

# **Environmental Stewardship Certificate Program**

Canada's National Parks in Nunavut











#### Parks Canada's Mandate

On behalf of the people of Canada, we **protect** and present nationally significant examples of Canada's natural and cultural heritage and foster public understanding, appreciation and enjoyment in ways that ensure their ecological and commemorative integrity for present and future generations.





#### Parks Canada



**42** National Parks and National Park Reserves



3 National Marine Conservation Areas



154 National Historic Sites











## Parks Canada Operates:

#### National Historic Sites

Recognize nationally important places, persons and events Celebrate Canada's history for the future



Protect landscapes, water and wildlife Protects Canada's wild spaces for the future.

















# Overview of Northern Canada's National Parks

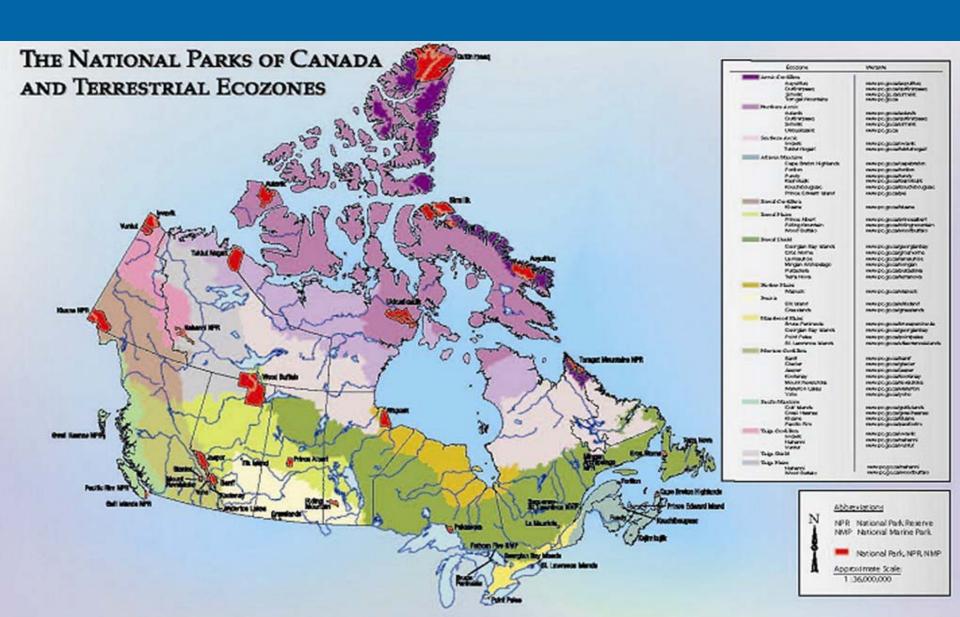














## In Nunavut, there are 4 National Parks



Auyuittuq National Park



Sirmilik National Park

Ukkusiksalik National Park









## In the Northwest Territories, there are 4 National Parks

Aulavik National Park

Tuktut Nogait National Park

Nahanni National Park Reserve

Wood Buffalo National Park











## In the Yukon, there are 3 National Parks



Kluane National Park Reserve



Vuntut National Park



Ivvavik National Park







Let's have a closer look at the Parks in the Nunavut.







### Ukkusiksalik National Park:



- Became Canada's 41<sup>st</sup>
  National Park
- Protects representative area of Central Tundra
- Located west of Repulse Bay and near the Arctic Circle.







#### Ukkusiksalik National Park







Reversing Falls:

At mouth of Ford Lake, eight metre tide causes a reversing falls

Archaeological Sites:

Over 500 Inuit archaeological sites

Polar Bears:

Polar bears are more prevalent.











#### Sirmilik National Park



- Located Northern Baffin Island
- Represents Northern Eastern Arctic Lowlands natural region and portions of the Lancaster Sound Marine region
- Park comprises four separate land areas







#### Sirmilik National Park



Kangiqluruluk: **Impressive** scenery in this fjord.



Hoodoos:

The tall towers and spires of red tinged sandstones have been sculpted by wind and water.



Sea bird colony: Shear cliffs provide nesting habitat.



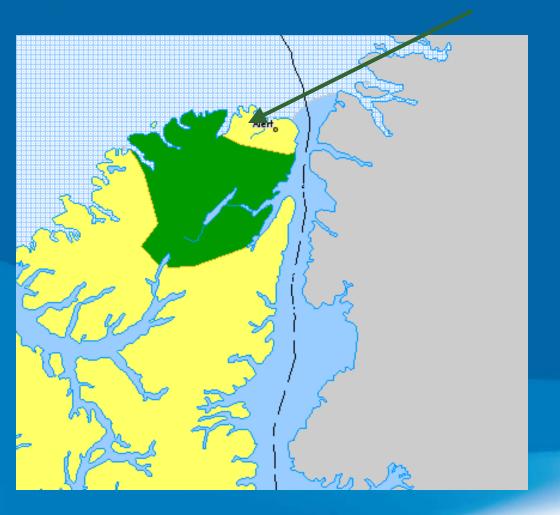
Cirque Glaciers:

Glaciers have influenced the mountainous areas, carving out sharp peaks, ridges, and valleys





# Quttinirpaaq National Park



- Most northerly
  Canadian Park
- Is classified as an Arctic desert
- Represents Arctic Cordillera and Northern Arctic ecozones











## **Quttinirpaaq National Park**









Birds:

There are 34 species of birds in the park.

Archeological Sites:

It is believed that Paleo Eskimos were here 2000-4000 BC.

