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Environmental Stewardship Certificate Program

Canada's National Parks in
Nunavut



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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.





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42 National Parks and
National Park Reserves



3 National Marine
Conservation Areas



154 National Historic Sites



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Parks Canada is a national system of protected areas, seeking to represent the places and themes of national significance that collectively create Canada. This is one of the oldest national park systems in the world. 3% of Canada's land mass is protected in national parks.



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Parks Canada Operates:

National Historic Sites

Recognize nationally important places, persons and events

Celebrate Canada's history for the future



National Parks and Marine Conservation Areas

Protect landscapes, water and wildlife

Protects Canada's wild spaces for the future.



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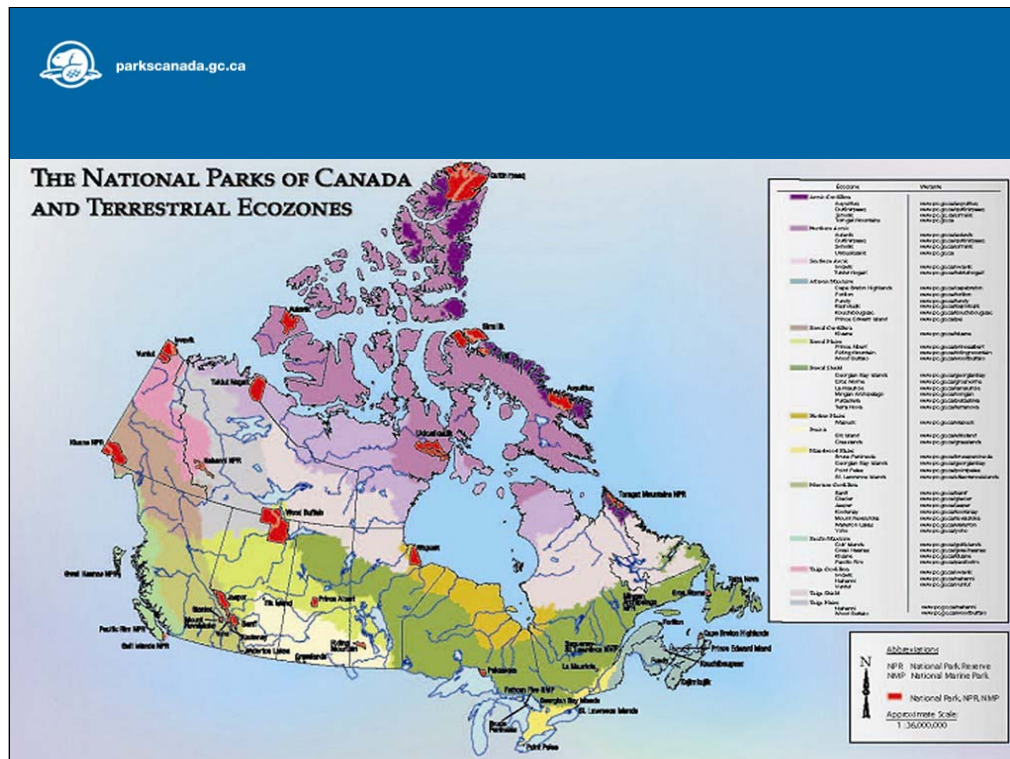
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Overview of Northern Canada's National Parks



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North of 60 – all those shades of mauve: Canada’s largest national parks and our most remote, from Ivvavik and Vuntut National Parks on the Alaska boundary, to Quittinirpaaq at 80 degrees north to Wood Buffalo on the Alberta/NWT border. North of 60 Parks Canada is the only federal presence in many small communities.

In the north Parks Canada has specific and legislated obligations to deliver on the environmental, cultural, economic and social aspirations of all of the parties to the establishment agreements. 23% of Yukoners, 53% of residents of Northwest Territories and 86% of Nunavummiut are beneficiaries of land claim agreements: Aboriginal people. They represent numerous languages and dialects and a rich diversity of distinct cultures, little known in the rest of Canada.

What looks vast and unpeopled has been widely traveled and used by Aboriginal peoples, both now and in the past. Some of Canada’s oldest known archaeological sites are found in the north and they abound in all of the parks. Most parks have hundreds of sites.



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In Nunavut, there are 4 National Parks



Auyuittuq National Park



Quttinirpaaq National Park



Sirmilik National Park



Ukkusiksalik National Park



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In the Northwest Territories, there are 4 National Parks



Aulavik National Park



Tuktut Nogait National Park



Nahanni National Park Reserve



Wood Buffalo National Park

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In the Yukon, there are 3 National Parks



Kluane National Park Reserve



Vuntut National Park



Ivvavik National Park



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



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Ukkusiksalik National Park:



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



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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.



