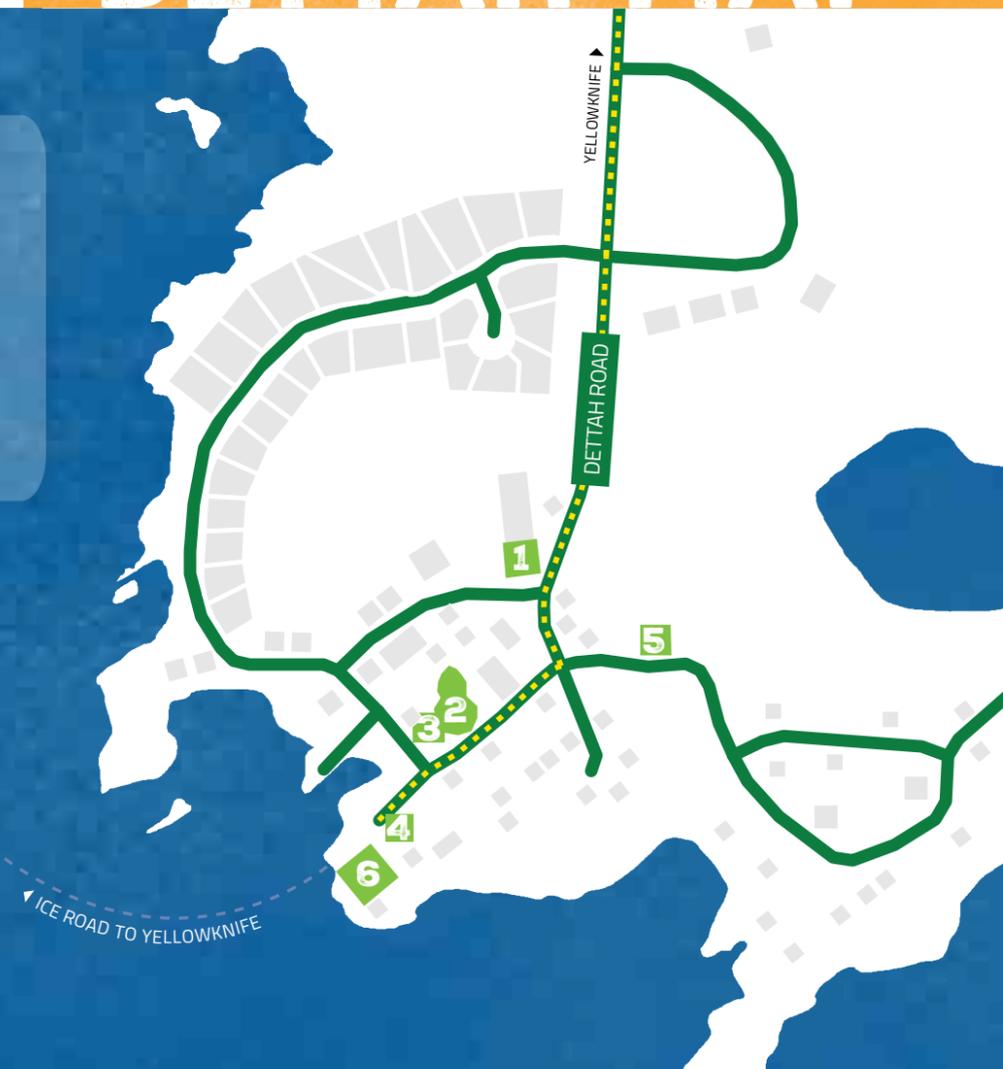
DETTAH MAP

LEGEND

1. Church of St. Kateri Tekawitha
 2. Chief Drygeese Centre, YKDFN Government offices + Artisan shop
 3. Visitor Parking
 4. Welcome to Dettah Ice Road Sign
 5. Kaw Tay Whee School (K-Grade 8)
 6. Akaitcho Trucking
- Suggested Walking Path

GETTING HERE

Dettah can be accessed year round by a 27KM all season road, and by boat in the summer. If you plan on visiting Dettah in the winter then the best way to reach the community is to take the 6.5 KM ice road. If you allow yourself some extra time there are safe spots along the ice road that will allow you to pull over and take those iconic ice road photos while you stand on the 6 foot thick crystal clear ice road.



TOURISM BUSINESS LISTINGS

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DETTAH PHONE LISTINGS

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