

THE Deh Cho



TRAVEL CONNECTION



LEGEND

HIGHWAYS
— Paved Surface
— Unpaved Surface

SYMBOLS
▲ Provincial/Territorial Park
▲ Regional/Municipal/Private Campground
🌊 Waterfall 🚢 Ferry
● 2 ● Distance in kms

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Community Services

	Gas	Propane	Diesel	Grocery Store	Convenience Store	Police	Medical Services	Museum	Library	Visitor Info	Golf Course	Campground	Restaurant	Accommodations
ALBERTA														
Beaverlodge	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Fairview	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Grande Prairie	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Grimshaw	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
High Level	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Indian Cabins	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Keg River	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Manning	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Meander River	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Paddle Prairie	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Peace River	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Rycroft	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES														
Checkpoint	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Enterprise	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Fort Liard	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Fort Providence	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Fort Simpson	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Fort Smith	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Hay River	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Rae	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Yellowknife	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
BRITISH COLUMBIA														
Dawson Creek	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Fort Nelson	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Fort St. John	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Pink Mountain	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Pouce Coupé	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Prophet River	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Taylor	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Wonowon	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

Encounters with Wildlife

There's a saying up here: "The wilderness begins at the edge of the road." When you spot wild animals near the highway, you'll know exactly what we mean.

On the Deh Cho Travel Connection, drivers commonly see a wide variety of animals, both big and small. Most roadside marshes and ponds will have a resident family of industrious beaver, colonies of muskrats, even minks and river otters. Moose, deer, woodland caribou, bison and black bears frequently venture onto the roadway, becoming a serious hazard to motorists. For your own safety and that of the animals, please slow down as you pass, and never approach or attempt to feed them.

One of the greatest pleasures of the Deh Cho Travel Connection is seeing birds of every description in the wild. Waterfowl converge from all over the continent: thousands of swans, geese, sandhill cranes, ducks and even white pelicans return every year to our wetlands and river corridors. Look along muddy shorelines for lesser yellowlegs and spotted sandpipers. As you drive through mountainous landscapes, river valleys or boreal plains, keep an eye out for magnificent birds of prey: bald and golden eagles, great horned owls, rough-legged hawks, kestrels and merlins. Songbirds, from white-throated sparrows and whiskey-jacks to robins and juncos, also visit every summer. One voice you'll hear everywhere is that of the raven, Northern trickster and year-round resident. The big black birds are clever scavengers, never far from roads and campgrounds.



Things to do

The Deh Cho Travel Connection is the perfect trip for those who love to wander. Every community has a unique story to tell and a personality all their own.

Here is a short list of activities that you can expect to find along the route. Check out our website or stop at a local Visitor Information Centre for more details.

- Music, anyone? From country to folk, many communities along the Deh Cho Travel Connection offer summer music festivals that attract some of Canada's best artists.
- Golf your way around the loop! 24-hour summer daylight means you can golf just about anytime, anywhere. Find out why locals carry a piece of carpet to place under their ball when golfing the challenging Yellowknife course.
- Let history be your guide. There is an engaging museum experience waiting for you at every stop.
- If fishing is what you need to make your holiday complete, you will find a range of rivers and lakes to drop a line in throughout the trip.
- Canoeing, hiking, and photography opportunities as well as more adventurous pursuits such as white-water rafting, kayaking, and back-country treks are available at various locations.

Provincial and Territorial Parks

For regional, municipal, or private campgrounds, contact the local Visitor Information Centres.