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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



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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



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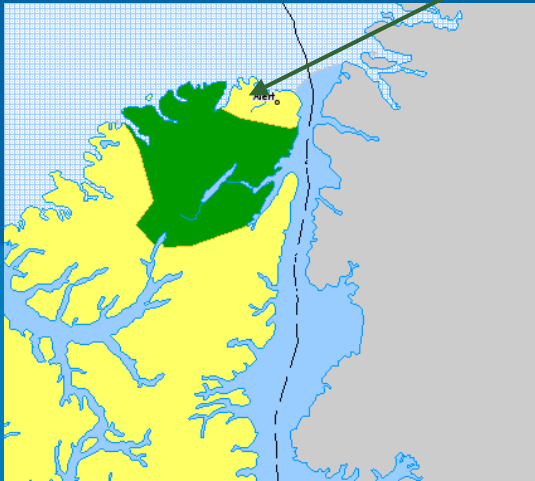
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Quttinirpaaq National Park



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

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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.



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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.



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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.



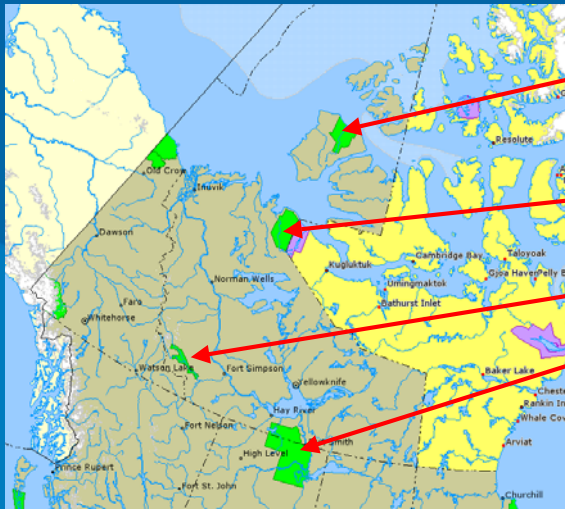
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Remember the 4 National Parks in the NWT Aulavik



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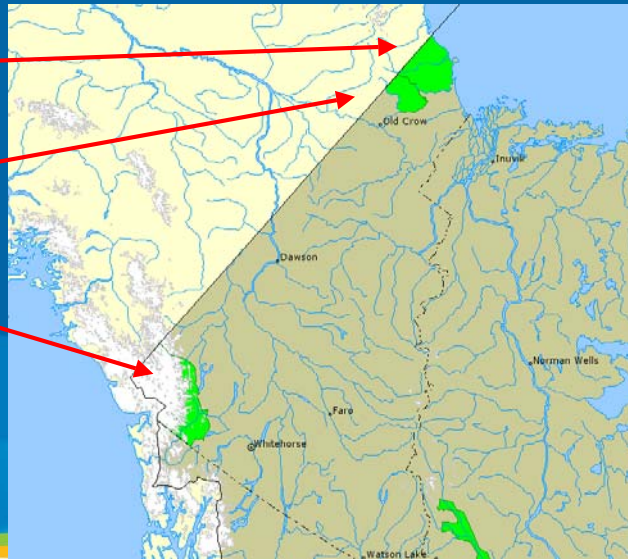
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The 3 National Parks in the Yukon are:

Ivvavik

Vuntut

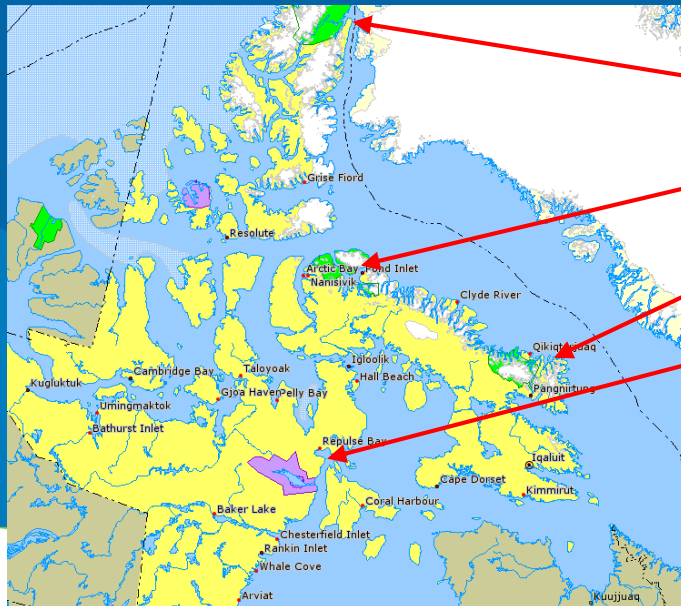
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