# EXPLORE THE SPECTACULAR IN THE NORTH SLAVE

A land of vibrant cultures, timeless landscapes and colossal fish endures here in the Northwest Territories.



The North Slave region exemplifies so much of what makes the NWT Spectacular. On the north shore of Great Slave Lake lies Yellowknife, the NWT's bustling capital famous for its friendly residents, diverse restaurant scene and shopping that ranges from authentic indigenous arts and crafts to furs and diamonds. The North Slave is home to the fabled East Arm of

Great Slave Lake, known for dramatic soaring lake side cliffs and profound blue depths, supersized sportfish and celebrated wilderness lodges. The East Arm is also home to Canada's newest national park, Thaidene Nëné which can be accessed via the small first Nations Community of Łutsel K'e, whose ancestors have lived in the area for thousands of years. The North Slave is the home of the Tłįchǫ, the Métis, and the Akaitcho comprised of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation, Łutsel K'e Dene First Nation and the Chipewyan. Dwelling in seven deeply traditional communities, there's no better place to immerse yourself in the calm rooted culture of the North



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#### ROAD TO THE NORTH SLAVE REGION

Cross the border, head over the Deh Cho Bridge, and take Highway 3 to pass through the Mackenzie Bison Sanctuary - home to roughly 700 wood bison grazing on the side of the road or ambling across. You're well on your way to the North Slave Region and there's already so much to take in!

#### 2 NORTH ARM PARK

The North Arm Territorial Park is a great place to stop for a rest from driving, have a picnic in the gazebo or let the kids burn off some energy at the playground. This picturesque park will also offer you the first opportunity to take those gorgeous pictures on the shore of Great Slave Lake.

#### **3** GREAT SLAVE LAKE

It's more than just a lake. Great Slave has been at the heart of history, culture and recreation in the Northwest Territories. Record-setting fish swim in its depths, and coasts speckled with islands to paddle towards.

## 4 WHATÌ

With an all season road due to be completed in 2021, Whatì is a Tłįchǫ Dene community of about 500 people. A renowned fishing destination, the shallow waters after Whatì Falls make it a perfect place for Arctic Grayling, and the twin cascades can only be described as picturesque.

## 5 GAMÈTÌ

Gamètì or "Rabbit-net place" is a Tłįchǫ Dene community about halfway between Great Bear and Great Slave Lakes. The small community has great Grayling fishing and intricately beaded local crafts. Only accessible by air in the summer and ice road in the winter.

## 6 WEKWEÈTÌ

This smallest, most remote of the Tłįchǫ Dene communities occupies a gorgeous setting on the Snare River. Be sure to keep an eye out for the majestic Barrenlands Caribou that often pass close by. Only accessible by air in the summer and ice road in the winter.

## **7** ВЕНСНОКÒ́

A short drive out from Yellowknife, Behchokò is the headquarters of the Tłįcho Government and the largest Dene community in the NWT. If you're lucky enough to pass through in March, you can watch the unforgettable Ediway Weyallon annual Handgame Tournament.

#### **8** YELLOWKNIFE

Yellowknife is a big city for the NWT, and from here adventures across the territory open up – by floatplane, highway or even ice road! The city itself is friendly, welcoming, and has a warm and quirky personality.

#### **9** INGRAHAM TRAIL

The Ingraham Trail stretches 70 kilometers east of Yellowknife threading together dozens of lakes and eight Territorial Parks with a mix of day use areas and campgrounds. Hiking trails, day use picnic areas and boat launches make the Ingram Trail a spectacular part of the North Slave region.

### 10 DETTAH

Whether you go down the Ingraham Trail or across the ice road to Dettah, here you'll find many examples of traditional Dene lifestyle - whitefish drying on racks and moosehides being tanned.



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