



Welcome to Thaidene Nënë!

Thaidene Nënë, the land of the ancestors in Dene Yatı, is an Indigenous protected area that includes a national park reserve, territorial protected area, and territorial wildlife conservation area.

Stewardship of Thaidene Nënë is shared by the Łutsël K'é Dene First Nation, Northwest Territory Métis Nation, Deninu Kųę First Nation, Yellowknives Dene First Nation, Parks Canada, and the Government of the Northwest Territories.

Other Indigenous nations and organizations, including the North Slave Métis Alliance and Tłı̄chų, also maintain connections to the area.



A. Photo: Tailwinds North



B. Photo: Pat Kane



C. Photo: Hooké



D. Photo: Tailwinds North



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This area has been home to Indigenous Peoples since time immemorial. These are just a few of the many places in Thaidene Nënë that reflect Indigenous presence, history, and ongoing connection.

A – Bet'sighı (Utsingi Point) means the water is alive. This is a sacred place for Indigenous Peoples. Be quiet as you travel through this area and be sure to stop and pay the water.

B – K'aldélé (Talthelie Narrows) means the place where the water never freezes. There are old village sites where Indigenous families lived because there was good fishing year-round.

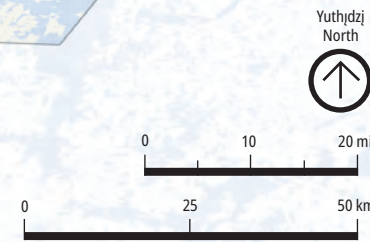
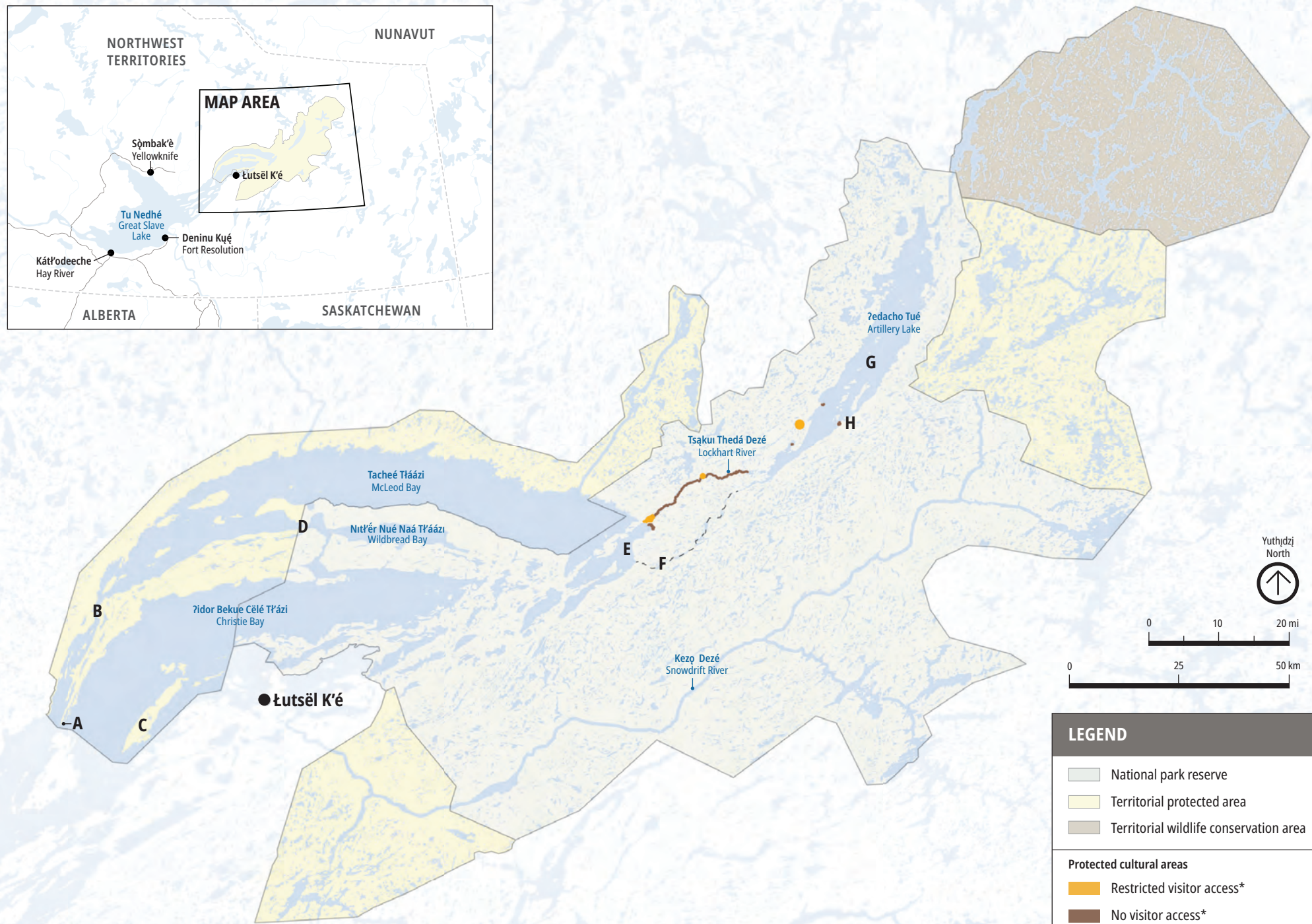
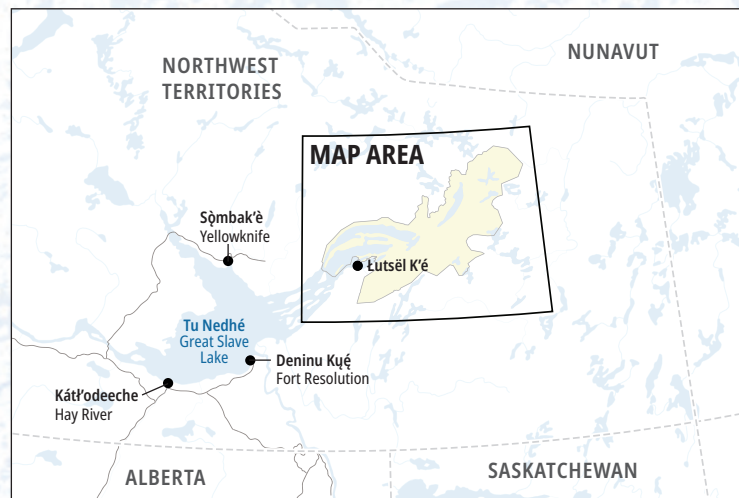
C – Tthegére Nu (Redcliff Island) means cliff, a reference to this island's soaring rock faces. The cliffs reach more than 150m high.

