

A Guide to the

SAHTU REGION

of Canada's Northwest Territories

QUICK FACTS

The Mackenzie River where it passes Norman Wells is 6 km (3.7 mi) wide.

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- Current population of the Sahtu (five communities) is just under 3,000.
- Sahtu has more National Historic Sites than any other region in the NWT.
- The largest Lake Trout caught at Great Bear Lake was 84lbs (38.1 kg) and 49 inches long.
- The first horse was introduced into the Sahtu in the 1940s during the building of the Canol Pipeline. Today there are only two Mackenzie mountain outfitter who use horses for guided hunts.
- There are four distinct Dene peoples in the Sahtu each with their own dialects and practices.
- The North Slavey language of the Sahtu is identified as part of the Athabaskan language group which stretches as far south as Arizona and New Mexico.
- The world-record muskox was hunted near Norman Wells in the Sahtu.



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WELCOME TO SAHTU

Journey into the wild, mysterious heart of the Mackenzie River Valley. This is landscape on an epic scale, where the Mackenzie River is framed by Great Bear Lake and the Mackenzie and Franklin Mountains. A rich history can be discovered here. In small communities and on the land, authentic Dene heritage blends with relics of early exploration, trade and missionary travels.



Sahtu Day, June 23, is a regional holiday in recognition of the signing of the Sahtu Dene and Metis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement in June 1993. Each community hosts events to celebrate this historical day.

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THE BEATING HEART OF THE NORTH

Here in the centre of the Northwest Territories, the frantic outside world has not yet arrived. The Sahtu is the home of a grand inland sea, Great Bear Lake –slithering with colossal trout, cliff-flanked, and salted with alluring place-names: Conjuror Bay, Grizzly Bear Mountain, the Scented Grass Hills.

Here, too, is the North's king of rivers, the mammoth Mackenzie, up to seven kilometres wide, pressing northward with its watery burden of driftwood, fish, barges and canoeists, and joined along the way by wild tributaries like the Redstone, the Keele and the Mountain.

In the west of the Sahtu, you'll find a jagged world: the Mackenzie Mountains, pierced by only one path, the famous Canol Heritage Trail, and bustling with mountain sheep, caribou, moose and other game.

The Sahtu has a rich history and vibrant indigenous culture that your hosts will share as you explore the land and the five communities thriving on the cusp of the Arctic Circle. Expert craftspeople in each community fashion traditional tools and clothing using the resources of the land. Visit with Dene and Metis families and see how moccasins are made from locally prepared moosehide...just one of the many unique and valued examples of traditional Sahtu culture.



7 REASONS TO VISIT THE SAHTU

01

THE CANOL HERITAGE TRAIL

Possibly North America's most rigorous backpacking trail, this 355 km (220 mi) trek follows the route of a defunct military road built during WW II to transect the Mackenzie Mountains. It starts across the river from Norman Wells and ends at the Yukon Border.

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02

GREAT BEAR LAKE

Great Bear Lake is the largest freshwater body entirely within Canada. At 31,000 square km it covers more of the earth's surface than Belgium, is the eighth largest lake on earth and is home to world record fish.

03

MACKENZIE RIVER BREAK UP

View Canada's longest river start its own spring cleaning and shed its winter ice during River Break Up. See towers of ice crash into each other and pile onto shore during this spectacular annual event.

04

PADDLE ON SPECTACULAR RIVERS

Sahtu has a river for every type of paddler. If it's whitewater you're after, try the Mountain River, one of several rivers that empty into the Mackenzie. Or there is the more placid Natla/Keele, with few or no portages.



BRAEDEN CLARK

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ADVENTURE THROUGH THE MACKENZIE MOUNTAINS

A flightseeing trip into the Mackenzie Mountains will give you a bird's eye view of Carcajou Falls and Dodo Canyon. You can also go snowmobiling in the mountains, go for a guided hunt, paddle through the mountains, see aurora over the mountains, etc.

06

THE RAMPARTS (MACKENZIE RIVER)

South of Fort Good Hope, the Mackenzie River narrows from almost 2 km (6,600 feet) wide to barely more than 100 m (109 yards) wide as it passes through a 12 km (7.5 mi) rapid river canyon. The steep, crenelated walls of the canyon account for its name – the Ramparts.

07

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN CULTURE/ HISTORY

The culture of the original peoples of this region is evident in all its communities. See how the Dene and Metis continue to use the resources of the land, even as they embrace 21st century technology. Follow the arrival of explorers, traders and missionaries – from Alexander Mackenzie and Sir John Franklin to dedicated missionaries and migratory fur traders.

SAHTU PARKS

The Sahtu has one National Park Reserve, one territorial park and several municipal parks.

NÁÁTS'ĮHCH'OH NATIONAL PARK RESERVE

One of Canada's newest and most remote parks, it offers whitewater paddling and off-the-grid hiking. It is adjacent to Nahanni National Park Reserve and is nearly 5,000 square km. The mountain from which the park takes its name is credited with great powers by the local people. A park office is located in Tulít'a.

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MACKENZIE AND BEAR RIVER CAMPGROUNDS, TULÍT'A

These two parks are located near the community of Tulít'a, and cater mainly to summer river travellers. The sites include tent pads, heated McPherson tents (for possible winter use), a cookhouse, a sand volleyball court and walking trails. The parks can accommodate up to 40 visitors. Information about Tulít'a art vendors is posted in the parks.

MACKINNON TERRITORIAL PARK, NORMAN WELLS

Located in the community of Norman Wells, on the banks of the Mackenzie River, this park offers a great view across the river to the Mackenzie Mountains. The park has seven non powered campsites, washrooms, drinking water, and a playground. There is also a gazebo, teepees, a Frisbee golf course, a cultural interpretation area and a cabin.

JACKFISH LAKE MUNICIPAL PARK, NORMAN WELLS

This campground and day use area is popular with residents of Norman Wells as well as visitors, and is ideal for swimming and family fun.



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HISTORIC, HERITAGE & PROTECTED SITES



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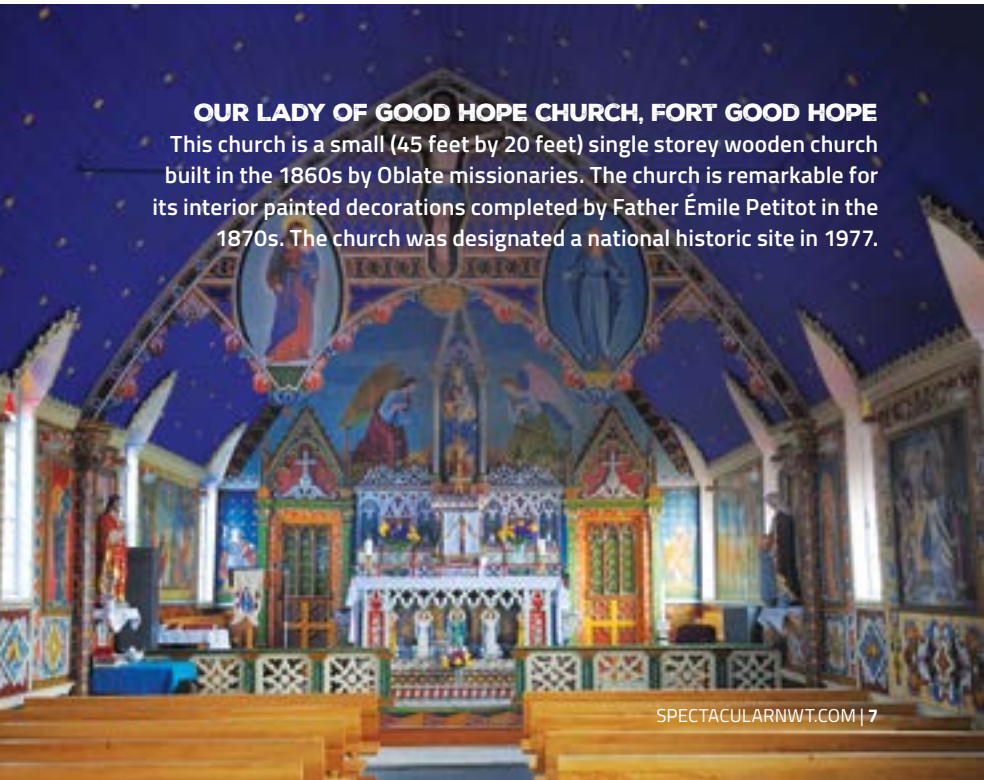
DÉLĮNĘ FISHERY/FRANKLIN'S FORT, DÉLĮNĘ

The Déljnę Fishery/Franklin's Fort was designated a national historic site of Canada in 1996. It was constructed to provide a wintering place for nearly 50 people in Sir John Franklin's second overland expedition from 1825 to 1827. It is also the site of one of the most productive Dene fisheries in the Mackenzie River drainage area and for centuries was used by the indigenous residents of the area.

SAOYÚ-ʔEHDACHO (GRIZZLY BEAR MOUNTAIN AND SCENTED GRASS HILLS)

This, the largest national historic site in Canada, is made up of two large peninsulas that reach into Great Bear Lake from the west and south. This vast cultural landscape blends the natural and spiritual worlds of the Sahtu Dene and helps define them as a people.

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OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE CHURCH, FORT GOOD HOPE

This church is a small (45 feet by 20 feet) single storey wooden church built in the 1860s by Oblate missionaries. The church is remarkable for its interior painted decorations completed by Father Émile Petitot in the 1870s. The church was designated a national historic site in 1977.



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ANGLICAN CHURCH, TULÍT'A

Build in 1880 by Allan Hardisty, this church is one of the oldest standing buildings in the Northwest Territories. The dovetailed log structure is an excellent example of the building style of the time.

FIRST HOCKEY GAME ON GREY GOOSE LAKE, DÉLĮNĘ

Site of the first documented location of hockey played in the Northwest Territories. Franklin's written record of his stay in Déljnę (1825-27 overland expedition) marks the earliest eye-witness account of a game of ice hockey being played.

FORT FRANKLIN (NOW DÉLĮNĘ)

This location has been used for centuries by the indigenous people because it is an excellent fishing spot. Early traders were attracted to the location because of its capacity to supply a regular source of food.

TSÁ TUÉ BIOSPHERE RESERVE, DÉLĮNĘ

This UNESCO biosphere reserve encompasses Great Bear Lake, along with part of its watershed, and is home to caribou, moose, muskox and an abundance of fish life. The reserve, the largest such area in Canada is managed by the Sahtuo'ine of Déljnę.

BERN WILL BROWN MUSEUM, COLVILLE LAKE

The late renowned painter and priest Bern Will Brown helped build and decorate a small log church in the community. An interesting museum describes traditional life in the area just a few generations ago.

PAT KANE/NWTT



PROPHET AYHA'S HOUSE, DÉLĮNĘ

Déljnę was home to the Prophet Louis Ayha who gave more than 30 prophecies to the people of Déljnę during his time on earth between 1857 and 1940. There is a small sanctuary in Déljnę in memory of this revered visionary.



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BEAR ROCK AND THE STORY OF YAMORIA, TULÍT'A

Guarding the mouth of the Bear River where it joins the Mackenzie River, scenic Bear Rock plays a part in traditional Sahtu Dene history. The great leader Yamoria cleared the land of enormous beavers and stretched their hides on Bear Rock, where traces of their pelts can still be seen. The tiny community of Tulít'a is home to the Mountain Dene, who used to winter in the mountains and return to the valley each spring on raging rivers in huge mooseskin boats.

NORMAN WELLS HISTORICAL CENTRE, NORMAN WELLS

The centre opened in 1989 to tell the story of the Norman Wells oil field and the Canol project. It also includes information on the discovery of uranium at Great Bear Lake, and the construction of an oil pipeline to supply southern Canada with Norman Wells "sweet" crude. Displays also include geology exhibits and samples of some of the unique local fossils.

Today the centre's mandate has expanded to preserve and promote the cultural and historical memory of the Sahtu settlement area. Traditional Dene lifestyles are represented in external displays including a log cabin built by local Rick Muyers and furnished by a Dene elder. Early trucks from the Canol project and a tiny tug and barge also stand sentinel outside the museum.

AVIATION MUSEUM, NORMAN WELLS

Located at DOT Lake at the North-Wright float plane dock, it honours the pioneers of northern aviation, especially those from the Sahtu. Adjacent air service buildings are backdrops for full scale murals and portraits of vintage planes and pilots.

TS'UDÉ NILĮNÉ TUYETA, FORT GOOD HOPE

This future territorial protected area consists of more than 10,000 square-kilometres of taiga plains and cordillera west of Fort Good Hope, which is home to grizzly bears, caribou, peregrine falcons and important for migrating birds.



BRAEDEN CLARK

MOUNTAINS AND TRAILS

The Sahtu is flanked by two mountain ranges. To the west are the Mackenzie Mountains, named after Canada's second prime minister, Alexander Mackenzie. They are the northern continuation of the Rocky Mountains, extending 400 km through the Northwest Territories. To the east are the Franklin Mountains, a range of low peaks that stretch along the east bank of the Mackenzie River.

