

Yukon Wildlife Preserve

The Wildlife Preserves' – Wildlife Research & Rehabilitation Centre – is operated and managed by the Yukon Wildlife Preserve Operating Society, a not-for-profit charity. Its main purpose is for animal care (primary), research and education. The interior is approximately 3400 square feet and the exterior is approximately 2500 square feet. The facility includes: office, arctic entrance and annex, animal food kitchen, washroom (1+1), examination room, 2 bird rooms, necropsy and receiving bay, walk in freezer, surgery, 2 quarantine rooms, bird recovery enclosures (tbc), fly pens (2), quarantine enclosures (2), feed storage, incinerator. Quiet spaces for animals to recover, facilitates learning, flex space for researchers and 24-hour care.



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Owner
[Government of Yukon](#)

Membership
Associate Member

Website
www.yukonwildlife.ca

Latitude
60.872496

Longitude
-135.316371

Location

Kilometer 8, Takhini Hot Springs Road

Nearest Community

Whitehorse

Territory/ Province

Yukon

Aboriginal Government/ Homeland

Ta'an Kwäch'än First Nation: www.taan.ca and Kwanlin Dün First Nation: www.kwanlindun.com

Facility Type

Year-Round Research Station, Community Research Facility, Site for Observing/Monitoring, Wildlife Rehabilitation

Research Hinterland

Forest, Interior, Taiga / Boreal Forest, Terrestrial, Wetland

Main Research Disciplines

Northern Mammals, Terrestrial Biology/Ecology, Traditional/Aboriginal Knowledge

Research History

Animals are in large, natural habitat enclosures. Work & observation can be done at relatively close quarters in a natural setting. Research Mandate: Carry out non-invasive research to advance wildlife management technology and captive husbandry of wildlife; Collaborate with universities in relevant scientific study; Collaborate with veterinary colleges in animal health research; Collaborate with field research in wildlife management and biology; Develop opportunities for resident students; and Give priority to regional study needs.

Current Projects

Partnership with American Bald Eagle Foundation (ABEF): The Yukon Wildlife Preserve is undertaking an ongoing Internship Program with the ABEF. ABEF will send a number of Interns for a 2-week experience and the preserve will send staff for large raptor training in Alaska.

Yukon College continues its ongoing nest box monitoring project at nesting boxes throughout the Preserve.

In 2013, the Canadian Wildlife Service undertook a Common Nighthawk study designed to document the daily and seasonal pattern of nighthawk calls and displays in southern Yukon, in order to develop a protocol for monitoring Common Nighthawk populations in the north.

In the summer of 2014, the University of British Columbia utilized the Preserve in a project looking at Ice Age ecosystem structure and, we hope, the causes of Pleistocene extinctions.

In the summer of 2015, the University of Toronto initiated a project to examine the potential adaptive value of stress in natural populations of arctic ground squirrels and its effects on reproduction.

In 2016 & 2017, the University of Winnipeg, in collaboration with the Assiniboine Zoo and with funding from the American Zoo Association (AZA) will be undertaking a project entitled "Behavioral Transmission of Chronic Wasting Disease in Deer" as well as a study looking at "Mating Tactics".

Power

Generator, External Electrical Grid

Communications

Telephone, Internet, Computer, Printer/scanner, Fax

Local Transportation

A number of companies provide transportation from downtown Whitehorse to the Yukon Wildlife Preserve (see below). Contact the company directly for more information. Who What Where Tours offer a variety of year-round tours Nature Tours of Yukon German-speaking guides Northern Tales offer a variety of winter tours CJ Link Yamnuska Japanese-speaking guides

Equipment Storage

Negotiable

Dormitory/Sleeping Facilities

One (1) apartment which can sleep 4 or 5

Dining/Kitchen Facilities

Only in the apartment

Laboratory Facilities

Hematology & parasitological only. Wet Lab: Pathology lab/necropsy bay

Fuel Availability

Gas & diesel available on-site. Gas & diesel available at junction of Takhini Hot Springs Road and Alaska Highway north.

Research Requirements

All applicable requirements by the Department of Environment: **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.**

Special Rules and Regulations

No dogs, cats or other domestic/farmed wildlife allowed. No touching or luring of resident animals.

Local External Resources

Yukon College

Nearest Medical Service

Whitehorse General Hospital

Safety Considerations

We are SECOR Certified and therefore demand rigorous safety procedures and protocols

Cost

Not-for-profit organization. Donations for animal care most welcome! For visitor admission rates (guided or self-guided tours), see www.yukonwildlife.ca

Other Information

Late 1960s-2000: Danny and Uli Nowlan concentrated on propagating northern species of hoofed animals. They also bred indigenous species of falcons and raised other orphaned mammals. Many students, researchers, university students, biologists, filmmakers, photographers, artists, and visitors from all over the world enjoyed and benefited from this wonderful facility over the years that the Nowlans owned and operated the Yukon Game Farm.

2001: The Nowlans decided to retire and put the property and animals up for sale. Many locals feared its loss and looked for a way to turn this into a public facility.

2002: A group of individuals started the Friends of the Yukon Wildlife Preserve Society. The Board of Directors of the Society comprised a group with expertise in business, economics, administration, wildlife research, education, computer technology and wildlife filming.

2003: Successful in convincing government of the value of this facility, but unsuccessful in encouraging their financial support, the Friends of Yukon Wildlife Preserve Society was dissolved.

Dec 2003: Yukon Territorial Government decided to purchase the assets of the Yukon Wildlife Preserve in order to preserve the lands, infrastructure and its resident breeding groups of northern species of wildlife.

April 1, 2004: Yukon Territorial Government finalized the purchase and the Yukon Wildlife Preserve began a new era. The model of working in partnership with an autonomous, non-for-profit organization, especially set up for this project and with a charitable status, received decisive support. Recognizing the work that had been done by the Friends of the Yukon Wildlife Preserve, the government invited the previous volunteer board members to participate as a working group to establish the new society.

June 12, 2004: Official opening day of the Yukon Wildlife Preserve.

June, 2005: The Yukon Wildlife Preserve Operating Society obtained charitable status.

Company Overview: The Yukon Wildlife Preserve Operating Society is a non-profit organization that strives to maintain over 700 acres of reserve and the animals in it for the education and enjoyment of all.

Mission Statement: To promote knowledge and foster appreciation of arctic and boreal ecology through the creation of a centre of northern education, conservation and research excellence at the Yukon Wildlife Preserve.

Vision Statement: The Yukon Wildlife Preserve will be an internationally recognized centre of arctic and boreal ecology and knowledge.

Veterinary Care: We have a full-time veterinarian on staff dedicated to the health and well-being of our animals. Our animal health care mandate is to: Maintain a preventative (prophylactic) medical care program; Retain a resident or assigned veterinarian on an ongoing basis; Follow quarantine procedures and exit health testing for translocations; Maintain detailed medical records; Perform necropsy and applicable pathology on deceased animals; Support relevant research into veterinary medicine; Collaborate with in situ wildlife health programs

Rehabilitation: The Yukon Wildlife Preserve is a member of the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council (IWRC). We are dedicated to helping injured or orphaned animals recuperate and eventually return to the wild. Over the past five years we have received 102 birds and mammals. We have been able to successfully rehabilitate and release 88. The majority of animals admitted for rehabilitation are sick, injured or orphaned due (either directly or indirectly) to humans. It is everybody's responsibility to respect and protect our wildlife.

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