

TOP HIKING TRAILS ACROSS THE NWT

From multi-day treks to an afternoon stroll, heading around town or out towards the horizon - hiking the trails of the Northwest Territories shows you the best of our pristine and spectacular landscapes.

Find accessible trails for all skill levels near many communities, or venture a little further for an immersive and unforgettable experience on the trails through the North.



ALEXANDRA FALLS HANS PFAFF / NWT



CIRQUE OF UNCLIMBABLES GBP CREATIVE / NWT



SAMBA DEH FALLS HANS PFAFF / NWT

Alexandra Falls - Louise Falls

Beginner Hikers | 90 Minutes

Following the rim of the gorgeous Hay River Canyon, this easy two-kilometre hike leads south through boreal forest, spacious day-use areas, and two powerful waterfalls - Louise Falls and the mammoth Alexandra Falls.

Prelude Lake Trails - Yellowknife

Easy Walking & Beginner Hiker | 30 Minutes

29 kilometres outside of Yellowknife, Prelude Lake Territorial Park has two phenomenal trails. The shorter Panoramic Trail is a stroll to a scenic view of the lake, while the Nature Trail is a longer, interpretive hike through natural zones of exposed rock and wildlife-rich muskeg.

Sunblood Peak - Nahanni National Park Reserve

Intermediate Hikers | 5 Hours

This trek to the summit of 1,450-metre-high Sunblood Peak is perhaps the park's most famous excursion. This trail begins directly across the river from the Virginia Falls campground. Hike the Virginia Falls portage for an easier yet equally scenic route.

Frame Lake Trail - Downtown Yellowknife

Easy Walking | 1 Hour

In the heart of downtown, this gentle loop will lead you past the grounds of the Legislative Assembly, Yellowknife's City Hall, the famous Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, as well as the grassy picnic area of Somba K'e park, each featuring local art and informational signage about the city.

Fairy Meadows - Nahanni National Park Reserve

Intermediate Hikers

This lush paradise of alpine wildflowers marks the start of many alpinists' trek into the legendary Cirque of the Unclimbables. Down in the meadow, however, there are enough serene walking trails and beautiful vistas to make it a worthy spot for any hiking enthusiast.

Sambaa Deh Canyon - Sambaa Deh Territorial Park

Beginner Hikers

Stretch your legs on the drive between Fort Providence and Fort Simpson - this network of trails follows Trout River through the stunning Sambaa Deh Gorge. Along the path downriver, you'll find a fly fisher's paradise and upstream is scenic Coral Falls.



CAMERON FALLS DAVE BROSHA / NWTT

Cameron Falls - Yellowknife

Beginner Hikers | 1 hour

A 45-minute drive from Yellowknife along the Ingraham Trail, Cameron Falls is a perfect hike with a picturesque view of life on the Canadian Shield. Stroll along an easy boardwalk path, stop at picnic areas, and enjoy a swim at the base of the falls.

Ibyuk Pingo - Tuktoyaktuk

Beginner Hikers

The second-largest pingo on Earth, this Arctic giant is one of many you'll see in the most northern parts of the NWT. Walking on the pingos themselves is prohibited, but a boardwalk is in place to provide visitors with an opportunity to witness their gentle majesty up close.

The Salt Flats - Fort Smith

Beginner Hikers

This trail is just one of many in Wood Buffalo National Park - Canada's largest National Park. Ideal for nature lovers, the Salt Flats has opportunities to spot iconic wildlife including bison, moose, foxes, lynx, and even rare whooping cranes.

Bear Rock - Tulita

Intermediate Hikers | 3 Hours

Local guides can take you to the summit of the most iconic mountain in the Sahtu. Learn about the rich history of this sacred place and the site's cultural significance to the Shutagotine. It's a place of reflection with a sweeping view of the Sahtu Region.

Rotary Trail - Hay River

Easy Walking | 1 Hour

This accessible two-kilometre trail follows the edge of the Hay River and provides scenic views, rest stops and interpretive signage along the way. An easy walk year round, find gorgeous displays of color provided by fireweed, twin flower, wild flax, and wild roses.

Canol Trail - Norman Wells

Advanced Backpackers | 3 Weeks

Possibly North America's most rigorous backpacking trail, this 355-kilometre journey is an exercise in self-sufficiency and endurance. Bring a guide or travel with an operator, and you'll be rewarded with a truly life-changing journey through the North's Mackenzie Mountains.

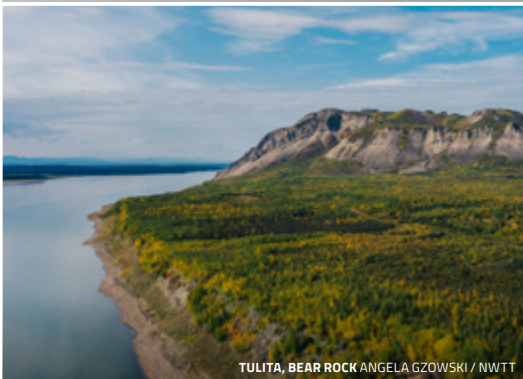
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TIME TO EXPERIENCE THE BEAUTY
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Our renowned hiking trails are just one of the many ways to experience the Northwest Territories. From cultural walking tours to guided river adventures, you'll find something spectacular in every region of the NWT.

Come North to the NWT.



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