CANOL HERITAGE TRAIL

The Mackenzie Mountains in the Sahtu Region are home to one of North America's most spectacular and difficult hikes, the Canol Heritage Trail, suitable for only experienced and well equipped hikers. To hike the complete trail can take from two to three weeks.

The 372 km (231 mi) trail was originally built during World War II as part of an oil pipeline and supply route stretching through the Mackenzie Mountains from Norman Wells to Whitehorse. Beginning in the east, the trail winds through the magnificent Mackenzie Mountains, up to MacMillan Pass on the continental divide and into the Yukon.

It offers a hike through the nearly forgotten history of one of Canada's first mega projects, in a landscape that is both captivating and intriguing.

About 48 km (30 mi) into your hike, you'll encounter the rocky and breathtaking Dodo Canyon – a deep scenic gulch carved by a meandering river. Check out the spires and hoodoos reminiscent of a desert in the U.S. southwest.

Carcajou Falls is another spectacular site along the trail. These falls splash over a stony escarpment sending spray into the mountain air. They are considered one of the most idyllic waterfalls in the North, but are seen by few.

Not up for the hike? You can take in the magnificent scenery and wildlife of the Mackenzie Mountains via a flightseeing trip from Norman Wells.

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DAY HIKES

In addition to the Canol Trail, there are numerous other hiking trails in the Sahtu. Here are some shorter hikes that start in or near communities.



VINCENT WALKER



BILL BRADEN/NWTT

OLD BALDY TRAIL NETWORK, FORT GOOD HOPE

- starts at north end of the community
- 2.5 km one way
- Old Baldy is the high point of a long esker
- meter markers along full length of trail

HAMAR MOUNTAIN TRAIL, NORMAN WELLS

- starts at Jackfish Lake and goes to Discovery Ridge
- 6 km (3.7 mi) one way
- the high point on Hamar Mountain (967 m, 3173 ft) provides excellent views of the Mackenzie Valley and Kelly and Lennie Lakes
- meter markers along full length of trail

FOSSIL CANYON, NORMAN WELLS

- part of Hamar Mountain Trail
- once a seabed where today visitors can find Devonian era fossils

VALLEY VIEW AND KEE SCARP TRAILS, NORMAN WELLS

- 3.8 km (4 mi) loop
- mountain biking as well as hiking

RIDGE TRAIL, NORMAN WELLS

- suitable for quads
- 8.4 km (5.2 mi)
- goes to Bosworth Falls

BEAR ROCK TRAIL, TULÍT'A

- starts across the Bear river from Tulít'a
- goes to the top of Bear Rock
- hike takes about two to three hours

NORMAN WELLS CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRAILS, NORMAN WELLS

- obtain a map from the Norman Wells Historical Society
- rent gear from the Town Recreation department

Operators

The following operators can help with your visit to the Canol Trail and through the Mackenzie Mountains:

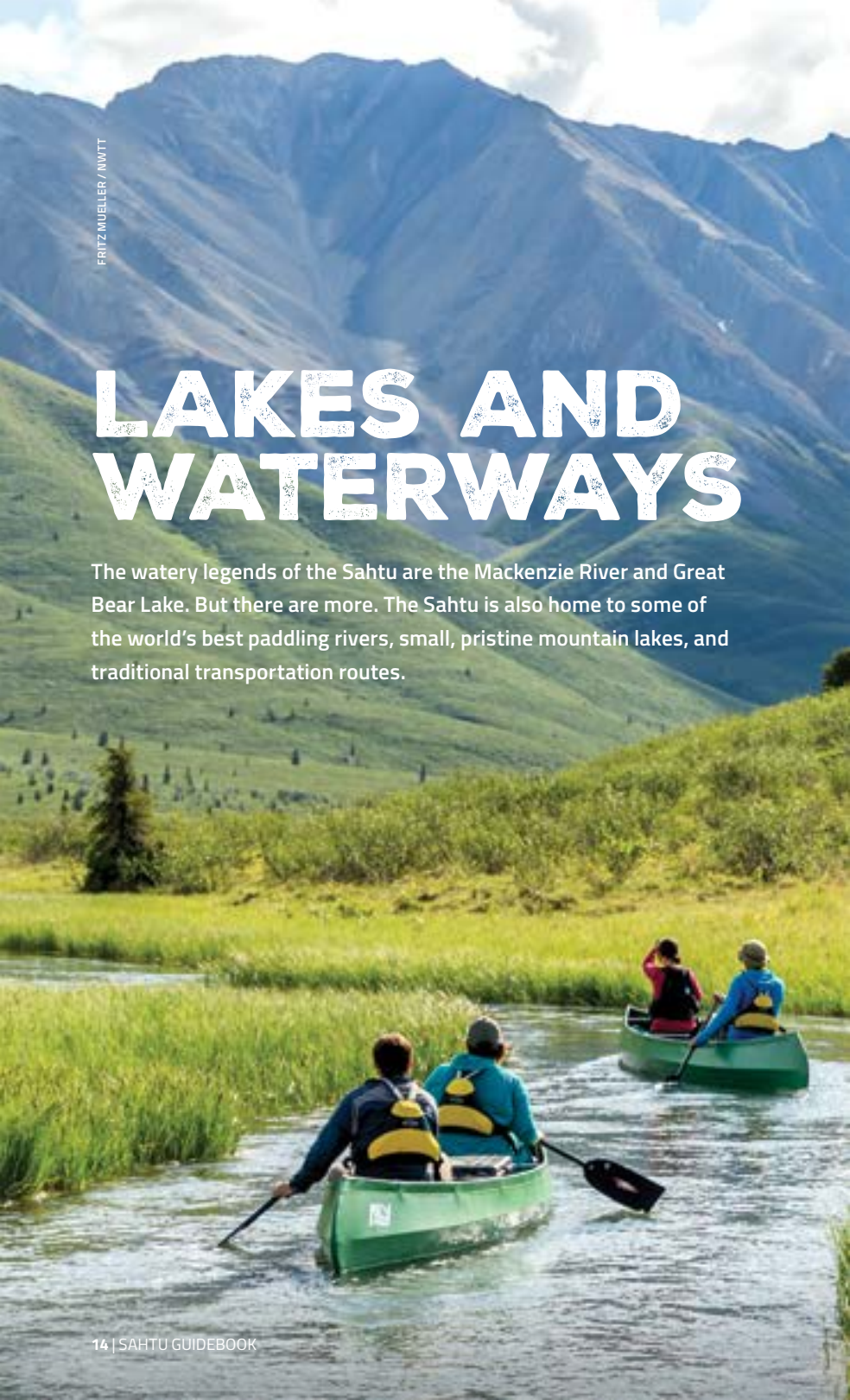
Dechenla Wilderness Lodge
867-667-2639
Located at the western end of the Canol Trail.

Mountain River Outfitters
867-335-3596
Mountain biking, hiking/backpacking, snowmobile tours

North-Wright Airways
867-587-2288, Ext 1009
Flightseeing tours in the Mackenzie Mountains, hiking/backpacking, mountain biking, snowmobile tours, and cross country skiing.

Ram Head Outfitters
780-446-8774
Wilderness adventures in the Mackenzie Mountains.

Sahtu Adventures
867-447-3619
Custom trips across Sahtu including Bear Rock, also logistical support and gear rental.



FRITZ MUELLER / NWTT

LAKES AND WATERWAYS

The watery legends of the Sahtu are the Mackenzie River and Great Bear Lake. But there are more. The Sahtu is also home to some of the world's best paddling rivers, small, pristine mountain lakes, and traditional transportation routes.

PADDLING

From peaceful paddles to wild whitewater adventures, 16 different river systems (both within and outside the Sahtu) are accessible from Norman Wells.

If it's excitement you want, try the Mountain River, thought by some to be the most beautiful and challenging in the NWT. Jutting almost straight up out of the shoreline on either side of you are the massive cliffs and outcrops of the Mackenzie Mountains with some peaks nearly 3,000 m (9,800 ft) high. Or paddle the Natla-Keele, slowly winding through 490 km (304 mi) of sacred mountain lands, where the Mountain Dene used to travel in long boats of moosehide. If you are looking for more remote and seldom visited rivers, try the Redstone, the Ravenshead or the Broken Skull – all scenic and challenging mountain rivers.

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Operators

Blackfeather Wilderness Adventures
888-849-7668
Guided canoe trips

Canoe North Adventures
519-941-6654
Guided canoe trips

Jack Pine Paddle
867-445-4512
Guided canoe trips

Mountain River Outfitters
867-335-3596
Guided canoe trips

Nahanni Wilderness Adventures
867-668-3180
Guided canoe trips

North-Wright Airways
867-587-2288
Ext. 1009
Transport of passengers and canoes

Sahtu Adventures
867-447-3619
Canoe and camping gear rentals, guided canoe trips

Wanapitei Canoe & Northern Outdoor Expeditions
705-652-3199
Guided canoe trips



BRUCE KENNY

FISHING

Anglers from all over the world are amazed with the pure, pristine waters of the Sahtu. As the home to the greatest freshwater lakes and rivers in North America, it's no surprise that they produce some of the biggest, record-setting fish. In the Sahtu there's fishing for Lake Trout, Arctic Grayling, Northern Pike, Whitefish, Loche and Inconnu, known locally as Coney. Expert guides offer angling adventures from communities, or at fly-in fishing lodges. The main fishing action in the Sahtu is at Great Bear Lake, renowned for record breaking Lake Trout.



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Operators

Great Bear Lake Lodge
1-800-665-0240
Remote fishing lodge

Grey Goose Lodge
867-589-5500 Ext. 3099
Trips on Great Bear Lake

North-Wright Airways
867-587-2288 Ext.1009
Day trips to Great Bear, Turton or Kelly lakes

Plummer's Arctic Lodges
1-800-665-0240
Famed remote lodge on Great Bear Lake

Sahtu Adventures
867-447-3619
Fishing packages on Great Bear, and lakes near Norman Wells

BRAD HIGHFIELD



WILDLIFE

FISH

School is in session for the world class fish you will find in the Sahtu. Lake Trout, Arctic Grayling, Northern Pike, Whitefish, Loche and Inconnu, known locally as Coney, can all be caught with your rod or fish net in the beautiful lakes and rivers of the Sahtu Region. The abundance and variety of fish found in the region is a testament to the pristine quality of the water in which these creatures navigate.



LAKE TROUT



NORTHERN PIKE



BURBOT



INCONNU



ARCTIC CHAR



DOLLY VARDEN



WALLEYE



ARCTIC GRAYLING

Lake Trout stalk the pure, cold depths of our famous lakes, growing to outlandish sizes.

Northern Pike ("jack" or "jackfish" locally) can be found prowling warm marshes and reedy backwaters.

Burbot (or "loche"), the world's only freshwater cod, come out at night to feed. You can also find them on Bullock's Bistro's menu as "Great Slave Cod."

Inconnu (also called "coney") and Whitefish are relatives and coveted lake species; the former is a good fish to smoke, the latter is ideal for frying up.

Arctic Char, the world's northernmost freshwater species, are meaty, mouth-watering fish that migrate into lakes in summer or fall to spawn.

Bull Trout and **Dolly Varden** abound in alpine streams and are a fly-fisher's dreams.

Walleye ("pickerel") and **Arctic Grayling** splash in many of our rivers and creeks. Both have pronounced dorsal fins: the Walleye's is spiky, while the Arctic Grayling's fans out.

And don't look now, but more **Pink Salmon** are being found swimming up the Mackenzie River each summer—warming waters may be enticing the new arrivals.



JONATHAN GILLINGHAM

MAMMALS

Nature and wildlife enthusiasts the world over flock to the Sahtu Region to catch glimpses of moose, caribou, muskox, mountain goats, grizzly bears, Dall's sheep and a range of furry critters, from lynx, foxes, wolves and wolverine to ermine, muskrat and Snowshoe hares.

BIRDS

One of North America's major flyways cuts through the Sahtu region. Over 90 percent of the bird species in the Sahtu are migratory, and in all 41 families and over 200 species of birds spend time here. The most common migratory birds passing through or stopping in the region are snow geese, Canada geese, whistling swans, many species of ducks, loons, gulls and occasionally sandhill cranes. Raptors including bald and golden eagles, ospreys, rough legged hawks, gyrfalcons and peregrine falcons may also be observed.

