



Ivvavik  
National Park



# Ivvavik Packing Guide



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# What does Parks Canada provide?

- Accommodation in prospector tents with single bunk beds or a queen-size bed (mattresses and sheets provided)
- Treated drinking water
- Flush toilets
- Hot shower
- Biodegradable hand soap, body wash, shampoo and conditioner
- Bear-safe storage, garbage and water disposal
- Bear deterrents
- Perimeter bear fence
- Hiking poles
- Field guides
- Use of the common facilities such as the cookhouse, screened porch and outside deck

Catered trips only

- Meals and snacks

## What should I pack?

- ☐ Duffle bag or backpack to carry your gear
- ☐ Small daypack for hikes
- ☐ Sturdy waterproof hiking boots with strong ankle support
- ☐ Light shoes or sandals for camp and creek crossings
- ☐ Sleeping bag rated to -5 or -10 °C (a sheet liner adds warmth on cold nights and comfort on hot nights)
- ☐ Water container (2-3 litres) to carry on hikes
- ☐ Your favourite travel mug
- ☐ Light, weather-proof jacket and pants for wind and precipitation (e.g. GoreTex)
- ☐ Warm middle layer for top and bottom (e.g. fleece)
- ☐ Merino wool or synthetic base layer for top and bottom (e.g. long underwear)
- ☐ Comfortable hiking socks for each day
- ☐ Warm hat and gloves/mitts
- ☐ Sunhat, sunscreen & lip blam
- ☐ Bug jacket and/or repellent
- ☐ Small personal first aid kit
- ☐ Personal toiletries and medications
- ☐ Bathing suit for swimming
- ☐ Towel for showering
- ☐ Sleep mask
- ☐ Earplugs
- ☐ Other equipment such as binoculars, camera\*, fishing rod, GPS, satellite devices, etc.

\*Note: We do have a modest power supply for charging cameras.



## Independent Trip?

Guests on independent trips should also bring:

- All meals and snacks
- GPS, and/or compass for hiking
- Satellite Communication device

## What if I forget something?

Inuvik has some amenities where you can purchase last minute items:

- Grocery store
- Drug store
- Clothing store
- Convenience store





# What will we be doing?

## CONNECTING WITH CULTURE

Connections to the land go back generations. Listen to your Inuvialuit hosts recall stories from their ancestors and learn why their land is so important. Lessons of traditional harvesting, food and culture will be discovered throughout your visit.

## HIKING

There are no marked trails within the park. The terrain can be wet and uneven with steep sections.

Most hikes do not have accessible water sources. Bring at least two litres of water of each hike.

Parks Canada recommends that visitors always hike in groups.

Review some of the available hikes online at [parkscanada.ca/ivvavik](https://parkscanada.ca/ivvavik)

## FISHING

Guests who would like to fish in the park will need to purchase a Parks Canada fishing license. Cost: \$35.75 for an annual permit or \$10.25 for a daily permit.

You may purchase a fishing license at the Parks Canada office in Inuvik during your scheduled safety briefing.

Please note you will need to bring your own fishing equipment.

For more information, see the Fishing Regulation brochures online at [parkscanada.ca/ivvavik](https://parkscanada.ca/ivvavik)

# What if the trip gets cancelled?

## VISITOR CANCELLATIONS

If a reservation is cancelled by the traveller, the following policy and guidelines apply:

- More than 90 days prior to departure date = full refund
- From 90 to 14 days prior to departure date = 50% refund
- Fewer than 14 days prior to departure date = no refund

## PARKS CANADA CANCELLATIONS

Weather delays and flight cancellations are possible when travelling in the Arctic. Every effort will be made to reschedule in these situations. The following policies apply:

- If a flight is delayed due to weather or other circumstances, the trip will be placed on standby. Travelers will be notified and updated when the next flight is available. Trips will not be extended if days are missed, however, the backcountry use fees will be reduced accordingly.
  - Trips will be cancelled and refunds issued if the group has not been able to enter the park by 36 hours prior to noon of the trip's end date.
  - When a group cannot leave Ivvavik because of flight delays, they will not be charged additional backcountry use fees. If the flight out of the park is delayed within 36 hours of the following trip, the group may be required to stay in Ivvavik until the next flight is scheduled.
- The "36 hour policy" is intended to manage some of the difficulty of weather delays. We hope to ensure that all participants experience a minimum of one full day in the park between travel days, while avoiding empty flights that would increase costs to all participants. Multiple-day weather delays are rare in June and July, but we need to ensure appropriate expectations for all visitors in order to share charter flights and manage trip costs.
  - When flights are delayed, Parks Canada staff will keep visitors informed about the trip status. When flight delays prevent visitors from leaving the park as planned, Parks Canada staff will provide assistance, including access to communication equipment when possible, to enable visitors to contact airlines and modify their flight bookings as needed. However, Parks Canada assumes no responsibility or liability for any fees or losses associated with flight delays.





# Public Safety

All visitors to Ivvavik National Park are required to attend a safety briefing at the Parks Canada office the day before their flight into the park. A bear safety briefing is also provided at the base camp.

## BEAR SAFETY

- Grizzly bears are fairly common along the Firth River.
- At Ivvavik Base Camp we work to reduce attractants by keeping a clean camp and following guidelines.
- A bear safety briefing is provided at camp. Extra bear deterrents are also available.
- Designated Parks Canada staff are trained to use firearms for wildlife conflict management in the unlikely event that it's needed.

## HIKING SAFETY

- The Firth River is a fast running, cold water river. Along the corridor, there are steep cliffs and embankments. Safety practices must be followed accordingly.
- If you plan to hike on your own, bring a satellite phone, map, and GPS unit. Make sure you know how to use them. Parks Canada can provide maps of the area and GPS way-points for routes.
- Although there have not been any reported human cases of giardiasis (Giardia) in Ivvavik National park, Giardia microbes are present in the park. Guests are advised to filter, treat, or boil all drinking water.

## SEVERE ALLERGIES

- Ivvavik Base Camp is a nut free environment. If you bring food with you, please ensure it is peanut/nut free.

For more safety information please review the following brochures online:

- *Regulations Summary: National Parks and Historic Sites in Canada's Western Arctic*
- *Parks Canada Bear Safety in Western Arctic National Parks*

[www.pc.gc.ca/en/pn-np/yt/ivvavik/visit/](http://www.pc.gc.ca/en/pn-np/yt/ivvavik/visit/)

## Questions?

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