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Warmest Month ..................................... July
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Mean Annual Temperature .................. -9.7° C / 14.54° F
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LOCATION: 68º 18’N; 133º 29’W. East Channel of the Mackenzie River Delta. 97 km south of the Beaufort Sea. Inuvik is 10 degrees further west than Vancouver.
Topography: Located on a flat wooded plateau with northernmost reaches of the tree line east of the Richardson Mountains.
Area of Inuvik: 57 square km - approximately 5% utilized.
Weather: Inuvik enjoys 56 days of twenty four (24) hours of daylight (late June, July and part of August) and has 30 days without sunlight mostly in the month of December.
Temperature: Mean Annual -9.7 °C (14.54 degrees Fahrenheit).
Extreme Maximum: +32.8 °C (91.04 degrees Fahrenheit).
Extreme Minimum: -56.7 °C (-70.06 degrees Fahrenheit).
Warmest Month: July.
Coldest Month: January.
Annual Precipitation: 266.1 mm (10.5 in.).
Driest Month: February.
Wettest Month: August.
Wind Speed: Mean Annual 10.1 km/h (6.1 mph).
Sunshine: Days with 24 hours of sun - 56

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IGLOO CHURCH

Most people would find it difficult to tell you what Inuvik has in common with Paris, France, but the answer greets every visitor to our northern city and is probably one of the first things they notice. It is the Igloo Church which bears the same official name as the famous Notre Dame cathedral in Paris (Our Lady of Victory).

Our Lady of Victory Church is a major landmark of Inuvik. Built by volunteer labour, this church took two years to build from start to completion. The diameter of the building is 75 feet. The cross is 9 feet high and is 68 feet above ground. The cupola on which the cross stands is 20 feet in diameter. Visitors may ascend into the cupola and see the unique construction methods used in the building of the Igloo Church. The total cost of construction in 1958 was $70,000 – less than $30 per square foot.

The ceremony of blessing the church was performed by Bishop Piche and took place on August 5, 1960. The title of Our Lady of Victory is one of the many titles given to Mary, the mother of Jesus.

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**Ashlee’s Eskimo Donut Recipe**

3 cups of warm water  
1 Tbs of yeast  
1 tbs of sugar  
10 cups of flour  
1 cup of sugar  
Tbs of salt  
2 cups of milk  
3 blocks of lard

Mix together warm water with yeast and sugar, let sit for 10 minutes until it rises.

**DOUGH:**
Mix dry ingredients together flour, sugar, salt. Pour risen yeast mixture in dry ingredients with milk. If not doughy enough add some water until it forms a dough.
Add 2/3 cups of melted (warm not hot) lard
Let dough rise for an hour covered with a dish cloth, punch it down and let it rise again.
To form the donuts - take some of the dough, flatten and rotate in palm, then make as many holes in each donut as you would like. Let them rise a few minutes

**COOKING:**
Heat 2 blocks of lard in a large pan or pot. Once heated, put your donuts into the grease (very carefully).
Makes approx. 51 Donuts, Could also be used for Buns or 1 hole Donuts

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**Tanya’s Akpik Cheesecake Recipe**

1 box graham cracker crumbs
Some butter or margarine
2 pkgs philly cream cheese
1 litre Cool Whip
sugar
About 2 cups of akpiks cornstarch

**BASE:**
2 cups Graham Crumbs
½ cup Melted Margarine
¾ cup Sugar
Mix; pat in a large oblong pan; bake at 350° for 10 minutes. Cool.

**FILLING:**
Mix Two (2) eight-oz. Packages Philadelphia cream cheese with ½ cup sugar until well blended. Blend in 1 litre cool whip. (You can even add akpiks in now if you want.) Spread over crust. Top with Berry Topping.

**BERRY TOPPING:**
Place akpiks in saucepan and add a little water and sugar to taste. Boil, then stir in 1/3 cup water that has 2 tsps of corn starch added. Thicken a little then cool.
Pingos, the conical hills dotting the Western Arctic landscape, are the region’s most famous landform. Currently, about 1,450 are scattered across the region. Ibyuk Pingo, just south of Tuktoyaktuk, is probably the world’s largest growing pingo.

Every few years, a new pingo begins to form in a recently drained lake. The sandy ground beneath a lake is unfrozen but surrounded by permafrost. Once the lake drains, the permafrost begins to spread into the unfrozen sediments as they become exposed to frigid winter temperatures. Water in the saturated sand freezes and expands, pushing excess water ahead of the freezing ground.