Wildlife Viewing Operators

Dechenla Lodge
867-667-2639

Sahtu Adventures
867-447-3619

Canol Outfitters (GP)
867-444-4868

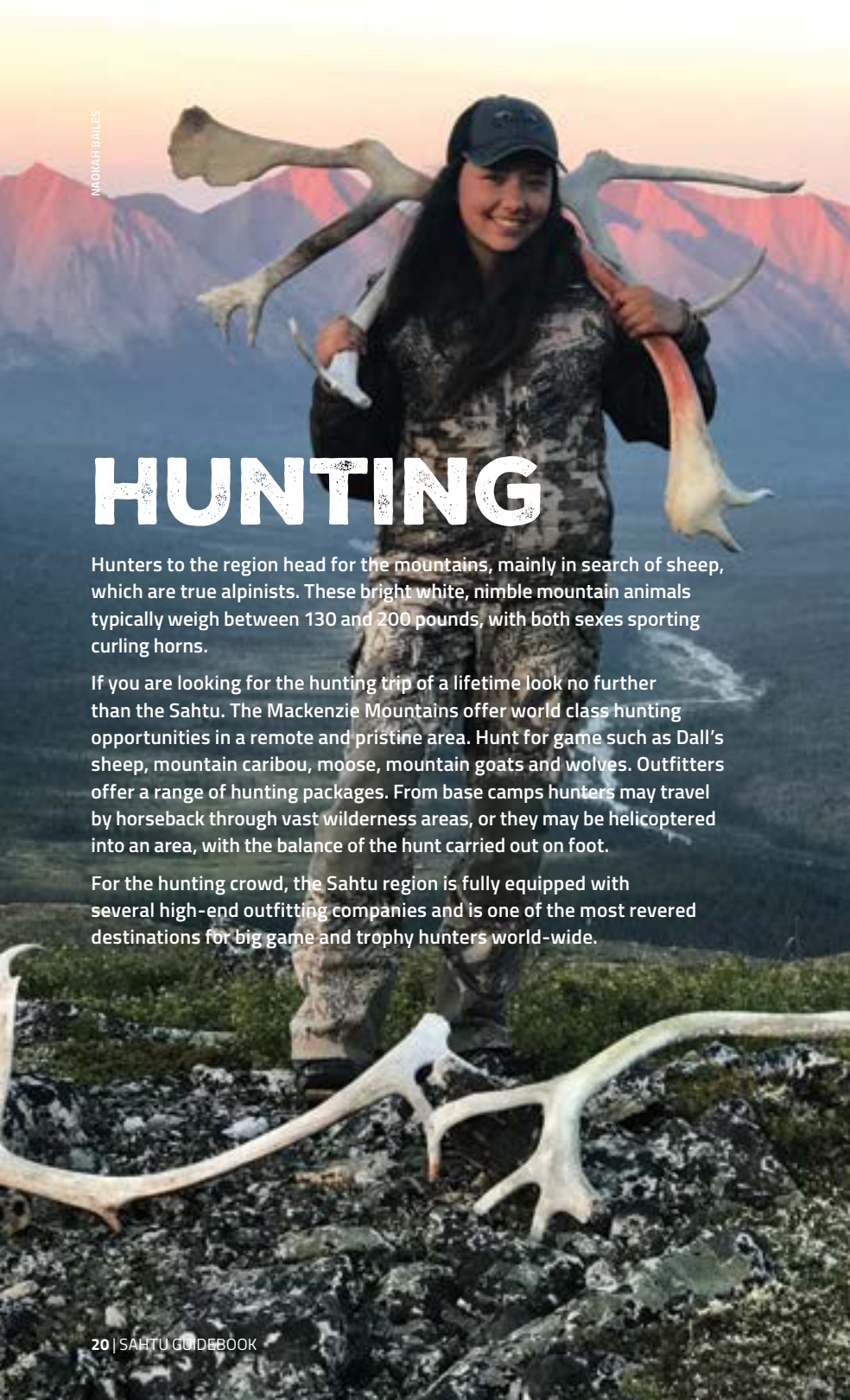
Gana River Outfitters
403-357-8414

Mackenzie Mountain Outfitters
250-719-8340

Mountain River Outfitters
867-335-3596

NWT Outfitters
250-846-5309

Raven's Throat Outfitting ULC
867-332-7286



NAOIKAH BAILES

HUNTING

Hunters to the region head for the mountains, mainly in search of sheep, which are true alpinists. These bright white, nimble mountain animals typically weigh between 130 and 200 pounds, with both sexes sporting curling horns.

If you are looking for the hunting trip of a lifetime look no further than the Sahtu. The Mackenzie Mountains offer world class hunting opportunities in a remote and pristine area. Hunt for game such as Dall's sheep, mountain caribou, moose, mountain goats and wolves. Outfitters offer a range of hunting packages. From base camps hunters may travel by horseback through vast wilderness areas, or they may be helicoptered into an area, with the balance of the hunt carried out on foot.

For the hunting crowd, the Sahtu region is fully equipped with several high-end outfitting companies and is one of the most revered destinations for big game and trophy hunters world-wide.



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Hunting Operators

Arctic Red River Outfitters
867-633-4334

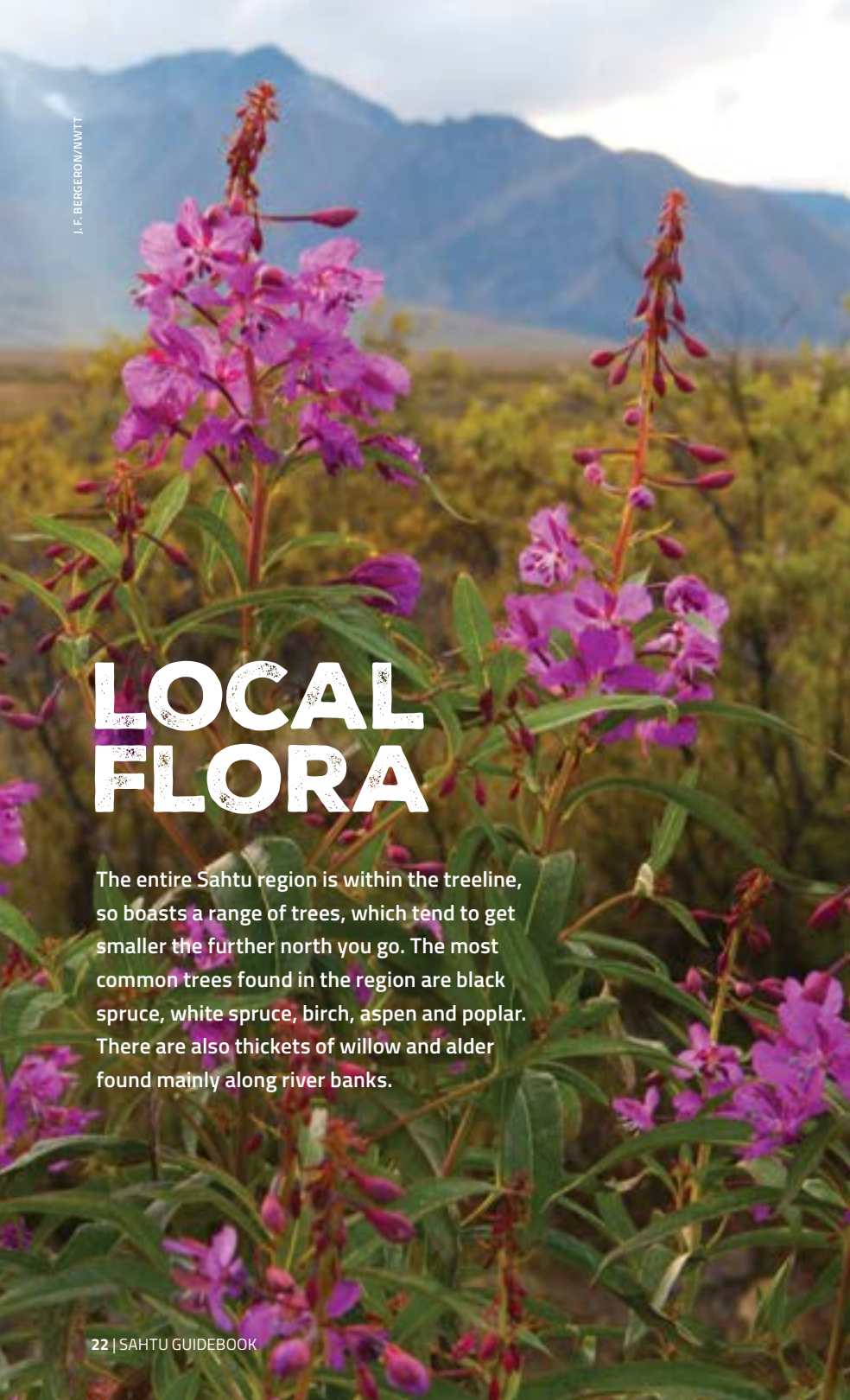
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867-332-7286



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LOCAL FLORA

The entire Sahtu region is within the treeline, so boasts a range of trees, which tend to get smaller the further north you go. The most common trees found in the region are black spruce, white spruce, birch, aspen and poplar. There are also thickets of willow and alder found mainly along river banks.

Plant life flourishes through the short summer months with an abundance of Labrador tea and low bush cranberries, goose berries and blueberries.

During late spring and early summer the landscape is a swirl of pinks, yellows and purples as flowering plants open to the sun. Wild roses, fireweed, mountain avens, and Arctic lupine are just some of the many wildflowers colouring the Sahtu.

Pale green, black and bright orange lichens and mosses add to the palette, especially in rocky areas.

For details of vegetation in the mountain area, see *A guide to the Canol Heritage Trail and Doi T'oh Territorial Park Reserve*. Copies of the book may be purchased at the Norman Wells Historical Centre.

NICKY RICHARDS



FOSSILS

You can find fossils on the banks of the Mackenzie River near Norman Wells, beside the roads in town or in the hills, valley and canyons around town. Behind the town, a ridge of Devonian limestone and shale hosts a wide variety of fossils – from stromataporoids to corrals, sponges and shells. The area around Norman Wells also attracts rockhounds looking for pyrite nodules as well as quartz and calcite crystals.

GETTING HERE

AIR

Air service provides the main access to the Sahtu. There is daily jet service from Edmonton, Yellowknife and Inuvik to Norman Wells, the administrative centre of the region. From Yellowknife and Norman Wells, a regional airline provides connecting service to all Sahtu communities, and also offers flights to Yellowknife. In addition to scheduled service, fixed wing and helicopter charter services are also available from Norman Wells.

All Sahtu communities are serviced by an air transportation network that includes well maintained runways, small air terminal buildings, and almost daily service into and out of each Sahtu community. Only Norman Wells has a paved runway, and it is also the only runway long enough to accomodate larger jets.

ROADS

A winter road currently connects the Sahtu to the rest of the NWT for about three months each year. This road from Wrigley (the end of the Mackenzie Highway) is open from late Dec/early January to late March/ early April. There are no services along this road, which is used mainly to transport freight to Sahtu communities.

The first stage of an all-weather road to Sahtu communities is in development, with planning underway for a new bridge across the Great Bear River near Tulít'a. The first 14km of an all-weather road has been constructed starting in Norman Wells to Canyon Creek. It's called the Canyon Creek Access Road.



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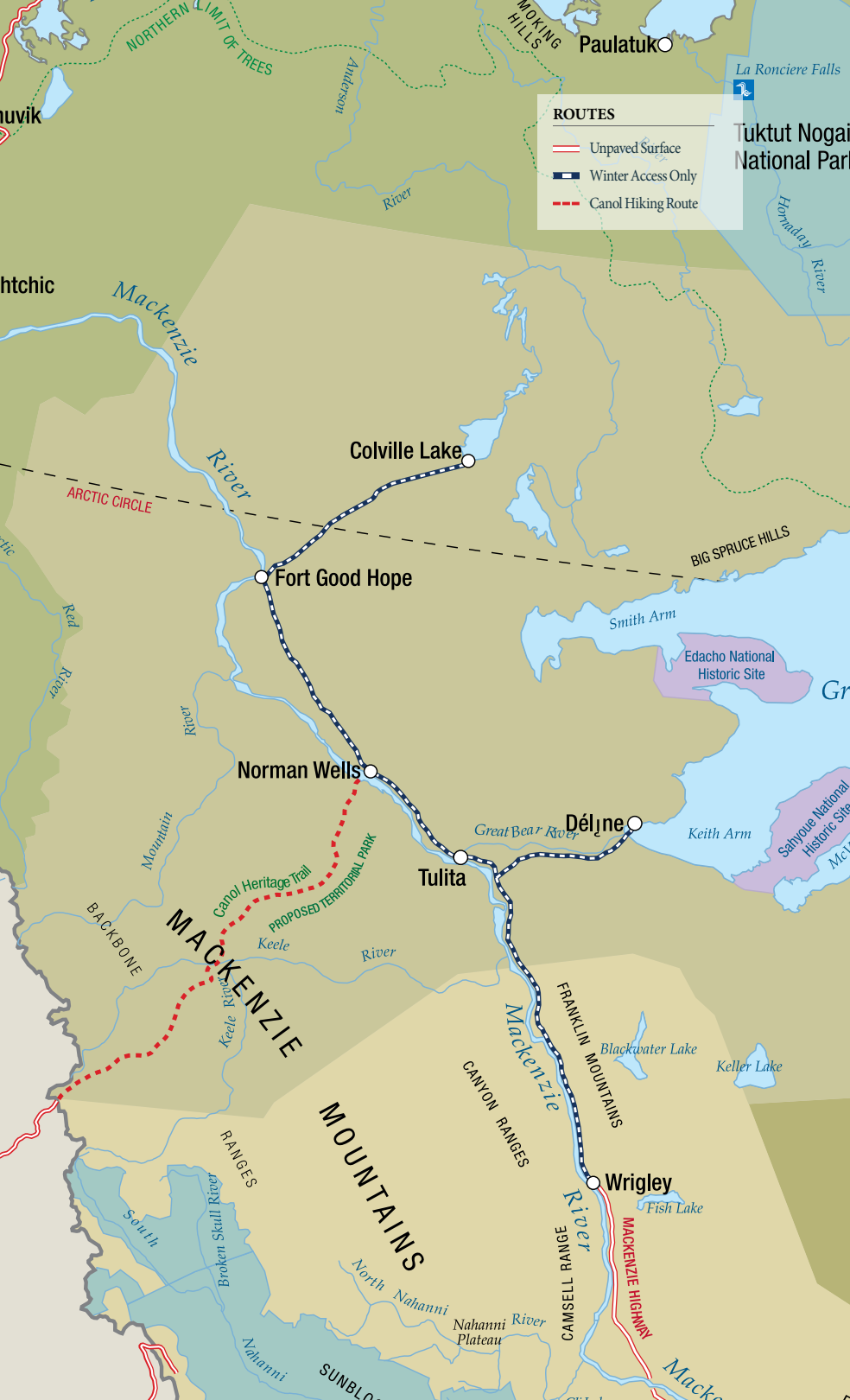