	Staffed Information	Interpretive Displays	Campfires	Recreation Use	Toilet/Outbase	Kitchen Shelter(s)	Firewood	Drinking Water	Showers	Dump Station	Trails	Lookout	Boat Launch	Swimming	Playground	Power at Campsites	Fishing
ALBERTA																	
1. O'Brien Provincial Park				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
2. Saskatoon Island Provincial Park				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
3. Moonshine Lake Provincial Park				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
4. Dunvegan Provincial Park				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
5. Queen Elizabeth Provincial Park				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
6. Figure Eight Lake Provincial Recreation Area				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
7. Ole's Lake Forest Provincial Recreation Area				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
8. Sulphur Lake Forest Provincial Recreation Area				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
9. Notikewin Provincial Park				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
10. Twin Lakes Provincial Recreation Area				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
11. Rainbow Lake Forest Provincial Recreation Area				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
12. Machesis Lake Forest Provincial Recreation Area				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
13. Fort Vermilion Provincial Recreation Area				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES																	
14. Sixtieth Parallel Territorial Park				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
15. Twin Falls Gorge Territorial Park				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
16. Hay River Territorial Park				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
17. Little Buffalo River Crossing Territorial Park				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
18. Little Buffalo River Falls Day Use Area				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
19. Queen Elizabeth Territorial Park				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
20. McNallie Creek Picnic Area				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
21. Kakisa River Day Use Area				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
22. Fred Henne Territorial Park				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
23. Prelude Lake Territorial Park				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
24. Reid Lake Territorial Park				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
25. Lady Evelyn Falls Territorial Park				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
26. Samba Deh Falls Territorial Park				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
27. Fort Simpson Territorial Park				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
28. Blackstone Territorial Park				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
BRITISH COLUMBIA																	
29. Liard River Hot Springs Provincial Park				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
30. Muncho Lake Provincial Park				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
31. Stone Mountain Provincial Park				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
32. Prophet River Provincial Park				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
33. Buckingham River Wayside Provincial Park				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
34. Charlie Lake Provincial Park				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
35. Beaton Provincial Park				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
36. Kiskatinaw Provincial Park				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
37. Sudeten Provincial Park				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
38. Swan Lake Provincial Park				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

Play it Safe on Northern Highways

There are long sections of gravel road throughout the Northwest Territories section of the Deh Cho Connection and its sidetrips. Tips for driving on gravel highways include:

- Approach bends, bridges, and other limited-visibility spots slowly - vehicles may cross the centre line to straighten out a curve, or there may be wildlife on the road.
- Reduce speed when meeting other vehicles, to minimize dust.
- Dust-free passing zones are located and posted on all NWT highways.
- Travel with your headlights on at all times, especially on gravel in summer.
- Red diamond markers on paved highways indicate a significant bump. Carry a good spare tire and first aid/emergency road kit and don't forget the bug repellent.
- Watch for bison, especially on NWT Highways 3, 5 and 7.
- Call ahead for road conditions and construction.

River Ferries

Many of our highways are intersected by rivers that must be crossed by ferry.



Tompkins Landing Ferry (southern access to La Crête and Fort Vermilion) is 10 km east from Highway 35, north of Paddle Prairie, Alberta. The ferry operates April through October, from 6:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. daily.

There's ferry service across the Mackenzie River. Near Fort Providence, a ferry operates daily between May and November, from 6 a.m. to midnight. The Liard River ferry carries vehicles across the Liard to Fort Simpson from May until October from 8:00 a.m. to 11:45 p.m. daily. The Nduleh Ferry crossing the Mackenzie River is located 84 km northwest of Fort Simpson. The Nduleh Ferry operates from May to October, 9 am until 11 am and 2 pm to 8 pm.

All ferry services are free.

HIGHWAY AND FERRY INFORMATION
 Alberta Road Reports: 1-800-642-3810 ama.ab.ca
 British Columbia Road Reports: 1-800-550-4997 www.th.gov.bc.ca
 British Columbia Alaska Highway: (north of Fort St. John) 1-250-774-7447
 NWT Road and Ferry Reports: 1-800-661-0750 www.hwy.dot.gov.nt.ca/highways

Distance in Miles	Yellowknife	Peace River	Manning	La Crête	High Level	Hay River	Grimshaw	Grande Prairie	Fort Vermilion	Fort St. John	Fort Smith	Fort Simpson	Fort Nelson	Fort Liard	Enterprise	Dawson Creek	Checkpoint
Checkpoint	350	564	496	446	375	227	549	632	423	502	394	40	267	136	204	549	Yellowknife
Dawson Creek	753	147	185	324	306	501	132	83	347	47	667	590	283	413	477		1023 Peace River
Enterprise	276	360	293	242	171	24	345	449	219	524	190	244	470	340		108	915 Manning
Fort Liard	486	560	598	582	511	364	546	496	559	366	530	176	130		224	332	833 La Crête
Fort Nelson	617	430	467	606	589	494	415	365	629	236	661	307			114	196	304 719 High Level
Fort Simpson	391	604	537	486	415	268	589	672	463	542	434				313	427	509 617 482 Hay River
Fort Smith	466	550	483	432	361	167	535	639	409	715					593	280	308 84 24 999 Grimshaw
Fort St. John	800	194	232	371	354	548	180	130	394						167	760	447 475 251 191 1166 Grande Prairie
Fort Vermilion	416	229	162	23	48	242	214	318							512	345	390 77 37 261 369 796 Fort Vermilion</