As the circle of permafrost inches toward the center of the lake, the excess water comes under increasing pressure. Trapped between the continuous permafrost below and the much weaker freezing crust of the lake bed above, the pressurized water finally pushes the lake bed up—and up and up. When the lake completely freezes, the pingo stops growing. Ibyuk Pingo is growing at about two centimetres per year, indicating that the basin of Ibyuk Lake is not yet frozen through (even though the pingo is probably more than 1,000 years old!). Most pingos have a large crack across their summits where the ground has split apart as it is forced up from below. If the crack looks fresh, the pingo is likely growing, but if healthy willows have established themselves in it, growth may have stopped.

How Pingos Develop

1. There is a layer of unfrozen ground beneath most arctic lakes because they are too deep to freeze to the bottom in winter and the year-round presence of water thaws the surrounding permafrost.

2. When a lake drains, a shallow residual pond is often left behind. The former lake bed begins to freeze, but the pond slows the development of permafrost beneath it. As the lake bed freezes, the water in the ground turns to ice and expands. The extra water cannot escape, so it is pushed inward toward the centre, ahead of the freezing front (see arrows).

3. The freezing front advances inward, placing the encapsulated “lens” of water under pressure. The thin layer of permafrost above the lens is pushed upward, and the pingo begins to grow.

4. The pingo is fully formed (stops growing) when it is frozen solid—the unfrozen ground becomes permafrost and the pingo has a core of almost pure ice.
The Inuvik Drummers and Dancers was brought together in 1989 by a younger generation of adult Inuvialuit who wanted to bring drum dancing into their lives having been inspired by the elders of the original Mackenzie Delta Drummers and Dancers. From their guidance and instruction, the group learned the stories of the songs, the drumming and the motions of the dances. They initially practiced beating time on a piece of cardboard until drums were made using antler, caribou skin, wood and sinew.

Members of the group are from the community of Inuvik and number between 30 to 40, ages 5 to 87. There are approximately 15 to 20 youth/children, 15 adults and 3 elders. Learning to sing the songs also instils another form of learning and practicing the Inuvialuktun language. The group has performed at many special functions and events, regionally and nationally.
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Inuvik was conceived by the Canadian government in 1953. It was intended to replace the hamlet of Aklavik in the Mackenzie Delta, which was subject to flooding and offered limited space for expansion.

Originally the community was designated “East Three” by the survey parties who spread over the Mackenzie Delta searching for town site locations. Of six sites on the west side and six on the east side, East Three was chosen for its large flat area, navigable waterway, tree cover and gravel supply.

The community was first named “New Aklavik” to reflect the transfer of facilities from Aklavik. This caused confusion for the delivery of mail and supplies, so the name “Inuvik” was selected in 1958. In Inuvialuktun it means “place of people.”

The years 1964 to 1970 were a period of adjustment as residents adapted to life in the new community. In April, 1967, Inuvik achieved village status, and in January 1970 it became a town with an elected mayor and council. And with completion of the Dempster Highway in 1979, Inuvik became part of the Canadian highway system.

Petroleum exploration in the Mackenzie Valley and Beaufort Sea provided tremendous employment and business opportunities in the region beginning in 1971. These activities continued until 1990 when petroleum companies decided to pull out because of disappearing government subsidies, low gas and oil prices, and local resistance to resource development. Since 1999, oil and gas companies have once again begun to explore for natural gas.

During the time that multi-national corporations were busy tapping petroleum resources in the Mackenzie Delta, aboriginal organizations were gaining the leverage they needed to settle their land claims with the Canadian government. The Inuvialuit claim was settled in 1984 and the Gwich’in claim in 1992. Inuvik is home to members and organizations of both groups.

Today, Inuvik is the administrative and commercial centre for Western Arctic and is Canada’s largest community north of the Arctic Circle. The town’s population peaked at 4,200 in 1990 at the end of the exploration boom, and now is at about 3,450.

*Source: Canada’s Western Arctic (Handbook)*
The colour and vitality of Inuvik will take you by surprise. You’ll see paved streets lined with brightly coloured houses on pilings, dome-shaped buildings and the strange snake-like “utilidor” system. In the summer the town hums with activity. Tourists walk the streets and air charter and construction companies take advantage of the continuous daylight. A planned community, Inuvik offers the comforts of urban living in an arctic setting. Visitors can experience several cultures here, and true frontier hospitality.

Inuvik is situated on the East Channel of the Mackenzie Delta. At 133°43’ west longitude, it is 10 degrees farther west than Vancouver, British Columbia. The community is within the taiga forest, just south of the tree line and west of the open tundra. The Arctic Ocean is only 97 kilometres north and the Arctic Circle is 200 kilometres to the south.

