

WILD DISCOVERIES

Wildlife Viewing Special Events

FREE! GUIDED!

Birds and Dragonflies!

Saturday, June 13

12:00 – 4:00 PM: Meet at the Canada Games Centre, Whitehorse

Explore a special wetland fen near Copper Ridge with Syd Cannings and the Yukon Bird Club to look for birds and dragonflies. Bring rubber boots. Involves a safe but steep ascent/descent down a rolling, grassy slope.
Contact: Syd Cannings at (867) 393-7979

Yukon Wildlife Preserve's Annual Open House

Saturday, June 13 - Sunday, June 14 Noon – 8:00 PM:

Yukon Wildlife Preserve, KM 8 Takhini Hot Springs Road

Come celebrate the Yukon Wildlife Preserve's 5th birthday with free admission, regular bus tours, games and activities! See our new muskox, caribou, elk, bison and moose babies.
Contact: Clare at (867) 456-7300

2009 Outdoor Pursuits Show and Information Fair

Saturday, June 20

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Mayo Village Arena

Come up to Mayo and take in this year's show, themed "hunting, trapping, fishing and living off the land." Make it a weekend trip and check out Arts in the Park and the Mayo Midnight Marathon.
Contact: Wildlife Viewing at (867) 667-8291

Bears, Safety and You! (Dawson)

Monday, June 22

7:30 PM: Danoja Zoo Cultural Centre

Learn how to camp and travel safely in bear country.
Contact: Wildlife Viewing at (867) 667-8291

Bears, Safety and You! x2! (Whitehorse)

Tuesday, June 23

7:30 PM: Wolf Creek Campground, Whitehorse

Wednesday, June 24

7:30 PM: Robert Service Campground, Whitehorse

Learn how to camp and travel safely in bear country.
Contact: Wildlife Viewing at (867) 667-8291

Botany Days

Thursday, June 25 – Sunday, June 28

Starting 7:00 PM, Thursday: Tombstone Park Campground, KM 72.5 Dempster Highway

Join expert botanists for presentations and guided hikes to explore alpine, tundra, beringian and boreal plant communities in Tombstone Territorial Park. The weekend will wrap up with an invasive weed pull and BBQ. Visit www.dempstercountry.ca for more information.
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Carcross Dunes Hike

Tuesday, June 30

1:00 – 3:00 PM: Meet at the Carcross Visitor Information Centre

Take a hike through the spectacular Carcross Dunes and view unique land formations. Discover rare plants, such as the 10,000 year old Baikal sedge! Please bring a water bottle and wear appropriate footwear.
Contact: Wildlife Viewing at (867) 667-8291

Yukon Family Fishing Weekend

Friday, July 3 - Monday, July 6

All weekend long, territory wide!

Yukoners fish for free this weekend! Also celebrate National Fishing Week (July 3 - 12) by dropping by the Whitehorse Fish Ladder on Sunday, July 5th for a Family Fun Event. Note: Salmon Conservation Catch Cards and Yukon Angling Licences will be required if fishing for salmon.
Contact: Environment Yukon at (867) 667-5199

Bison Creep

Sunday, July 5

6:30 – 8:30 PM: Yukon Wildlife Preserve, KM 8 Takhini Hot Springs Road

Wood Bison are the largest land mammals in North America. Come out to the Yukon Wildlife Preserve to observe these magnificent herd animals and learn all about their life history and behavior, with biologist Tom Jung. Call in advance to reserve your spot for this special event!

Please note: Regular admission fees for the Wildlife Preserve are required.
Contact: Clare at (867) 456-7300 to reserve your spot!

The Living Forest

Friday, July 10 & Wed., August 5

5:30 - 8:00 PM: Gunnar Nilsson & Mickey Lammers Research Forest (directions: www.yukonconservation.org)

A forest fire turns evergreens black, leaving slopes splintered with the charred remains of trees - but life does not stop there. Join forest ecologist Sue Kemmet and special guests to discover how the boreal forests survive through frequent fires. From soils to tree-tops, this interpretive hike through the living forest will leave you awed and inspired.
Contact: Yukon Conservation Society at (867) 668-5678

What's Creeping into Carcross?

Friday, July 10

Noon - 1:00 PM: Meet at the Carcross Visitor Information Centre

The Carcross Dunes and Carcross Desert are home to a wide variety of interesting plants including the 10,000 year old Baikal Sedge. However, the invasive Altai Wild Rye grass is threatening the dune system and the plants and animals that live there. Come learn about what an invasive species is, what it means for Carcross and what you can do to help!
Contact: Wildlife Viewing at (867) 667-8291

Alpine Wildlife Walk

Saturday, July 11

2:00 PM: Meet at the Keno Alpine Interpretive Centre, Keno City

Take a walk up Signpost Hill with Mark O'Donoghue. Look for pikas, marmots, alpine flowers, and arctic butterflies.
Contact: Wildlife Viewing at (867) 667-8291

Going Batty!

