



Yellowknife, North West Territories Permanent Trail #008

Prairies and Northern Director's Walk

6 km Walk

Rating 1A

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This walk begins at the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, 4750 48 St, Yellowknife, NT X1A 3T5, tel: (867) 767-9347. The Centre is open daily from 10:30 - 5:00. It houses the Northwest Territories' Museum which is well worth visiting. It also has a delightful café open for lunch Monday to Friday from 11:00 to 2:00. **Please Note:** The Centre is a start point on the map only. There is no Walk Box here.

1. Exit the Centre, walk through the parking lot and almost immediately turn left on the paved Frame Lake Trail.
2. Continue walking towards the Legislative Assembly. Just before the Legislative Assembly there is a giant Tipi on the left hand side of the building.
3. From the Legislative Assembly, follow the road around to the right (wetland on your right) back towards the city.
4. At a "Y" junction, veer right keeping the wetland on your right. Then almost immediately veer left (right would take you back to the start). Follow this road past a lake toward and past the white, glass DND building. At the stop sign you will notice you are on 49th St. . **(0.9 km)**
5. Stay on 49th St for one block then turn left on Franklin (50th) Ave. You will be walking toward Great Slave Lake and a part of Yellowknife called Old Town. You will be able to view a few heritage buildings or sites along the way which may not be mentioned below.
6. Turn left on Weaver Dr. **(2.7 km)**. From here you can view houseboats on Great Slave Lake-- year round homes to some Yellowknifers.
7. Turn right on Ingraham Drive. On the way up the hill, on the right you will notice stairs going up. Up the stairs you will find a beautiful panoramic view of Great Slave Lake and at the same time see the Pilot's Monument. This of course is an option and not part of the walk but definitely worth the climb.
8. Walk further along Ingraham Drive, this time going down the hill; do **not** cross the bridge, turn left on Wiley Road.
9. The white house on the right hand side used to be the Hudson Bay Co. A little further on the left is the Wildcat Cafe (oldest building in Yellowknife). THE place to eat in the summer season. Follow the road and on the right is the Weaver & Devore General Store, another old building of Yellowknife still operating today. Across the road is also a heritage house, now a Bistro called Bullocks. (a great place for fish – no menus so ask the price first! It is a fun place with delicious food and I highly recommend it). At the stop turn right on Franklin.
10. Turn left on Bretzlaff Drive. In this general area you will come across a sign saying "Einor Broton Historical Area Enter at your own Risk". Worth leaving the route and entering and wandering through the unique "homes" (brave people to live in them in the winter!) down to the dock – wonderful views of Slave Lake.
11. Turn right on Hamilton. Turn at the first left (no street sign). The street sign is posted on some of the houses. This is Yellowknife's most famous street. Ragged Ass Road!! Follow the road and check the interesting sheds and cabins, some of which are still inhabited.
12. Turn right on Bryson Drive. Turn left on Hamilton. Turn left on Franklin. **(4.3 km)**. Turn right on 48th Street. Turn left on 49th Avenue. Turn right on 49th Street.
13. At the far end of the DND building turn left on the paved pathway beside the building. Turn right at the Ceremonial Circle along an avenue of flags to return to the start. **(6.2 km)**

We hope you enjoyed the walk. As this is a remote walk we would love to hear how you enjoyed it and of any changes that have affected the route. Thank You!!

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