With the summer’s 24-hour sunlight, there is plenty of time for visitors to experience the vast wilderness at Inuvik’s doorstep. Winter is the time for “noon moon” activities such as driving on ice roads, snowmobiling, dog sledding and curling. The Inuvik area is a snowmobiler’s heaven, with 10,000 kilometres of Mackenzie Delta Channels to explore, as well as tundra trails north to the Beaufort Sea coast and west into the Richardson Mountains.

The aurora borealis (“northern lights”) can be seen during the dark months. Locals say that Inuvik is so far north that they have to look south to see the northern lights!

Some residents earn their living hunting, trapping and fishing, but most are employed in government and aboriginal offices or in transportation, construction, petroleum exploration and tourism companies.
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A ceremony to mark the beginning of construction of the Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway took place in Inuvik in 2013.

“It’s in terrain that’s not mirrored anywhere else in the world,” says Kevin McLeod, N.W.T’s director of highways. “It’s challenging and it’s difficult. The climate is difficult. I think when folks look back six, seven years from now they’ll be proud they were part of this project.”

ROAD FACTS:

• The road will extend the Dempster Highway, which currently ends in Inuvik, N.W.T.

• The 137-km long two-lane highway will be packed gravel, with an anticipated speed limit of 70 km/h.

• Construction will only occur in the winter when there’s less risk of damage or disruption to the permafrost.

• The roadbed will be a minimum of 1.8 metres above the tundra. McLeod says their studies show that large of a buffer helps prevent the permafrost from melting. “There are going to be areas where it’s going to be sinking,” he said. Crews are prepared to fill those areas until the road finds its steady state.

• There will be eight bridges along the route, in total 68 areas where the highway has to pass over waterways larger than two metres.

• The GNWT expects about 150 people to work on the project annually, with crews split between the Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk ends.

• The cost of the project is currently estimated at $299 million. The federal government has pledged to contribute $200 million. The remainder will be paid by the GNWT. Annual maintenance work, including grading the road and clearing snow, will cost between $1.5 and $1.8 million each year.

• The GNWT anticipates construction will be finished by fall 2017/winter 2018.

Construction of the 20-kilometre access road on the Tuktoyaktuk side of the highway isn’t completely done yet. It has to pass quality assurance tests and the finishing touch is a 20 centimetre layer of roadway gravel. That likely won’t happen until most of the highway is finished, to protect the surface from the wear and tear of construction.
The Inuvik Mike Zubko Airport (YEV) is a modern airport operated by the Government of the Northwest Territories and is located 14 km (8 miles) from Inuvik. The paved runway is 6,000 ft. x 150 ft.

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North America. Its increasing popularity is a testimony to the beauty of the countryside through which the Dempster runs. There are many points of interest, the highlight of which is at km 403 where the Dempster crosses the Arctic Circle.

The highway is open year-round except for short periods during spring thaw and fall freeze-up. Ferries at the Peel and Mackenzie rivers will take you across free of charge from June to October. In winter, ice bridges allow traffic to cross.

Well-maintained campsites and roadside services are strategically placed along the length of this 747 km (450 mile) gravel highway. At km 371 (mile 231), the Eagle Plains Hotel provides food, accommodation and a service station to travelers. The communities of Fort McPherson and Arctic Red River also offer a number of essential services.

Take the time to visit the Western Arctic Visitors’ Information Centre located in the British Yukon Navigation Building on Front Street in Dawson City. The centre can provide valuable information about the sights and attractions along the highway and in the Western Arctic region. Road condition reports are also available and it is prudent to check these before departing Dawson City. Look for the polar bear marking the location of the Western Arctic Information Centre on the Dawson City Map- Attraction & Service Guide!
In 1958 the Canadian government made the historic decision to build a 671-kilometre (417-mile) road through the Arctic wilderness from Dawson City, Yukon, to Inuvik in the Northwest Territories. Oil and gas exploration was booming in the Mackenzie Delta and the town of Inuvik was under construction. The road was billed as the first-ever overland supply link to southern Canada, where business and political circles buzzed with talk of an oil pipeline that would run parallel to the road. The two would ultimately connect with another proposed pipeline along the Alaska Highway.

**Twenty Years Later**

The Dempster Highway—Canada’s first all-weather road to cross the Arctic Circle—was officially opened on Aug. 18th, 1979, at Flat Creek, Yukon. It was touted as a two-lane, gravel-surfaced, all-weather highway that ran 671 kilometres (417 miles) from the Klondike Highway near Dawson City to Fort McPherson and Arctic Red River in the Northwest Territories. It also linked with the Mackenzie Highway at a point 67 km south of Inuvik. The Canadian Armed Forces 1 Combat Engineer Regiment from Chilliwack, B.C., built the two major bridges over the Ogilvie and Eagle Rivers. Ferries handled the traffic at Fort McPherson and Arctic Red River.