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WATER

From mid June to mid October, high power tug boats launch from Hay River on their way to the Sahtu, pushing specially designed flat bottom barges up and down the Mackenzie River, delivering boats, cars, snowmobiles, heavy equipment, fuel oils, building supplies, bulk foods and other goods.

There are no passenger vessels currently operating on the river. However if you want to tour a section of the river, local operators do offer day trips.


NORTHERN LIMIT OF TREES
Anderson River
MOKING HILLS
Paulatuk
La Ronciere Falls
ROUTES
Unpaved Surface
Winter Access Only
Canol Hiking Route
Tuktut Nogai
National Park
Hornaday River
River
htchic
Mackenzie
River
Colville Lake
ARCTIC CIRCLE
BIG SPRUCE HILLS
Fort Good Hope
Smith Arm
Edacho National
Historic Site
Gr
Norman Wells
Déljne
Great Bear River
Keith Arm
Sahyoue National
Historic Site
Tulita
Canol Heritage Trail
PROPOSED TERRITORIAL PARK
BACKBONE
MACKENZIE
MOUNTAINS
Keele River
Keele
River
FRANKLIN MOUNTAINS
Mackenzie
River
Blackwater Lake
Keller Lake
CANYON RANGES
RANGES
Wrigley
Fish Lake
MACKENZIE HIGHWAY
CAMSELL RANGE
South
Broken Skull River
North Nahanni
Nahanni River
Plateau
Nahanni
SUNBLO
Macke

SAHTU MAP

Sahtu (bear waters) is the Slavey Dene name for Great Bear Lake, which lies at the heart of this untamed region. Located in the middle of the Northwest Territories, the Sahtu stretches to Yukon along its mountainous western border, and to the treeless tundra of Nunavut to the east.




SAHTU REGION


NORTHWEST TERRITORIES, CANADA

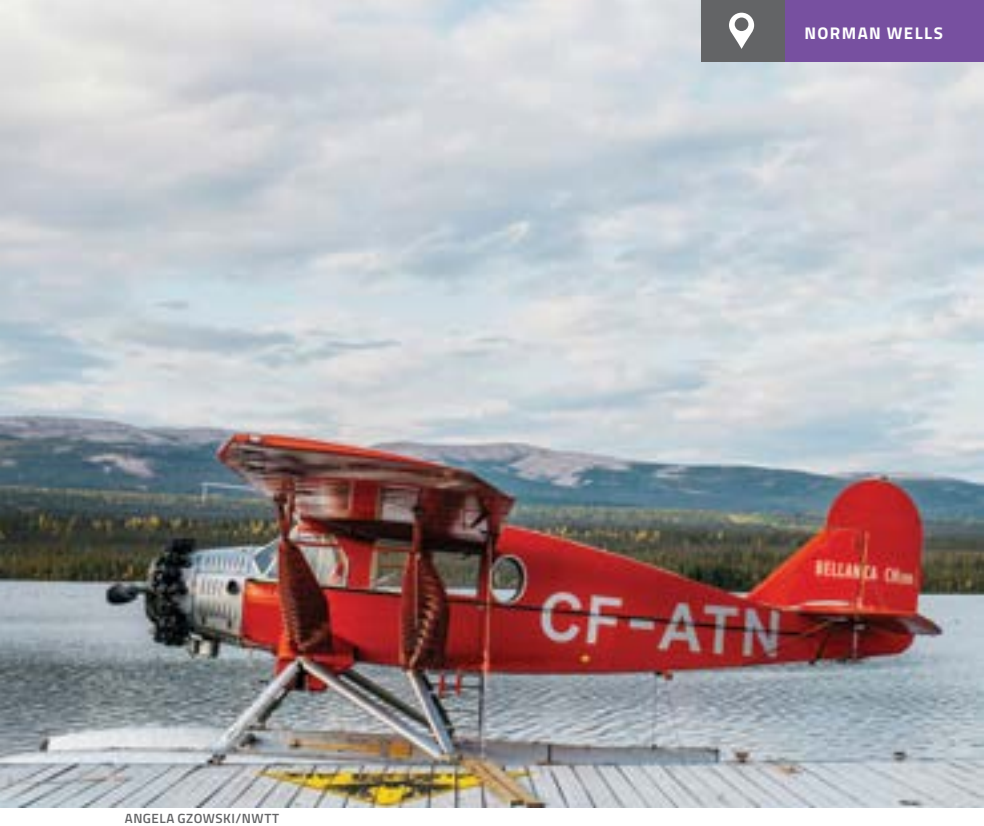
NORMAN WELLS

Tłegǫ̀hti (t-hleh-gonh-teenh)- where there is oil

Population: 809 (2017)

Location: East bank of Mackenzie River at one of the river's widest stretches.





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HISTORY

The town of Norman Wells lies on the scenic Mackenzie River with its back to the Franklin mountains. With over 800 residents Norman Wells is the largest Sahtu community and the government, industrial and transportation hub of the Mackenzie heartland. The community stretches several km along the Mackenzie River and has been a petroleum producing centre for a century. The discovery well at Norman Wells was drilled in 1919 by Ted Link.

A small refinery was built in the 1920s. To meet the demand of new mines opening in the NWT, a new refinery was constructed in 1937. To feed the needs of the Second World War, the field was expanded greatly in 1939, but little of the oil ever flowed west through the Canol pipeline which was completed in 1944.

After years of supplying mainly northern markets, Norman Wells oil started flowing to southern markets in the mid 1980's with the completion of the Norman Wells to Zama pipeline. Today, Norman Wells is unequalled in the NWT as a starting point for mountain wilderness adventure.

NORMAN WELLS

Legend

1. Sahtu Got'ine Regional Health Centre and Long Term Care Facility
2. SRP Petroleum
3. Ball Diamond
4. Mackenzie Mountain School (K-12)/Tennis & Basketball court
5. Community Hall
6. Curling Rink
7. Arena
8. Swimming Pool (Seasonal)
9. Town Hall
10. Norman Wells Land Corporation/Norman Wells Claimant Corporation/Doi T'oh Territorial Park Corp./ Norman Wells Renewable Resources Council
11. Edward G. Hodgson Building (GNWT Departments)
12. Yamouri Inn/Big Bar with ATM/CIBC with ATM/Hair Salon
13. Ramparts (Grocery Store/ATM)
14. Northern (Grocery Store/ATM)
15. Liquor/Cannabis Store
16. RCMP
17. Fire Hall
18. Church
19. Norman Wells Historical Society (Museum/Info Centre)
20. Royal Canadian Legion with ATM/Golf Course
21. Heritage Hotel/GNWT-MACA and Infrastructure
22. GNWT-ENR, Justice and Lands
23. GNWT-ENR
24. Bottle Depot
25. Sahtu Building Supplies (Hardware Store)





26. North-Wright Airways
27. Sahtu Dene Inn
28. Gas Station
29. Sahtu Gardens
30. Canadian North Cargo
31. Airport/Mr. Joe's
32. Canadian Helicopters
33. Sahtu Helicopters
34. Lookout
35. Coast Guard Dock/
    Town Boat Launch
36. Coast Guard Yard
37. Weigh scale
38. Royal Mackenzie Inn
    (Camp/Hotel)
39. Cat Train Cafe

P Playground
B Boat Launch
Walking Trails

5 THINGS TO DO IN NORMAN WELLS

1 **FOSSIL HUNTING.** Head to Fossil Canyon or explore the river shoreline and collect a few mementos deposited there long before people arrived in the Sahtu.

2 **HISTORY.** Visit the Norman Wells Historical Centre to discover the region's early history, the Canol project and the culture of the people who live here. Don't miss the Aviation Museum at DOT Lake to learn about the pioneering pilots and aircraft that opened the North.

3 **GOLFING.** Play a round of golf on the town's 4-hole course, blessed with grassy fairways and greens. Golf clubs and balls can be rented at the Legion. You can also try Frisbee Golf at MacKinnon Territorial Park.

4 **WILDERNESS ADVENTURE.** Contact a local outfitter who can take you out for half or full-day experiences.

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5 HIT THE TRAILS. For short or long hikes—or an exhilarating bike ride—head out to one of the many trails near Jackfish Lake.

ACCOMMODATIONS/ DINING/LOUNGES

Three hotels can accommodate up to 130 people in 65 private rooms. All hotels provide dining services. Some hotels offer suites with kitchen facilities. A seasonal B&B operates at DOT lake.

In addition to lounges in some hotels, food and alcohol can be purchased at the Royal Canadian Legion in Norman Wells.

For more information, please refer to page 66.

RENTALS

Vehicles, canoes and outdoor equipment rentals available.

SHOPPING

Groceries and general supplies are available at two stores.

Liquor store with limited hours.

WHERE TO BUY ART

Norman Wells Historical Society Centre
Tel: 867-587-2415

VISITOR SERVICES

Visitor information is available at the Norman Wells Historical Society Centre. The Centre can also direct you to local tourism operators offering a range of outdoor experiences.

CONFERENCE FACILITIES

There is a range of facilities to suit different groups. Please contact 867-587-7171 ext. 1002 or email tourism_sahtu@gov.nt.ca.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Airport
- Health centre
- RCMP
- School K-12
- Community hall
- Indoor arena and curling club
- Fitness centre
- Seasonal Pool
- Ski trails, tennis court, basketball



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court, golf gourse, Frisbee golf course, baseball diamond, gun range, equipment rentals

BANK

One full service bank and various ATMs.

TRANSPORTATION

Daily jet service from Edmonton, Yellowknife or Inuvik.

Scheduled service to all other Sahtu communities from Norman Wells.



