Things to do in Yellowknife and the Surrounding Area

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Things are gearing up for the 51st annual meeting of the Association of Earth Science Editors happening September 6 to 9, 2017. Hopefully you will spend some time before or after the meeting to explore Yellowknife and other parts of the Northwest Territories. There are many things to do in Yellowknife and the surrounding area depending on what you enjoy. Here are a few ideas and suggestions. This list is not comprehensive. For more ideas and options see the tourist guides listed below. Further ideas for reading are available at the bottom of this list. If you have any questions please contact Erin Palmer at erin_palmer@gov.nt.ca.

Guided tours

Yellowknife Outdoor Adventures does various tours http://yellowknifeoutdooradventures.com/

My Backyard Tours http://mybackyardtours.com/ (various tours)

Strong Interpretation https://experienceyellowknife.com/ (various tours)

Float plane sightseeing ride (several choices available)

Fishing trips (several choices available)

Aurora Village http://auroravillage.com/tours-pricing/summer-fall-tours

Borealis Bike Tours http://www.borealisbiketours-unlimited.com/

Tour of Buffalo Airways hangar (Ice Pilots fame) http://www.buffaloairways.com/

B Dene Adventures http://www.bdene.com/

Legislative Assembly tour http://www.assembly.gov.nt.ca/visitors/tours

Tours and activities on your own

Old Town walking guide https://www.yellowknife.ca/en/discovering-yellowknife/resources/old-town-heritage-walking-tour-ofyellowknife.pdf

Old Town sound app https://experienceyellowknife.com/content/yellowknife-old-town-soundwalk

New Town walking guide https://www.yellowknife.ca/en/discovering-vellowknife/resources/new-town-heritage-walking-tour-ofyellowknife.pdf

Hiking http://visityellowknife.com/things-to-do/hiking

Ingraham Trail – Explore the parks, do some hiking, have a picnic, and drive to the 'end of the road'

- NWT Parks https://nwtparks.ca/explore/ingraham-trail
- Ingraham Trail Parks http://spectacularnwt.com/story/doing-ingraham-trail-parks,
- Cameron Falls hike https://www.nwtparks.ca/explore/ingraham-trail/cameron-falls
- Prelude Lake (2 trails) www.nwtparks.ca/explore/ingraham-trail/prelude-lake

Museum – Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre http://www.pwnhc.ca/

Yellowknife Golf Club https://yellowknifegolf.com/ (try golfing on sand fairways!)

Art Galleries

Gallery of the Midnight Sun https://www.facebook.com/Gallery-of-the-Midnight-Sun-508366822519344/

Down to Earth Gallery https://www.facebook.com/downtoearthgallery/

Old Town Glassworks (shop, take a workshop) https://www.oldtownglassworks.com/

Northern Images http://www.northernimages.ca/

Visual Effects http://visual-effects.ca/

Restaurants

Bullock's Bistro http://www.visityellowknife.com/member-information/bullocks-bistro, https://www.facebook.com/BullocksBistro/

Explorer Hotel (Tapeline Lounge or Trader's Grill) http://www.explorerhotel.ca/the-explorerhotel-dining

Wildcat Café https://www.facebook.com/wildcatyellowknife/

Woodyard (NWT Brewing Company) http://www.nwtbrewingco.com/

Dancing Moose Café http://baysidenorth.com/dancing-moose-cafe-2/

Black Knight pub http://www.blackknightpub.com/

Yellowknife Farmers Market http://www.yellowknifefarmersmarket.ca/ (Runs every Tuesday until September 19, 2017, 5:15 – 7:15 and offers many delicious meal options, baked goods, popsicles and ice cream. Everything is locally made.)

Tim Horton's http://timhortons.ca/

Birchwood Coffee Ko http://www.birchwoodcoffeeko.com/

Fat Fox http://www.thefatfox.ca/

Javaroma http://www.javaroma.ca/, (locations on Franklin Ave, Centre Square Mall and the airport)

Twin Pine Diner https://www.facebook.com/twinpinediner/

Tourist Information

NWT Parks https://www.nwtparks.ca/

Visit Yellowknife http://www.visityellowknife.com/

Spectacular Northwest Territories http://spectacularnwt.com/destinations/yellowknife

Discovering Yellowknife https://www.yellowknife.ca/en/discoveringyellowknife.asp

Yellowknife Visitors Guide 2017 http://www.nnsl.com/visitorguides/ykvisguide2017.pdf

Geology Information

You will need to create a free account to download these resources

Geological Poster of the Northwest Territories

Northwest Territories Geoscape

Cameron Falls Trail Guide

Frame Lake Trail Guide

Roadside Geology of the Dempster Highway

- Roadmap
- Guidebook

Prospectors Trail

Geology, Yellowknife Greenstone Belt

Yellowknife Bay

The Geology of Yellowknife Highways (contact NTGS for a copy)

Other Information

NWT Arts http://nwtarts.com/

AY Jackson – Painted Land: In Search of the Group of Seven (video) http://www.paintedland.ca/

Reading Lists

The Really Big List of Books About Yellowknife http://ykonline.ca/the-really-big-list-of-books-about-yellowknife/

CBC North's holiday reading list 2016 http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/northern-books-christmas-holidays-1.3897244

Yellowknife Book Cellar (Stop in and browse the shelves and the large selection of Northern titles) https://bookmanager.com/168003x/, https://www.facebook.com/ykbookcellar/