The highway didn’t look like your average road then, and it doesn’t now. That’s because it’s unique in highway design and construction. It sits on top of a gravel berm to insulate the permafrost in the soil underneath. The thickness of the gravel pad ranges from 1.2 metres up to 2.4 metres in some places (four feet to eight feet). Without the pad, the permafrost would melt and the road would sink into the ground.

**The Name**

The highway is named after Insp. William John Duncan Dempster of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP). In his younger days as a corporal he was known as ‘The Iron Man of the Trail’ for his legendary dogsled journeys from Dawson City to Fort McPherson, sometimes in temperatures of 40 degrees.
below zero. Dempster originally came to the Yukon during the Klondike Gold Rush of 1898. In winter he personally patrolled the route from Dawson to McPherson by dogsled, a 475-mile journey that he completed 10 times in four years.

The highway roughly follows the route of Dempster’s trail. He learned it from the Gwich’in Indians of the region, and they learned it from their ancestors. It was their main transportation link between the Yukon and Peel river systems. The Gwich’in floated triangular rafts down these rivers, carrying goods to barter and trade with Loucheux Indians, and later with white traders. From the turn of the century, Royal North-West Mounted Police patrols mushed their dog teams up the frozen rivers and creeks and over divides between Dawson City and Fort McPherson carrying mail, news and the law.

The Dempster Today

The Dempster Highway can be a challenge for some people, but for most visitors it’s the thrill of a lifetime. It’s home to Dall’s sheep, mountain goats, moose, woodland and barren ground caribou, wolves, wolverines, lynx, fox, along with grizzly and black bears, as well as several hundred species of birds—both resident and migratory. The sun shines 24 hours a day there in the summertime. The land around Eagle Plain is a rolling, hilly region that’s covered with stunted black spruce forest. Because of permafrost under the soil, the trees lean in all directions, giving them a comical, drunken appearance. The explosion of colourful Arctic flowers in July can take your breath away. Dramatic views are everywhere, and from just about anywhere you can see forever.

Traditionally the Tet'lit Gwich'in peoples of the area lived a seasonally nomadic lifestyle, moving between the mountains and the river valleys according to the seasonal hunting opportunities. The Hudson Bay Company sited a trading post here in 1858, named after their chief fur trader, Murdoch McPherson, and a community grew around it, a pattern typical of many northern settlements.

A picturesque community of approximately 900 located on a rolling plateau between the Richardson Mountains and the Mackenzie River Delta. Fort McPherson sits on the edge of the Dempster Highway, and is a popular stopping off place for the many travellers heading for the end of the road at Inuvik.

Nature lovers can trek along the Peel River searching out caribou, sheep, fox and wolf and canoeists can paddle the Peel on its winding route to the Mackenzie Delta. In the summer the sun never sets on Fort McPherson, but in spring and fall sunsets command centre stage as they envelop the “big” sky of Canada’s far North.

The graveyard is the final resting place of the ‘Lost Patrol’ of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police. In the winter of 1910-11, they became lost on a 765 km (475 mile) sled-dog patrol from Fort McPherson to Dawson City, Yukon, in temperatures of minus 55º (-67º F), or lower, and carrying minimal rations. They eventually turned back, but perished only 36 km (22 miles) from Fort McPherson.

In addition to arts and crafts, Fort McPherson is also well known for its canvas products. Fort McPherson Tent and Canvas (952-2179) is the hamlet's largest private employer and is renowned for sturdy canvas travelling bags… from stylish backpacks to fashionable briefcases… and for its sturdy canvas tents. Tours of the operation can be arranged and the helpful staff will attend to your product needs.

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Pingos, huge ice covered hills, provide a startling backdrop to the community. Formed by a combination of frost and abundant water, pingos are an unusual feature of this coastal area. Numerous pingos surround Tuk. The Inuvialuit has used two of the largest pingos as landmarks for centuries. The Pingo Canadian Landmark can be viewed at the south end of the community.

Tuk is accessible by regular flights from Inuvik or by winter ice road on the Mackenzie River. Local companies offering the opportunity to experience traditional Inuvialuit Culture provide community tours. Experienced guides provide interpretation of community sites of cultural and historic significance. A highlight of any Tuk community tour is going 30 feet below the ground into the community freezer. Enter rooms surrounded by walls of permafrost that were once used to store caribou meat and fish.