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NORMAN WELLS BUSINESSES

2 B Taxi
867-587-4988

506698 NWT
867-587-3066

AECOM Canada
867-873-6316

Boiler Controls & Installations
780-668-3881

Canadian Helicopters
867-587-2136

Canadian North
867-587-2361

Canoe North Adventures
867-587-4440 or
519-941-6654

Canol Cleaning Services
867-444-9068

Canol Oilfield Services
867-587-2223

Cathy's Kitchen
867-587-2285

Cat Train Cafe
867-446-2459

Central Mechanical Systems
867-873-3003

CIBC (Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce)
867-587-2131

Clark Builders
867-873-6337

Global Technical Systems
867-587-2072

Harold's Construction
867-587-2845

HCI Leasing
867-587-2223

Heritage Hotel
867-587-5000

HRN Contracting
867-587-2168

HRN Labour Services
867-587-2168

Imperial Oil Resources NWT
867-587-3100

Kestrel Environmental Services
867-587-6790

Lone Loon Fine Woodworking
867-587-3066

MacKay Expediting & Logistics
867-587-4585

McCoy Enterprises
867-587-2499

MidArctic Transportation Co. (MATCO)
867-587-2351

Mr. Joe's
867-587-6625

Neyo Drilling & Blasting
403-721-2111

Nicky Lynn Photography
867-587-2609

Norman Wells Claimant Corporation
867-587-2455

Norman Wells Historical Society Museum and gift shop
867-587-2415

Norman Wells Land Corporation
867-587-2455

Norman Wells Renewable Resources
867-587-2455

Norman Wells Transportation
867-587-2416

Northern Store
967-587-2865

Northridge Contracting
867-587-2050

Northwest Transport
705-222-1904
Ext 82243

North-Wright Airways
867-587-2228

Pete Rose's Welding
867-587-2005 or
867-446-2639

Petra's Cleaning Services
867-587-5306

Pyramid Corporation
867-587-2706

Rampart Rentals Retail store
867-587-2822

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 287
867-587-2318

Sahtu Building Supplies
867-587-2328

Sahtu Computer Services
867-587-2484

Sahtu Helicopters
867-587-2827

Sahtu Paddleboards
778-938-2729

S.R.P. North Ventures
867-587-2587

S.R.P. Petroleum (a division of S.R.P. North Ventures)
867-587-2587

Summit Helicopters
867-765-5969

Taiga Services
867-587-2648

Treeline
867-587-2014

Trumpeter Camp
867-587-2223

W&B Contracting
867-587-6586

Western Arctic Dental Group (o/a Sahtu Dental Clinic)
867-777-3008

Whiponic Wellputer
867-587-2389

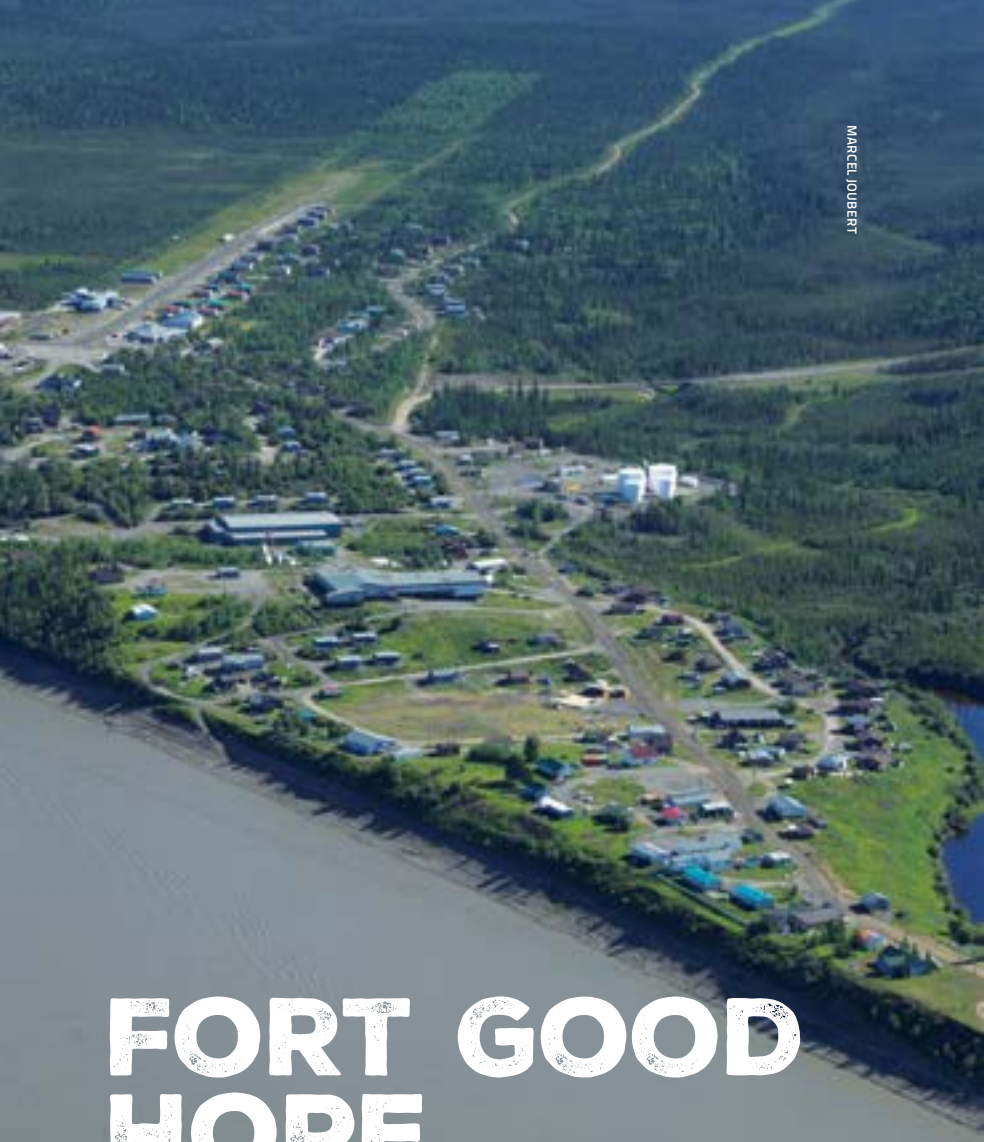
Willow Crescent Quilting
867-620-0087

Wolverine Technical Solutions (506974) NWT
867-587-2042

Yamouri Inn
867-587-2744



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MARCEL JOUBERT

FORT GOOD HOPE

Rádeyįlıkóé (rah-day-inh-linh-kway) - where the rapids are

Population: 570 (2017)

Location: Located on a rolling, forested peninsula between Jackfish Creek and the east bank of the Mackenzie River, 27 km (17 mi) south of the Arctic Circle and 3 km (1.8 mi) from the Ramparts on the Mackenzie River. It is in the homeland of the North Slavey Dene.

HISTORY

Fort Good Hope was the oldest fur trading post in the lower Mackenzie Valley, established by the Northwest Company in 1805. After the amalgamation of the Northwest Company and the Hudson's Bay Company the post was relocated several times, but by 1839 was back at its original site. The presence of a trading post stimulated an extensive trade network, extending north to Herschel Island and west to Russian Alaska.

In 1859 Father Grolier built a Roman Catholic mission, Our Lady of Good Hope, near Fort Good Hope and six years later, Father Emile Petitot arrived. In 1878 he completed the unusual religious murals which grace the entire interior of the church. He used paints made from local fish oils. Today the Church is recognized as a National Historic site.

The community's indigenous name, Rádeyįlįkóé, means where the rapids are, referring to the immense limestone cliffs that guard the rapids as they flow through the Ramparts that squeeze the Mackenzie River into a whitewater frenzy.

Work continues on the proposed Ramparts River and Wetlands National Wildlife Area (Ts'udé Nilįné Tuyeta) near Fort Good Hope. Twenty-four species of fish, 174 bird species and 43 mammal species have been recorded in the area. It also supports species-at-risk, is a key migratory bird terrestrial habitat site, provides the water sources for three important drainages in the Sahtu region - the Hume, Ramparts and Ontaratue Rivers. If designated National Wildlife Area status, it will be the first such designation in the Northwest Territories.

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FORT GOOD HOPE

Legend

1. McNeely Garden's
2. Municipal Shop Area
3. TeeJay's B&B
4. School
5. FGH Métis Land Corp
6. FGH Daycare
7. Arctic Circle Enterprises
8. K'asho Got'ine Charter Community Band Office
9. Co-op/ATM
10. Yamoga Land Corporation /Ne'Rahten Development Ltd./Renewable Resources Council
11. Northern Store/ATM
12. Little Dipper B&B
13. Aurora College
14. Gas Station
15. George's (Candy Shop)
16. Jackson's B&B
17. Wellness Centre
18. Youth Centre
19. RCMP
20. Our Lady of Good Hope Church
21. Arena (seasonal)

P Playground

B Boat Launch

Walking Trails




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AIRPORT/CAMPING

5 THINGS TO DO IN FORT GOOD HOPE

1 HIKING AND SKIING. Dozens of trails take you to scenic berry-picking and wildlife viewing areas. The Old Baldy Trail network is a 5-km roundtrip to the high point of a long esker. Rapids Trail is a 20-km trail (one way) along the banks of the Mackenzie River to Tsintu River. In winter, cross-country ski on the Fred Kelly Express Ski Trail, named after the town's first Olympian.

2 HIT THE WATER. Hire a boat, get out on the big river and head over to the Ramparts, the closest thing to whitewater on the Mackenzie River.

3 LOCAL EVENTS. Pop by the community hall on Monday nights to participate in sewing and craft activities from autumn until spring. In summer, enjoy a cookout at the recreation field.

4 PLAY GAMES. Head over to the hall on Friday nights for a fun-filled evening of Texas Hold 'Em poker and mini bingo.

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5 THE CHURCH. Visit the ornate Our Lady of Good Hope Church, designed and built by Oblate missionaries in the 1860s. The church was designated a National Historic Site in 1977 and is one of the oldest surviving buildings of its type.

ACCOMMODATION/ DINING

- Little Dipper B&B – four rooms in a comfortable house. Meals available when needed.
- Jackson's B&B - accommodates eight people in two separate dwellings. Continental breakfast included.
- Arctic Circle Enterprises – Includes all amenities
- Tee Jays B&B 867-598-2252

For more information, please refer to page 66.

SHOPPING

- Northern Store – general merchandise and Post Office
- Co-op – general merchandise
- George's Confectionary

WHERE TO BUY ART

Kasho Got'ine Charter Community office
867-598-2231

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- School – K-12
- Health centre
- RCMP
- Community arena, community garden, baseball diamond, gathering area

BANKING

There is no bank in the community, but there are ATMs at the Northern store and at the Co-op.

TRANSPORTATION

The only all season access is by air at the Fort Good Hope airport. Regularly scheduled flights connect Fort Good Hope with Inuvik, Colville Lake, Yellowknife and Norman Wells. Winter access is possible via a winter road from Wrigley. The community can be accessed by water (Mackenzie River) during the summer.

FORT GOOD HOPE BUSINESSES

Arctic Circle Enterprises
867-598-2018

George's Confectionery

Fort Good Hope Co-operative Limited
867-598-2543

Fort Good Hope Daycare Society
867-598-2157

Fort Good Hope Renewable Resource Council
867-598-2193

Jackson's Bed and Breakfast
867-598-2804

Little Dipper Cartage and Services
867-598-2255

McNeely Gardens
867-598-2619

Northern Store
867-598-2291

Pierrot Logistic
867-688-3051

TDJ Mechanical Services
867-598-2324

Tee Jay Contracting
867-598-2619

Wood Block Sound
867-598-2354
403-481-2146

COLVILLE LAKE

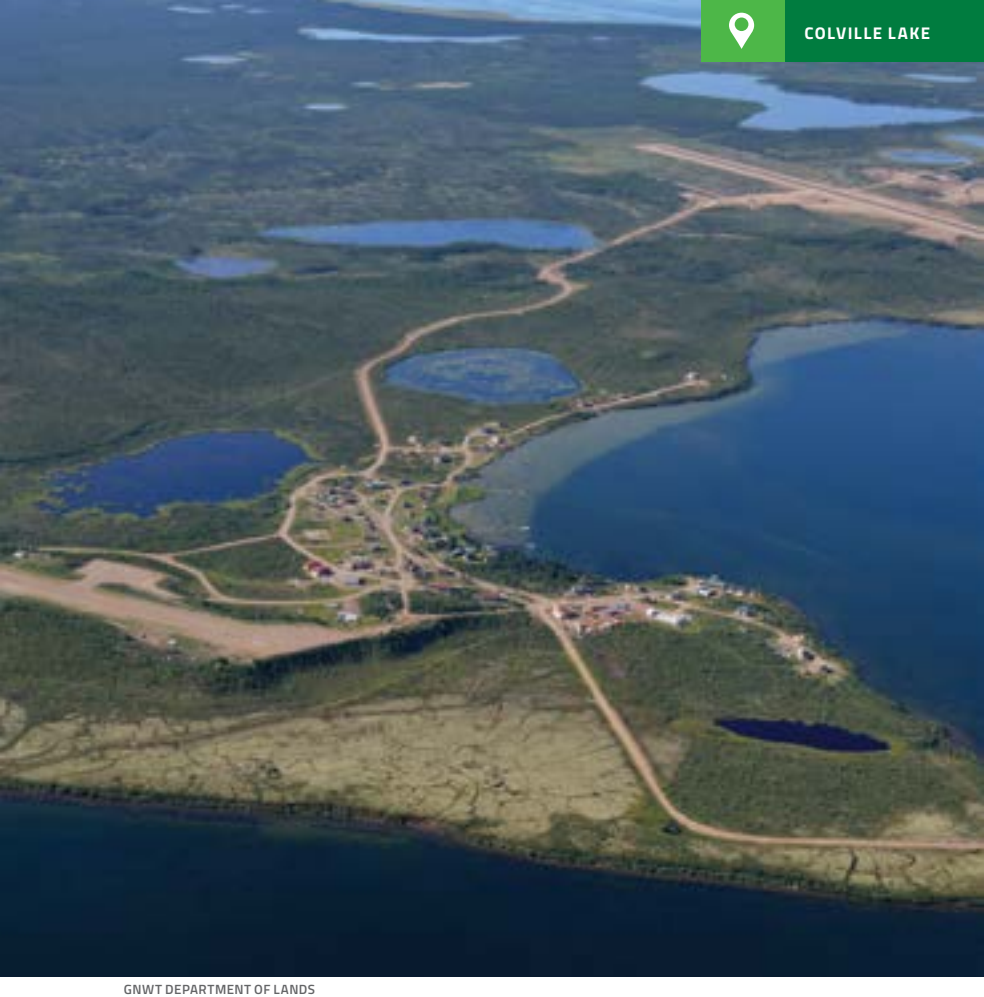


NICKY RICHARDS

K'áhbamjtúé (k-ah-ba-meenh-tway) - ptarmigan net place

Population: 159 (2017)

Location: The small, quaint community of Colville Lake is located about 80 km (50 mi) north of the Arctic Circle on the southeast shore of one of the Northwest Territories' larger lakes. It is considered one of the most traditional communities in the NWT.



