4x4 EXPEDITIONS -- 2012



Ywken Wilderness EXPEDITIONS LTD. is a tiny little company in a great big wilderness. We're locals and have some special places to show you. Join us in our 4x4 as we climb to places you'll never see from the highway. Our guides are knowledgeable in the cultural and natural history of our beautiful Territory – let us share it with you! See our web site or call for more trips.

5% GST will be **ADDED** to Prices

PRICES ARE PER PERSON

HALF DAY

Science & Nature: Can man and nature coexist? We all recognize that we want and need modern conveniences, but at what price? Join us for a trip that combines both worlds. We'll leave from downtown Whitehorse and ascend Haeckel Hill, which offers a sweeping view of the Yukon River valley. In this magnificent natural setting, two experimental windmills are testing the viability of environmentally friendly electrical generation in a northern climate. Our guide will explain the potential and problems of the installation and the implications for man and nature.

9:00 am – 1:00 pm 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Suitable for all

Min 2 – Max 4 persons

Duration: 4 hours

\$175 Cdn / US per person

360 Degrees: How far can you see from the top of the world? Leaving from downtown Whitehorse, we'll climb Mt. McIntyre to an aviation navigation installation high above the Yukon River valley. In addition to a sweeping view from Marsh Lake to Lake Laberge, there's a 360-degree view all the way to the Coast Mountains. Site viewing at its finest may include moose, fox and other animals, depending on time of day and the season.

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Canyon Mountain Lookout: Superb views await us on the top of Canyon Mountain. We'll follow a 4x4 road that winds high above the Yukon River valley to a microwave installation – and you know those towers are positioned for a great line of sight! A short climb to a knob exposes a wide view of Whitehorse far below and the distant mountains all around.

9:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Suitable for all

Min 2 – Max 4 persons

Duration: 3 hours

\$150 Cdn / US per person

Coal Road Colour: Fall comes early at high elevations, painting the mountains with vivid colours. This is a seasonal trip, when the subtle beauty of a northern alpine setting is at its best, with intricate small plants and reflecting ponds contrasted against the vast wilderness surroundings. Join us to marvel and learn about the plants and animals that are the ultimate survivalists in a tough environment.

9:00 am – 1:00 pm 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Suitable for all

Min 2 – Max 4 persons

Duration: 4 hours

\$175 Cdn / US per person

Under the Midnight Sun: Bundle up and ride with us to the top of a mountain to marvel at the midnight sun. Whether you want to watch the sun gild distant peaks, or look for the wildlife that comes out in the still of the evening, this is a relaxing way to end your day. Times will vary with your interests and the season.

9:00 pm – midnight

Suitable for most

Min 2 – Max 4 persons

Duration: Varies

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Mountain Mining: Old mine workings, stone houses, tramways and artifacts dot the top of Montana Mountain, near Carcross, revealing life in a bygone and romantic era. In an arid alpine environment, the possessions have been preserved, and our guide will use them to explain the history, dreams and skulduggery that fuelled the search for gold. Great alpine views and the chance to see caribou, sheep, goats and other wildlife add to an exciting and informative trip.

9:00 am – 4:00 pm Suitable for most Min 2 – Max 4 persons

Duration: 7 hours \$300 Cdn / US per person

Partridge Pass Passage: You'll feel you're in a true wilderness on this trip! It's rare to see other people, but we have seen butterflies, bears, caribou and sheep. After driving up a valley with a bustling mountain river, we'll climb an old mining track to the alpine for an overlook of Lake Bennett. The Klondike Stampeders floated past far below over a century ago, and you'll appreciate their trek after this trip.

9:00 am – 4:00 pm Suitable for most Min 2 – Max 4 persons

Duration: 7 hours \$300 Cdn / US per person

Diamond in the Rough: It's called Carbon Hill, but you'll understand why we consider it a diamond after this adventure. Buckle up and put away your fear of heights, because we're going to cling to a side hill all the way to the broad top of this mountain. A vast expanse of alpine, great views, and possible sightings of caribou, sheep and bears make this a trip you'll remember.

