

Aulavik National Park (Polar Bear Cabin, Banks Island)

Cabin with fuel oil heater. Sleeping space for 4 persons. Lake water available. Some emergency food supplies are also available. Good camping area. Good landing area for a Twin Otter aircraft. Basic cooking equipment, tables, benches and a few basic tools available.



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Owner

[Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Environment and Natural Resources](#)

Membership

Regular Member

Website

www.enr.gov.nt.ca

Latitude

74.133333

Longitude

-119.983333

Location

North End of Banks Island

Nearest Community

Sachs Harbour

Territory/ Province

Northwest Territories

Aboriginal Government/ Homeland

Inuvialuit Settlement Region www.irc.inuvialuit.com

Facility Type

Seasonally-Operated Field Camp

Research Hinterland

Continuous Permafrost, Polar Desert, Sea Ice, Tundra

Main Research Disciplines

Archaeology, Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics, Climatology, Environmental Sciences, Oceanography, Paleocology, Terrestrial Biology/Ecology

Research History

Built for Polar Bear Research, it's also been used as a base for Caribou, Muskox and Bird monitoring.

Current Projects

N/A

Power

N/A

Communications

N/A

Local Transportation

N/A

Equipment Storage

Limited space in cabin

Dormitory/Sleeping Facilities

2 bunk beds, sleeps 4 people

Dining/Kitchen Facilities

Table, bench, counter

Laboratory Facilities

N/A

Fuel Availability

Fuel must be cached check for permitting requirements

Research Requirements

Research requires permit. This cabin is in Aulavik National Park, so any use requires a Permits from Parks Canada. Check Aurora Research Institute for the permit information: nwtresearch.com/licensing-research

Special Rules and Regulations

Permission required from ENR in Inuvik to use Cabin.

Local External Resources

N/A

Nearest Medical Service

Nursing station at Sachs (300 km) and Hospital at Inuvik (750 km)

Safety Considerations

Extremely remote field location. Must be self-sufficient with appropriate survival and communication equipment.

Cost

None but check ahead with ENR

Other Information

N/A

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