Glaciers:

Glaciers cover about 1/3 of the park.

Vegetation:

Purple saxifrage is the first to bloom.







## Auyuittuq National Park



- Located on Southern Baffin Island
- Auyuittuq includes the highest peaks of the Canadian Shield, the Penny Ice Cap, marine shorelines along coastal fiords,
- •Akshayuk Pass is a traditional travel corridor used by the Inuit for thousands of years.







## Auyuittuq National Park:



Wildlife:

Eight species of terrestrial mammals are found in Auyuittuq National Park, along with six species of marine mammals.



Spectacular Geology:

The Penny Ice cap and impressive granites will awe any visitor.



Glaciers:

Many glacial features can be seen in the park.



#### History:

The Park has a rich history to learn and explore.



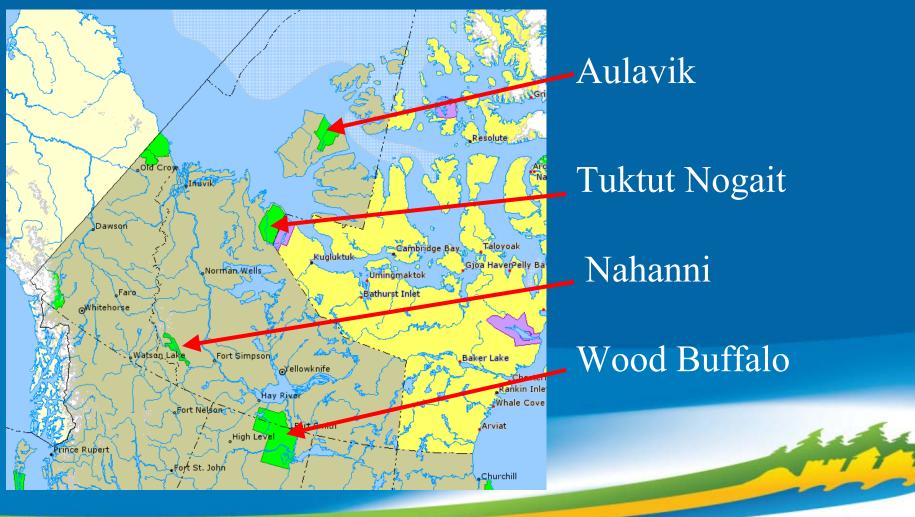








#### Remember the 4 National Parks in the NWT





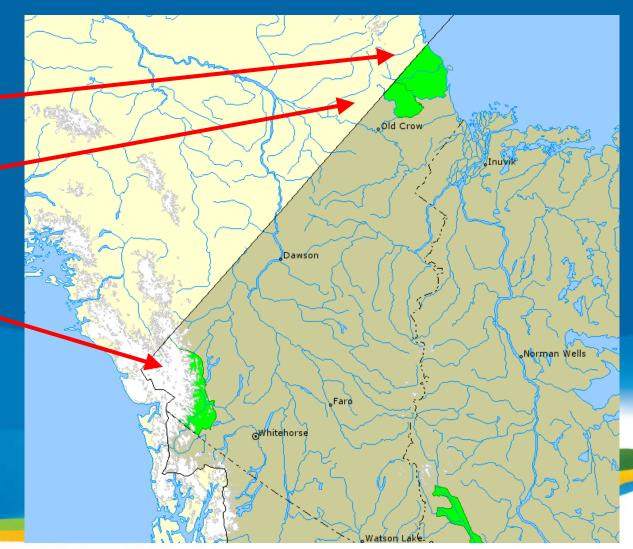


## The 3 National Parks in the Yukon are:

Ivvavik

Vuntut

Kluane





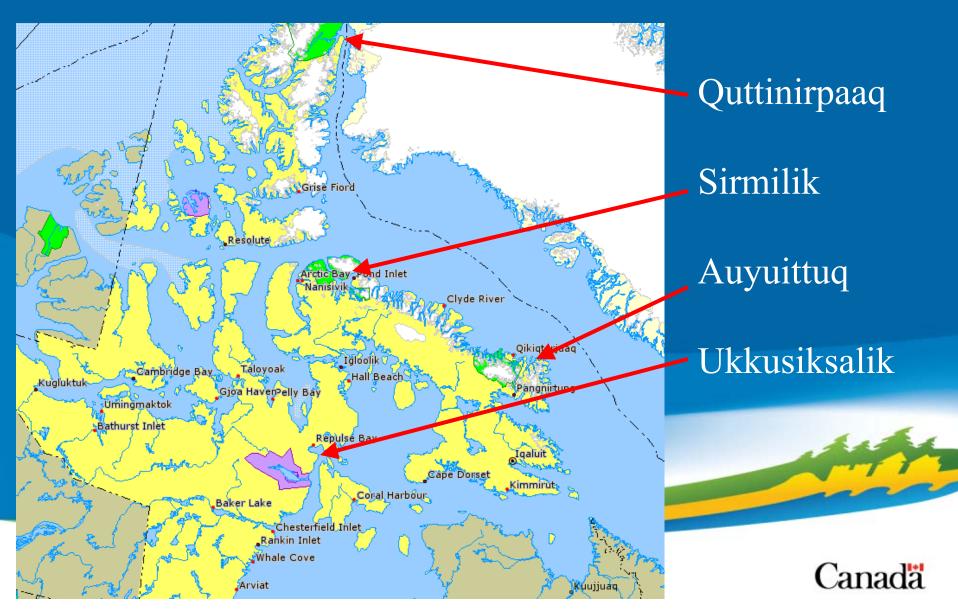








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