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Suitable for most Min 2 – Max 4 persons

Duration: 8 hours \$325 Cdn / US per person

Atlin Adventure: Atlin has been called the 'Switzerland of North America', and with good reason. A two-hour drive takes us to the historic town, with many well-preserved buildings, set on the shores of splendid Atlin Lake. After briefly exploring the town, we'll drive up a mining creek to sweeping alpine views, old ruins and tunnels, and a glimpse into a different way of life. The energetic may wish to climb to the tip of Mt. Vaughn, while others explore the meadows. This trip focuses on the mining environment that provided the wealth that Atlin shipped to the world. There are lots of stops and photo opportunities to satisfy the inquisitive soul. A complementary trip is Architectural Atlin.

9:00 am - 7:00 pm Suitable for most Min 2 - Max 4 persons

Duration: 10 hours \$375 Cdn / US per person

Architectural Atlin: Well, it's my company and I am an architect, so I can indulge myself! This trip is a learning adventure to historic Atlin, set on the shores of magnificent Atlin Lake. Two hours from Whitehorse, Atlin offers a glimpse into the past, with well-preserved buildings dating from the Gold Rush. If you're interested in how man relates and responds to his environment and other influences, Architectural Atlin offers a chance to learn about the development of town form and architectural style, driven by the fervour of the search for gold. To complete the picture, we'll also take a side trip to the major mining district that provided the wealth. A complementary trip is Atlin Adventure.

9:00 am – 7:00 pm Suitable for most Min 4 – Max 12 persons

Duration: 10 hours \$225 Cdn / US per person

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Creekin': Get off the beaten track and up a mountain as we follow some old mining roads along creeks into the alpine. We have several locations for these trips, each with a different scenic exposure, waterfalls, historic ruins or wildlife viewing opportunity. Call and we can discuss which option is best for you.

9:00 am – 5:00 pm Suitable for most Min 2 – Max 4 persons

Duration: 8 hours \$325 Cdn / US per person

9:00 am – 7:00 pm Suitable for most Min 2 – Max 4 persons

Duration: 10 hours \$375 Cdn / US per person

Geological Time: This trip takes us to Haines Junction, at the edge of Kluane National Park. Just outside of town, we'll take a track across a glacial outwash plain and travel into the past. At one time, a glacier blocked the Alsek River, creating a massive lake. The shoreline and other features are clearly visible. We may see sheep and other animals on this trip as well. A stop at the Park Visitor Centre is included.

9:00 am – 6:00 pm Suitable for most Min 2 – Max 4 persons

Duration: 9 hours \$350 Cdn / US per person

Suitability: These trips are generally gentle and suitable for most ages and abilities. We allow time to both actively explore, and relax and enjoy the exhilaration of the view.

Trip capacities are per vehicle, so if you have a larger party we'd be pleased to accommodate you by adding another truck.

We Supply: Transportation, spotting scopes, walking sticks, rain ponchos and hats, interpretive material, and safety equipment including a satellite phone. We'll pick you up and return you to Whitehorse. Half-day trips (3–4 hours) include snacks and drinks; full-day trips include lunch, drinks and snacks. For long days (9 am–7 pm), we'll stop at a restaurant on the way back where everyone pays for their own meal.

You Supply: Suitable clothes for a mountain environment and good walking shoes are advised. In addition, a sense of curiosity, wonder and humour (if the weather turns bad) are good things to bring!

Small Print: We reserve the right to cancel or alter trips for your safety due to weather or other conditions. Participants must sign a waiver of liability form prior to trips or renting equipment.

Trips are by arrangement. Please call to make reservations.

We are members of the Wilderness Tourism Association of Yukon, Tourism Industry Association of Yukon, and holders of a government Wilderness Tourism Licence.

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