D – Lét'a Tsélaze (Lost Channel Portage) is a portage route connecting Tacheé Tł'áázi (McLeod Bay) to Nitł'ér Nué Naá Tł'áázi (Wildbread Bay).

E – Kaché/Taché means the place at the end of the lake where the river comes in. Known for its crystal-clear waters and breath-taking scenery, the wider Kaché area is culturally important. Every summer, Łutsël K'é Dene First Nation members travel here for a spiritual gathering.

F – Hakéth Hoze (Pike's Portage) is the route to the tundra. In the old days, Indigenous Peoples made this journey in the fall time to meet the migrating ętthën (caribou). Now, they usually travel this way in the winter.

G – ęedacho Tué (Artillery Lake) means lake of the big caribou crossing. It is a place where Indigenous Peoples have harvested ętthën (caribou) for generations. There are many important cultural sites around the lake, like Tsá Kin/Beaver Lodge (**H**).



LEGEND	
	National park reserve
	Territorial protected area
	Territorial wildlife conservation area
Protected cultural areas	
	Restricted visitor access*
	No visitor access*

* For more information, visit: parks.canada.ca/thaidene-nene



Travelling in Thaidene Nënë

When travelling in Thaidene Nënë we ask that you commit to our code of conduct:

- Travel with humility and respect for the land and water by being mindful of your behaviour, your attitude, and what you say when you are on the land and water.
- Pay the land and water with something valuable like tobacco, spruce boughs, or tea as a sign of respect.
- Respect heritage and spiritual sites by not disturbing or taking anything from them.
- Safely dispose of or remove anything you brought.
- Respect the inherent and treaty rights of Indigenous Peoples to hunt, fish, trap, and gather within Thaidene Nënë.

Throughout Thaidene Nënë you are allowed to:

- Cut and collect wood for personal campfires or temporary shelters.
- Pick berries and gather healing plants for personal use.
- Travel by snowmobile.

Rules and regulations*

	National Park Reserve (Parks Canada)	Territorial Protected Area (GNWT)
Registration	Required	Registration not yet required
Fishing	Parks Canada Fishing Permit required	NWT Sport Fishing Licence required
Hunting	Only Indigenous rights-holders and Special Harvester's Licence holders	NWT Hunting Licence required
Firearms	Allowed to carry for wildlife defense only	Allowed
Drones	Recreational use not allowed/ commercial use requires permit	Allowed, but not for hunting
Emergency contact	1-780-852-3100	911

* Indigenous Peoples exercising rights protected under Sec 35 are exempt from these rules and regulations



Scan this QR code to watch a welcome video from the Łutsël K'é Dene First Nation. The video also includes important information about being a good guest in Thaidene Nënë.



For Łutsël K'é Dene First Nation, this area is the heart of their homeland. The Ni Hat'ni Dene ("watchers of the land") are stewards of Thaidene Nënë. Guardians practice a traditional subsistence lifestyle while protecting cultural sites, monitoring the environment, and engaging with visitors.



Scan this QR code to discover Thaidene Nënë with expert local operators offering unforgettable cultural experiences in this spectacular landscape.