Friday, July 17

10:00 PM – 1:00 AM: Chadburn Lake Recreation Site, Whitehorse

Turn on your sonar for an evening bat walk! Learn about bat biology, habitat and conservation with biologist Tom Jung. Get an up-close look at the furred flyers of the night. Everyone is welcome!
Contact: Wildlife Viewing at (867) 667-8291

Parks Day

Saturday, July 18

Celebrate Yukon Parks with events in the following communities:

Whitehorse: Parks Day Family Fun!

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM: S.S. Klondike National Historic Site Grounds

Hosted by Parks Canada, this family-friendly gathering brings together just about every local organization with "park" in its name - and many more! Activate the kids with a "Run of the River" (registration 10:45 AM), then stick around for games, a waterfront interpretive walk, food, music, even daylight astronomy!
Contact: Parks Canada at (867) 667-3903, to register for the run email volunteer@ycs.yk.ca

Pelly River: Free Tour of Fort Selkirk Meet at the Pelly Farm

Yukon Government and Selkirk First Nation invite you to visit Fort Selkirk on Parks Day. Two boats will shuttle visitors back and forth from the Pelly Farm to Fort Selkirk throughout the day. Please bring a lunch, a hat, bug dope, good walking shoes and your patience and good cheer. Registration is limited to 80 people so call early to reserve a spot.
Contact: Yukon Government at (867) 667-3458 or (867) 667-5386.

Insect Weekend

Saturday, July 25 – Sunday, July 26

Starting 10:00 AM, Saturday:

Tombstone Park Campground, KM 72.5 Dempster Highway

Join insect enthusiasts for presentations and guided hikes to identify unique subarctic and Beringian species found in Tombstone Park. Take part in life drawing workshops. Visit the Friends of Dempster Country website at www.dempstercountry.ca for more information.
Contact: Wildlife Viewing at (867) 667-8291



Mushroom Hunting

Monday, July 27

7:30 PM: Wolf Creek Campground, Whitehorse

Look for interesting and edible mushrooms that live right in our backyard. "Mold man" Sam Skinner will share ways of appreciating the fungus among us.
Contact: Wildlife Viewing at (867) 667-8291

Carcross Dunes Hike

Tuesday, July 28

1:00 – 3:00 PM: Meet at the Carcross Visitor Information Centre

Join us for a hike through the spectacular Carcross Dunes. Learn about the area's special plants, such as the 10,000 year old Baikal sedge! Please bring a water bottle and wear appropriate footwear.
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Mushroom Hunting

Thursday, July 30

7:30 PM: Meet at the Chadburn Lake recreation site, Whitehorse

"Mold man" Sam Skinner is at it again. He will help you seek out some tasty fungi and help you identify some common Yukon varieties.
Contact: Wildlife Viewing at (867) 667-8291

Plants of McIntyre Creek

Sunday, August 9

4:00 PM: Meet at the Kopper King parking lot, Whitehorse

Come for a walk into McIntyre creek with Wildlife Viewing Biologist Bruce Bennett. Learn about the area's native, introduced and invasive plants.
Contact: Wildlife Viewing at (867) 667-8291

Mammals Days

Wednesday, August 12 –

Thursday, August 13

Starting 10:00 AM, Wednesday: Tombstone Park Campground,

KM 72.5 Dempster Highway

Step out for guided hikes to search for and observe mammals in Tombstone Park. Take part in life drawing workshops and listen to presentations by mammal experts, trappers, and biologists.
Contact: Wildlife Viewing at (867) 667-8291

Wye Lake Plant Walk

Thursday, August 13

Noon: Meet at the Wye Lake Gazebo, Watson Lake

Take a walk around Wye Lake with Wildlife Viewing Biologist Bruce Bennett. Learn about the area's native, introduced and invasive plants.
Contact: Wildlife Viewing at (867) 667-8291

Yukon's Great Salt Lake

Thursday, August 20

7:00 PM: Meet in the Beringia Centre parking lot, Whitehorse

This is the place to see rare plants and unique mineralization. Join plant enthusiast Bruce Bennett for a walk around this little-known gem of the Takhini Valley. Bring your boots for this evening walk.
Contact: Wildlife Viewing at (867) 667-8291

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More events and updates at

www.environmentyukon.gov.yk.ca/viewing