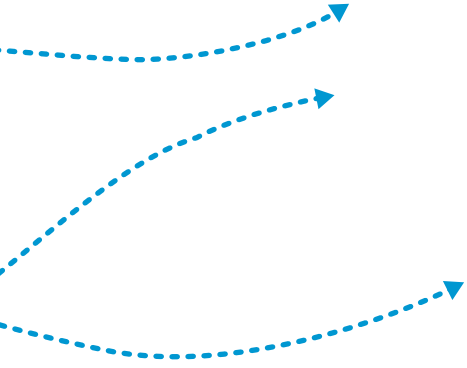
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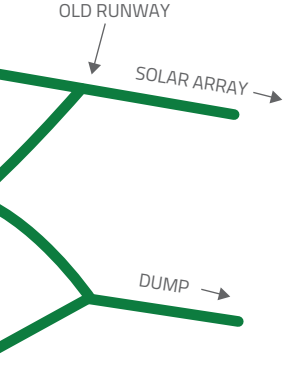
HISTORY

In the early 60s there was a movement to revitalize the traditional trapping economy and a number of families along with Oblate Missionary Bern Will Brown travelled from Fort Good Hope to establish a permanent community on the south shore of Colville Lake. Most of the community was constructed using local logs.

More recently, in 2016, the community made history by becoming the first community in the north to replace its diesel generator with a combination of diesel, batteries and a solar array capable of generating 160 kilowatts per hour. Currently the community only uses diesel as back up in winter and uses solar to power the band office and homes.


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COLVILLE LAKE
WALKING TRAILS
AIRPORT/
WINTER ROAD





COLVILLE LAKE

Legend

1. Water Intake
2. Gene & Son's Hardware
3. Gas Station
4. Municipal Garage
5. Kapami Co-op (Grocery Store/ATM)
6. Colville Lake Lodge
7. Colville Lake Church/Museum
8. Youth Centre
9. Traditional Arbour/Gathering Area
10. Colville Lake Bed & Breakfast
11. Behdzi Ahda First Nation Band Office
12. Health Centre/School Gym
13. School
14. Community Garden

P Playground

B Boat Launch

Walking Trails

5 THINGS TO DO IN COLVILLE LAKE

1 HISTORY. Meet Margaret Brown at her Colville Lake Lodge, before visiting the town's distinctive log church (Our Lady of the Snow) and the museum, which displays historical artifacts and local art from Bern Will Brown.

2 EDUCATIONAL TOUR. Drop in to visit the community's one-room K-12 school.

3 HYBRID ENERGY. Check out the unique solar-diesel-battery hybrid system that powers the community.

4 MEET AND GREET. Colville Lake is a friendly community where everybody knows each other. Explore the town and meet its friendly people.

NICKY RICHARDS



5 OUTDOOR ADVENTURE. Visitors can troll for Lake Trout, Grayling and Northern Pike in Colville Lake's adjacent, namesake lake.



NICKY RICHARDS

ACCOMMODATION/ DINING

- Colville Lake Lodge accommodates 12 in log cabins. Includes dining room. The lodge also offers sport fishing on Colville Lake and can also accommodate six people in one cabin at an outpost camp 40 miles from the community.
- Colville Lake B&B has seven units available. Includes internet, vehicle rental/shuttle service, and laundry facilities.

For more information, please refer to page 66.

SHOPPING

- Small co-op store. Also houses the Post Office

WHERE TO BUY ART

- Bern Will Brown Museum (ask for Margaret)
- Behdzi Alhda First Nation Band Office Tel: 867-709-2200

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- School K-12
- Health Centre
- Community garden, community gym, gathering area

BANKING

There is no bank in the community, but there is an ATM at the Co-op.

TRANSPORTATION

- By air from Norman Wells, or in winter, by ice-road from Fort Good Hope.

COLVILLE LAKE BUSINESSES

Colville Lake B&B
867-709-2200

Colville Lake Lodge
867-709-2525

Berah Gutone Tue Enterprises
867-709-2200

Gene Oudzi B&B
867-709-2045

Gene and Sons Hardware
867-444-2125

Kapami Co-op Association
867-709-2900

Northbound Contractors
867-446-2157

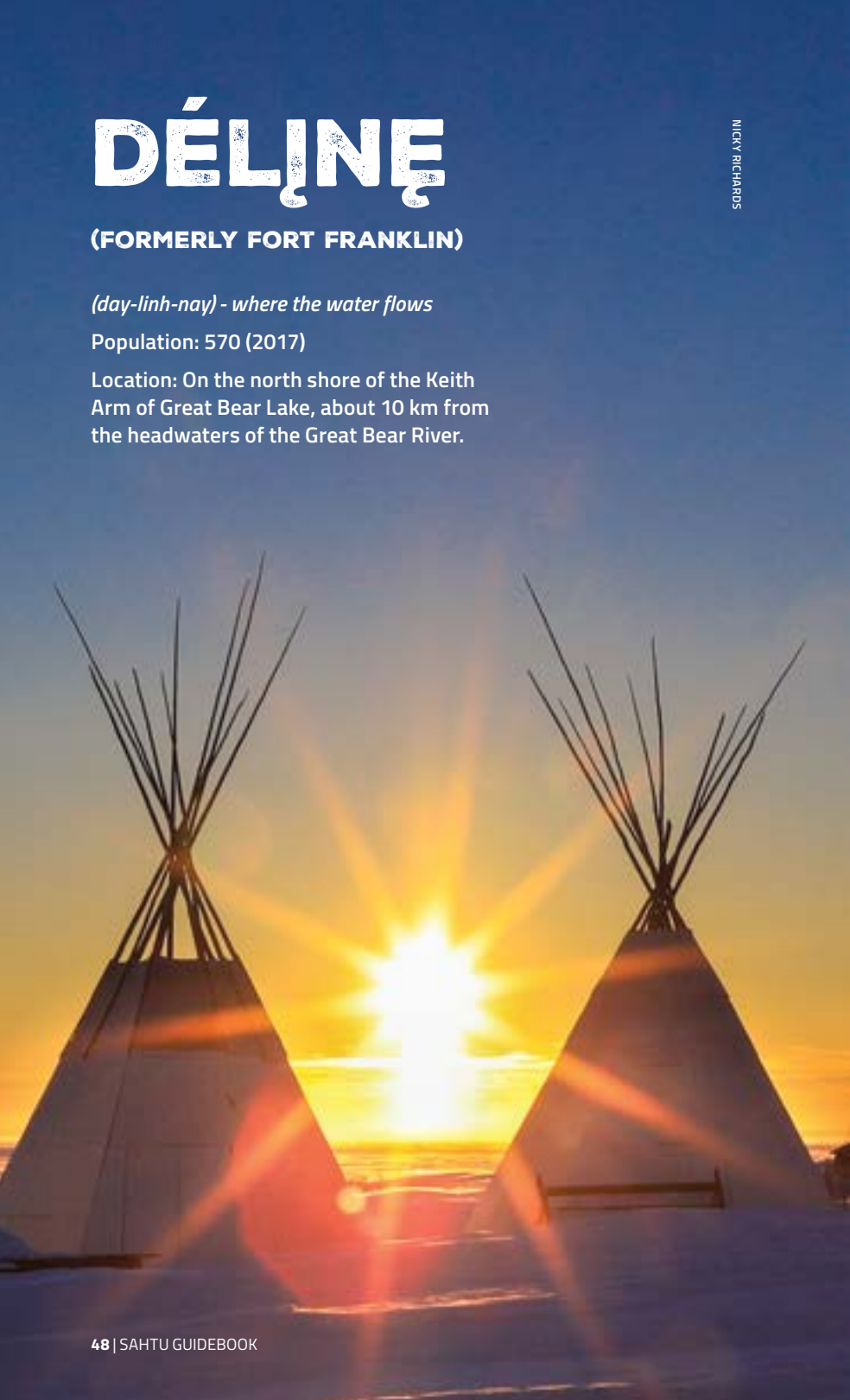
DÉLĮNĘ

(FORMERLY FORT FRANKLIN)

(day-linh-nay) - where the water flows

Population: 570 (2017)

Location: On the north shore of the Keith Arm of Great Bear Lake, about 10 km from the headwaters of the Great Bear River.



NICKY RICHARDS

HISTORY

Délįnę is a Dene community at the southernmost limit of the North Slavey's ancient territory. It was once named Fort Franklin, after Sir John Franklin who overwintered there in 1825-27 during his second expedition. The site was originally a Northwest Company trading post and after it closed the Hudson's Bay Company re-opened it to supply the Franklin expedition. With the discovery of pitchblende at Port Radium and oil at Norman Wells in the 1920s, Great Bear Lake and River became important commercial transportation routes. The community assumed more permanence around 1949 with the establishment of the teepee-shaped Catholic mission and a federal day school. The re-opening of a Hudson's Bay post attracted more Dene residents to the community. In 2016, Délįnę became the NWT's first Indigenous community to achieve self-government. It is now run by the Délįnę Got'ine Government.

MARK PATRICK/GNWT ITI




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AIRPORT, DUMP
OLD AIRSTRIP
TO: BOAT LAUNCH,
LITTLE LAKE, WALKING
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GREAT BEAR LAKE
ICE ROAD/WINTER
ROAD ACCESS

DÉLĮNĘ

Legend

1. Grey Goose Lodge/Restaurant
2. Sir John Franklin Historical Site
3. Canteen
4. Dora Gully Health Centre
5. Craft Store
6. Northern Store/Post Office/ATM
7. RCMP
8. Traditional Knowledge Centre/ Parks Office
9. Arena/Hall
10. Délįnę Got'ine Government Office Building/GNWT Offices
11. ?ehtso Ayah School (K-12)
12. Délįnę Got'ine Government Main Office
13. Culture Centre
14. Co-op/ATM
15. Elders Centre
16. Church
17. Power Plant
18. Water Intake
19. Dock/Lake View/Good Fishing Spot
20. Ball Diamond
21. Prophet Ayah's House/Spiritual Grounds

P Playground

Walking Trails



5 THINGS TO DO IN DÉLĮNĘ

1 CULTURAL EXPERIENCES. Experience total cultural immersion as you partake in everyday life in Déljnę. Walk the paths of Déljnę's ancestors, learning about the flora and fauna and traditional medicines. Sit with local artisans as they tan hides, sew moccasins with an array of intricate beadwork. Visit the new Traditional Knowledge Office, with cultural displays in the foyer, before checking out the rectory built in 1950.

2 HOCKEY HISTORY. Visit the site of the birthplace of hockey. The first documented game was said to have been played here by Sir John Franklin's men when they overwintered in the 1820s.

3 CANADA'S LARGEST NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE. Saoyú-?edacho occupies two peninsulas in Great Bear Lake that are of great cultural and spiritual significance to the Sahtu Got'ine people.

4 HISTORY. Learn about Prophet Ayah, known by Dene throughout the NWT, and his prophecies from the first three decades of the 20th century by visiting the small shrine set up in his memory. Then, follow in Franklin's footsteps by visiting the Déljnę fishery and Franklin's Fort Historic Site of Canada, where Sir John Franklin and his crew overwintered from 1825-1827.

HANS PFAFF/NWTT



5 FISHING. Try an all-inclusive fishing package on Great Bear Lake (April-May for ice fishing and June-August for boat fishing) and let an expert guide take you to the best spots to catch epic Lake Trout and iridescent Arctic Grayling.


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ACCOMMODATION/ DINING

- Grey Goose Lodge – Twelve room lodge overlooking the shore of Great Bear Lake. On-site restaurant and gift shop, as well as eight external cabins
- Délįnę B&B - Two bedrooms with home-style breakfasts

For more information, please refer to page 66.

SHOPPING

- Groceries and general merchandise are available at the Northern Store and Co-op. Both stores provide ATM access

WHERE TO BUY ART

- Grey Goose Lodge Tel: 867-589-5500 Ext. 3099

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Water Aerodrome offering float plane access with anchorage
- Health Centre
- RCMP
- School K-12, Ɂehtseo Ayha School
- Indoor arena, community garden, youth centre, baseball diamond

BANK

There is no bank in the community, but there are ATMs at the Co-op, Northern Store and Grey Goose Lodge.