Big Game Hunting has long been a part of the traditional way of life in the Western Arctic. Today experienced Inuvialuit guides and outfitters provide the services of fully guided hunts. Imagine the experience of hunting polar bear by dog team on the Beaufort Sea. Guided hunts for other species include caribou, wolverine, wolf, grizzly bear and musk oxen.

Arts & Crafts provide a way to preserve traditional Inuvialuit culture. Local youth learn the art of carving; drum making and sewing. Carving continues to be a visual expression of culture in Tuktoyaktuk. Materials typically include soapstone, caribou antler, whale-bone and musk oxen horns. Carvings are typically of polar bears, inukshuks, igloos, hunters, birds, drum dancers, beluga whales and other traditional items of significance.

Traditional drums are made from caribou or seal-skin and range in diameter from one to four feet. The drums are held in one hand and beaten with a stick held in the other hand. Drum dances are held at community gatherings. The dances and songs are symbolic of the relationship between the people and the land.

Materials used in the art of sewing and clothing production include goose down, muskrat fur, wolverine-fur, caribou-skin, sealskin, rabbit-skin, moose-hide and musk oxen wool. Clothing types include fur hats, mukluk boots, moccasin slippers, male and female parkas trimmed with animal fur, bunting bags to carry infants and fur coats.

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Located in a picturesque setting at the confluence of the Arctic Red and Mackenzie Rivers, the permanent settlement of Tsiigehtchic was first established as an Oblate Father Catholic Mission in 1868. In the early 1870’s, a Hudson Bay Company trading post was established.

Most of the 170 Gwichya Gwich’in inhabitants still follow a traditional lifestyle of hunting, fishing and trapping, and many spend extended periods of the year living “out on the land”, just as they have always done. You may notice their hunting or fishing camps near the highway as you pass through.

Tsiigehtchic offers access to the Arctic Red Heritage River, navigable without portage for some 200 km (124 miles) upstream between early June and late September. Stop in to visit the community centre, visit the local store and try some renowned Arctic Red dryfish.

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Named after the ship Mary Sachs, of the Canadian arctic expedition of 1913, the tiny community formed around a RCMP post, established in 1953. Banks Island had been inhabited by Pre-Dorset peoples over 3,500 years ago and Thule Inuit 500 years ago, but remained deserted for several centuries, until modern times.

Today, with a population of about 150, the traditional lifestyle of hunting, trapping and fishing is still very much alive and Sachs Harbour is known as the “Muskox Capital of Canada”. Guided tours to view wildlife, birds and flowers are available. Outfitting for big-game hunts for muskox and polar bears can be arranged with the local Hunters and Trappers Association. Local crafts include the spinning and weaving of qiviut, the silk-like wool of the muskox into fine scarves and sweaters.

For information, contact:
Hamlet of Sachs Harbour
Ph: 867.690.4351 • Fax 867.690.4802
Box 90, Sachs Harbour, NT, X0E 0Z0
Ulukhaktok • Place one finds material to make ulus

The nineteenth century whalers seldom penetrated as far east as Amundsen Gulf, consequently the explorer Vilhjalmur Stefansson was the first qallunaaq, or white man, to visit the Copper Inuit people on the west side of Victoria Island, in 1911. The permanent community formed around a trading post, established in 1940, to capitalize on a then-booming arctic fox fur trapping industry.

Father Henri Tardi came to Ulukhaktok, from France, as an Oblate missionary in 1939, and taught the skills of printmaking. Ulukhaktok is now famous for its Inuit print artists and their work.

With a population of approximately 450 people, Ulukhaktok boasts a top quality nine-hole public golf course, and hosts the “Billy Joss Golf Tournament”, the most northerly tournament in Canada. Local guides can help you to also enjoy naturalist expeditions, top quality sport fishing for arctic char and lake trout, and sport hunts.

For information, contact:
Hamlet of Ulukhaktok
Ph: 867.396.8000 • Fax 867.396.8001
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The Aklavik Mad Trapper Rendezvous takes place annually on the Easter weekend.

Come out and enjoy...
- dog races
- community feast
- snowmobile races
- cultural events
- square dancing
- drum dancing
- jigging contest
- talent show
- fun games
- and much more.

Hope to see you there!

For more information call the Hamlet office at (867) 978-2351
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INUVIK FUN FACTS

- Vancouver, B.C. is about as far away from Inuvik (1,500 miles) as it is from Mexico.
- Inuvik’s clocks are set to Mountain Standard Time.
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