TRANSPORTATION

- Six days a week air service to and from Norman Wells and Yellowknife.
- Winter road connecting to Tulít'a and south to Highway 1 at Wrigley

DÉLĮNĘ BUSINESS LISTINGS

Arts and Crafts Confectionery
867-589-3514

Bernice B&B
867-589-3528

Carson's Canteen
867-589-4632

Délįnę B&B
867-589-4632

Elsie's B&B
867-445-9160

Goleré Dayhome
867-589-3001

Great Bear Co-operative
867-589-3361

Grey Goose Lodge
867-589-8100
Ext. 1011

Keson Electrical
867-589-4632

MecKon Services
867-589-3119

Northern Store
867-589-3311

Sahcho Property Development
867-589-8100
Ext. 1011

Sahtu De Contracting
867-589-3374

Snack Shack
867-589-3122

TechiƤq
867-589-8100
Ext. 1011

Great Bear Taxi
867-589-8100
Ext. 1011

Asi Ts'enehshe Dahk'e
867-589-3374

Denewá Béré Eyıá Nezo
867-589-3374

Catering and Canteen
867-589-3528

LB Outfitting and Equipment Rental
867-589-4325



ANGELA GZOWSKI/NWTT

TULÍT'A

(FORMERLY FORT NORMAN)

(too-lee-tah) - where the waters meet

Population: 497 (2017)

Location: At the confluence of the Great Bear and Mackenzie Rivers across from the huge limestone outcroppings of Bear Rock.

HISTORY

Tulít'a started as a Northwest Company outpost in 1810 and was then taken over by the Hudson's Bay Company and was named Fort Norman. The name was changed to Tulít'a in 1996. Tulít'a is home to the Mountain Dene, who used to winter in the mountains and returned to the valley each spring, on raging rivers, in huge mooseskin boats. It is thought these boats came into use during the fur trade, to transport a bountiful fur harvest to the trading posts.

In the 1980s the residents of Tulít'a revived the traditional skill of making these boats which combine the design of the smaller Dene canoes and the shallow, broad and long York boats introduced into the area in the 19th century. The moose hide boat Tulít'a residents built in the 1980s is now housed in the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife.

A number of old log buildings dot the community, with the oldest and most notable being the Anglican Church.

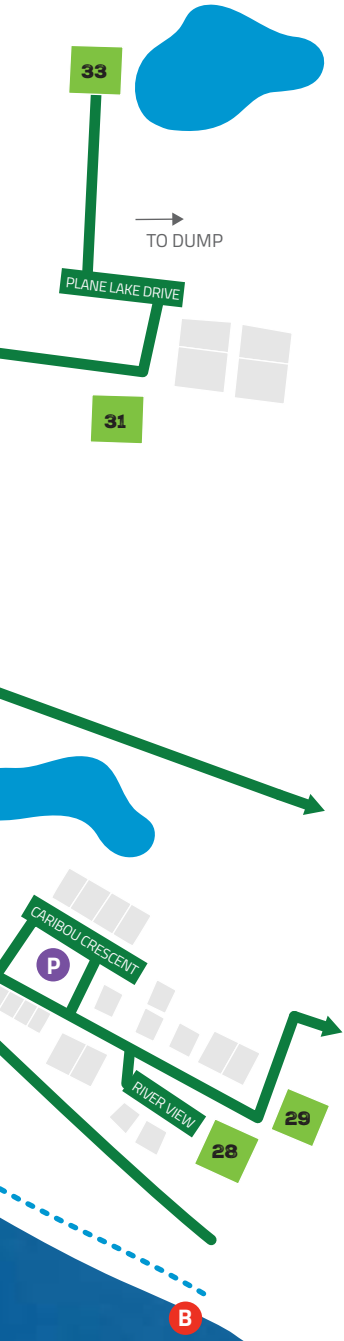
Drumming and dancing are strong parts of the Dene culture and the Tulít'a Dene Drummers are a vibrant and passionate group. In 2008 they recorded an album that highlighted the songs of one Sahtu Got'ine, Chief Yahts'ule, who received 52 spiritual songs to pass along to the people.

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TO WATERPLANT
BEAR RIVER
BEAR RIVER CAMPGROUND
BEAR ROCK DRIVE
WINTER ROAD ACCESS SOUTH
RAVEN STREET
CELESTE STREET
BLUEBERRY HILL DRIVE
BIG RIVER DRIVE
MACKENZIE DRIVE
ICE ROAD ACCESS
MACKENZIE RIVER
MACKENZIE RIVER CAMPGROUND
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TULÍT'A



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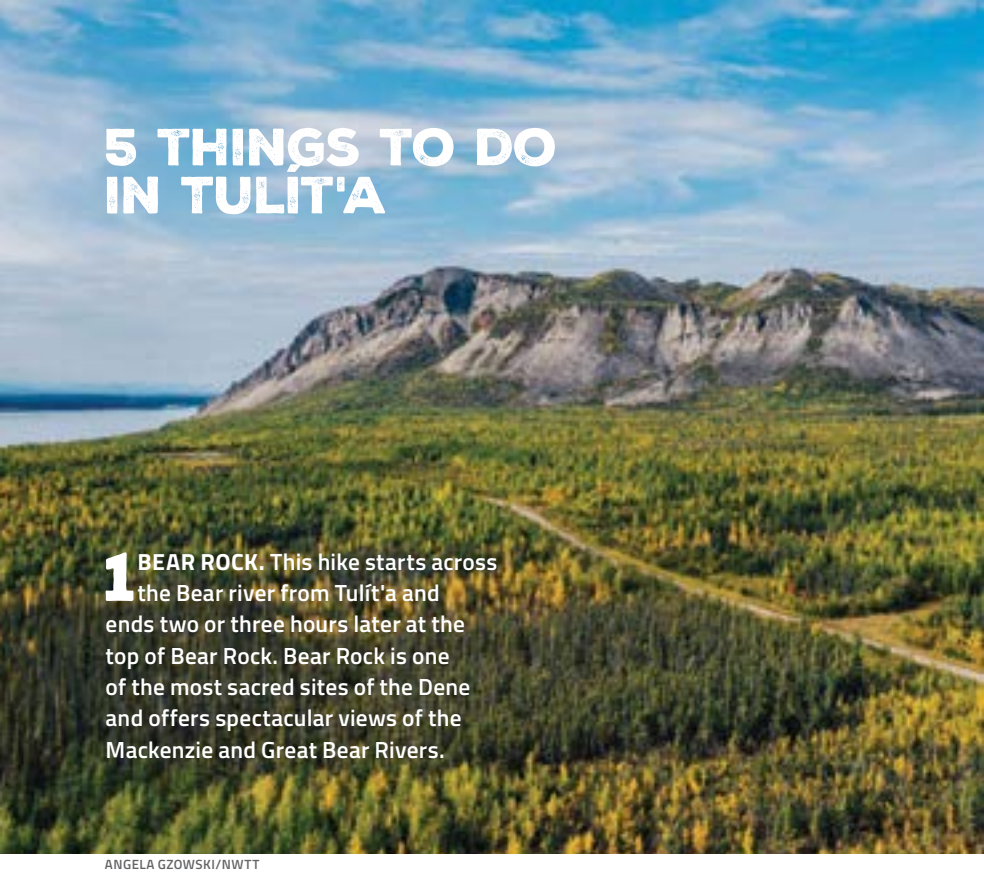
1. Housing Office
2. Red Dog Shop
3. BJ's Market & Deli
4. Parks Canada Office
5. Basketball Court
6. Chief Albert Wright School
7. RCMP Station
8. McKay Range Office
9. Tulít'a Land Corporation
10. Preschool
11. Ball Diamond
12. Community Garden
13. Roman Catholic Church
14. Wright's Store
15. Fort Norman Fire Hall
16. Hamlet Garage
17. Two Rivers Hotel/Sahtu Renewable Resources/Yamoria Secretariat
18. Band Office/Family Support/GNWT-ECE/Radio Station/Tulita Renewable Resource Council
19. Anglican Church (Historical Site)
20. Northern Store
21. Fort Norman Métis Land Corporation
22. Tulít'a Harriet Gladue Health Center
23. Aurora College
24. Hamlet of Tulít'a Office/Cultural Centre
25. Swimming Pool
26. Arena/Community Hall/Fitness Centre
27. Pentecostal Mission Church
28. Tulít'a Gas Station
29. Power Corporation
30. Environment and Natural Resource Office
31. MYB shop
32. Airport
33. Plane Lake/Dock/Rest Area

P Playground

B Boat Launch

Walking Trails

5 THINGS TO DO IN TULÍT'A



1 BEAR ROCK. This hike starts across the Bear river from Tulít'a and ends two or three hours later at the top of Bear Rock. Bear Rock is one of the most sacred sites of the Dene and offers spectacular views of the Mackenzie and Great Bear Rivers.

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2 NATIONAL PARK. The Nááts'ich'oh National Park Reserve office is located in Tulít'a and provides information about the park and the operators who provided services therein.

3 CULTURE. Visit Bear Rock and learn about the legends of Yamoria and the Giant Beavers. Also, check out the moosehide boat built by Tulít'a residents at the airport, which replicates the original mode of transportation used to navigate mountain rivers.

4 HISTORY. Visit the Anglican Church, built in 1880 by local Allan Hardisty. This log church, one of the oldest standing buildings in the NWT, is located on the former Hudson's Bay lot in the centre of the community.

5 OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES. Hit the ski trails in the winter to explore the snowy landscapes. Come summer, hire a canoe or kayak and paddle pristine rivers.

ACCOMMODATION/ DINING

- Two Rivers Hotel offers eight rooms equipped with fridge and microwave. There is also a fully equipped kitchen for use by guests.
- There are two campgrounds near Tulít'a, ideal for guided and self-guided travellers.
- BJ Services and Wright's Convenience store offer take-out services and groceries. In the summer, BJ Services offers a dine-in on the patio.

For more information, please refer to page 66.

SHOPPING

- Northern Store for groceries and general merchandise. Also houses the Post Office

WHERE TO BUY ART

Tulít'a Cultural Centre (in the Hamlet office)
867-588-4471

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- School K-12
- Health Centre
- Community Centre
- Seasonal indoor arena, seasonal indoor swimming pool, fitness centre, gathering area, community garden, campgrounds, ball diamond

BANKING

ATM at Northern Store

TRANSPORTATION

- Daily flights to and from Norman Wells and Yellowknife.
- Winter road from Highway 1 at Wrigley, connecting all Sahtu Communities.

BUSINESS LISTINGS

Cornerstone Oilfield Services
867-588-3001

MYB Construction
867-588-3048

K'alo Stantec
867-588-3504

BJ's Services
867-588-3504

Blue Ridge Enterprises
867-588-3068

Blue Ridge Gas Station
867-588-3044

Canada Post
867-588-4331

Keele River Ent.
867-588-3743

Mackay Range
867-588-3051

Northern Store
867-588-4331

North-Wright Airways
867-588-4555

Radio Station
867-588-3233

Red Dog Mountain
867-588-4918

Tulít'a Airport
867-588-3191

Wright's Convenience Store
867-588-4927

Stewart Heating and Repair Inc.
867-374-0056

Willowlake Enironmental

Tulít'a Water Services
867-374-0123

Tulít'a Forest Products
867-598-3734

Tulít'a Gravel and Concrete
867-598-3734

EVENTS

NORMAN WELLS

- January (mid): Oilperson's Curling Bonspiel @ Curling Club
- January (end) (last weekend): Volleyball Tournament @ MMS Gym
- February (mid): Sahtu Cup @ Ray Persson Memorial Arena
- February (mid)(2nd weekend): Volleyball Tournament @ MMS Gym
- February (mid): Canadian North Curling Bonspiel @ Curling Club
- March (mid): Karen Balanuik Memorial Curling Bonspiel @ Curling Club
- April (mid)(2nd weekend): Spring Fling @ Various locations
- May: River Breakup @ Mackenzie River
- May (mid): May Queen @ Royal Canadian Legion
- May (mid): Community Cleanup @ Various locations
- May (end) last week: Tourism Week BBQ @ Norman Wells Historical Society
- June (end): Berathon @ Royal Canadian Legion
- June 21 (end): Aboriginal Day @ Various locations
- June 23 (end): Sahtu Day @ Various locations
- July 1st (begin): Canada Day Celebration @ Various locations
- July 2nd weekend (mid): Norman Wells Search and Rescue Mud Bog @ Mud Bog Area near Ski Cabin
- July (end) 3rd weekend: Territorial Parks Day – MacKinnon Territorial Park @ MacKinnon Territorial Park
- August (beg) Long Weekend: Black Bear Jamboree @ various locations
- August (end): Norman Wells Softball Association Slow Pitch Tournament @ Ball Diamond
- August (end) last weekend: Norman Wells Farmers Market @ Ray Persson Memorial Arena
- November (mid): Christmas Bazaar @ Different location every year
- November (end): Wild Game Dinner @ Royal Canadian Legion

TULÍT'A

- Dec 31st/Jan 1st: Midnight New Year's Fire Works & Drum Dance @ Arthur Mendo Arena
- Mid February: Youth Handgames Tournament

- Mid-March Spring Break
- April (Around Easter) : Spring Carnival
- May: River Breakup @ Mackenzie River
- June 1: Naats'ihch'oh National Park Reserve; Feeding of the Fire and BBQ
- June 6: Fire Day
- June 21: Aboriginal Day
- June 23: Sahtu Day
- July 1: Canada Day
- September Long Weekend: Adult & Youth Handgames Tournament
- November (mid): Christmas Bazaar @ Chief Albert Wright School
- Mid Decemeber: Adult Christmas Formal & a Kids Christmas Formal
- Mid December : Winter Road open from Norman Wells to South

FORT GOOD HOPE

- Dec 31st/Jan 1st: Midnight New Year's Fire Works & Drum Dance @ K'asho Got'ine Band Hall
- April (beginning to mid): Rubber Boots Spring Carnival @ K'asho Got'ine Band Hall and Recreation Field

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- May: River Breakup @ Mackenzie River
- May (end of month): Hide Culture Camp @ on the land
- June 21: Aboriginal Day Celebration @ Recreation Field
- June 23: Sahtu Day Celebration @ Recreation Field
- July 1: Canada Day Celebration @ Recreation Field
- August (mid): Ramparts Rendezvous Traditional Games @ Recreation Field

COLVILLE LAKE

- November – February: Community Harvest @ on the land
- June 23: Sahtu Day
- July 1: Canada Day
- June – September: Fishing Derbies

DÉLĮNĘ

- February: Volleyball Tournament @ School Gym
- February: Hockey Tournament @ Arena
- May (long weekend): Chike Carnival @ Various locations
- June: High School Graduation Ceremony @ School Gym
- June 21: Aboriginal Day
- June 23: Sahtu Day
- End of June: Great Bear Lake Break Up
- July 1: Canada Day Festivities @ Little Lake
- July 11-19: On The Land Trip
- August (around the 15th): Spiritual Gathering @ Prophet Ayha House
- September: Délįnę Got'ine Government Anniversary Celebration

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LODGING

NORMAN WELLS

Yamouri Inn
Main: 867-587-2744
P.O. Box 268
Norman Wells, NT
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Heritage Hotel
Main: 867-587-5000
27 Mackenzie Drive
P.O. Box 279
Norman Wells, NT
X0E 0V0

Sahtu Dene Inn
Main: 867-587-2511
Cell: You will be automatically directed to staff.
Email: info@SahtuDeneInn.ca
P.O. Box 508
Norman Wells, NT,
X0E 0V0

Sahtu Gardens
Main: 403-352-3073
105 MacKenzie Dr
Norman Wells, NT
X0E 0V0

Canoe North Adventures Lodge
Main: 867-587-4440
9 Beaver Lane
Box 148
Norman Wells, NT
X0E 0V0

FORT GOOD HOPE

Jackson's B&B
Main:
867-598-2067/2804
Cell: 867-444-8365
Email: jacksonsbnb@gmail.com
P.O. Box 08
Fort Good Hope, NT
X0E 0H0

Little Dipper B&B
Main: 867-598-2255
Cell: 867-444-8312
Email: wfmcneely@rocketmail.com
P.O. Box 100
Fort Good Hope, NT
X0E 0H0

Tee Jay B&B
Main: 867-598-2619
P.O. Box 97
Fort Good Hope, NT
X0E 0H0

COLVILLE LAKE

Colville Lake Lodges
Main: 867-709-2525
General Delivery
Colville Lake, NT
X0E 1L0

Colville Lake B&B
Main: 867-709-2045
P.O. Box 22
Colville Lake, NT
X0E 1L0

Gene Oudzi B&B
Main: 867-709-2125
Cell: 444-2125
P.O. Box
Colville Lake, NT
X0E 1L0

DÉLĮNĘ

Grey Goose Lodge
Main: 867-589-5500
Email: bookings_h1497.destinationDeline.com@webrez.com
PO Box 175
Délįnę, NT, X0E 0G0

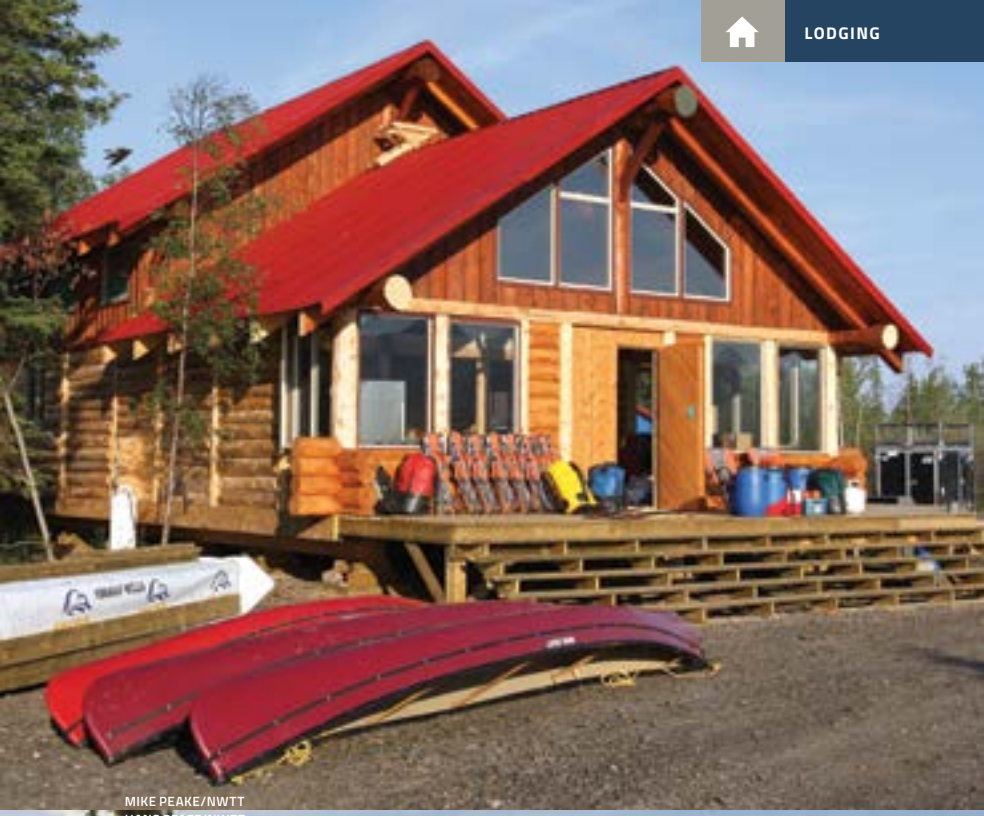
Délįnę B&B
Délįnę, NT, X0E 0G0
867-589-4632
Cell: 780-668-4555
Fax 867-589-4633
Email: paulina_roche@hotmail.com

Elsie's B&B
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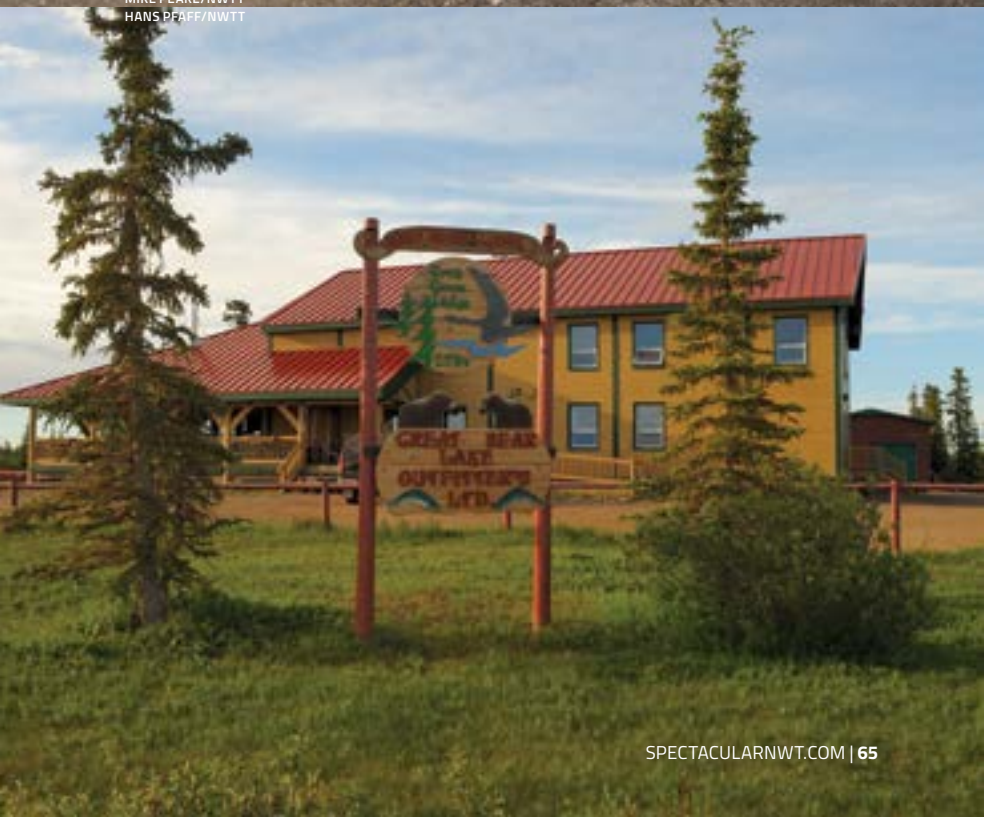
Bernice's B&B
Délįnę, NT, X0E 0G0
Phone: 867-589-3528

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Two Rivers Hotel
Main: 867-588-3320
Cell: 867-374-0123
Email: tworivershotel@outlook.com
1 Main St, Tulít'a, NT
X0E 0K0



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LODGING AMENITIES

	TULÍT'A	DÉLĮNĘ				FORT GOOD HOPE		
	Two Rivers Hotels	Grey Goose Lodge	Délįnę B&B	Elsie's B&B	Bernice's B&B	Jackson's B&B	Little Dippper B&B	Tee Jay's B&B
Hotel/ Motel	X	X						
B&B			X	X	X	X	X	X
Cabins/ Lodges		X						
Camp								
Units	8	19	1	2	2	4	4	4
Open All Year	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
TV in Room	X	X	X	X	X			
Phone in Room	X	X	X			X	X	X
Internet	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Private Bath	X	X						
Shared Bath			X	X	X	X	X	X
Handicap Access								
Restau-rant		X						
Vehicle Rental	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Shuttle Services			X	X	X		X	X
Boat Rentals			X		X			
Laundry Facilities			X	X	X	X	X	X
Other	Extra trailer for rent as well	Cabins for rent as well			Cultural activities available	TV in Living Room	TV in Living Room	TV in Living Room

	COLVILLE LAKE			NORMAN WELLS			
Arctic Circle Enterprises	Colville Lake Lodge	Colville Lake B&B	Gene Oudzi's B&B	Yamouri Inn	Heritage Hotel	Sahtu Dene Inn	Canoe North Lodge
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TV in common space, pool table	No Running Water, Bush Style Experience			Bar attached to hotel		Trailers for rent as well	Meals can be prepared by staff, storage facilities

CAMPGROUNDS

	NORMAN WELLS		TULÍT'A	
	Jackfish Lake Campground	Mackinnon Territorial Park	Mackenzie River Campground	Bear River Campground
Dates	Open: May 1 Close: Oct. 1	Open: May 15 Close : Sept. 15	Open: June 1 Close: Sept. 15	Open: June 1 Close: Sept. 15
Power				
Washroom Facilities	X	X	X	X
Laundry Facilities				
Fixed Roof Accomodations				
Firewood Provided	X	X	X	X
Potable Water	X	X		
# of Campsites	11	7	8	7
Teepees	0	3	2	1
Arbour	X	X		
Cabins		1		
Gazebos		1		2
Fire pits	X	X	X	X
Picnic Tables	X	X	X	X
Open Spaces		X	X	X
Playgrounds	X	X	X	
Other	Can swim in the lake, There is a dock, a platform down the path to the lake	Community Garden in the park, Frisbee Golf	Sand Volleyball Court	Boat Dock



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For more information on the Sahtu communities featured in this guide, please visit:

NORMAN WELLS: normanwells.com
FORT GOOD HOPE: www.maca.gov.nt.ca/en/content/fort-good-hope
COLVILLE LAKE: www.maca.gov.nt.ca/fr/content/colville-lake
DÉLĮNĘ: www.deline.ca/en/home
TULÍT'A: https://discovertulita.ca/



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