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YUKON: PELLY TO DAWSON CITY 2026 INFORMATION PACKAGE

Thank you for considering a fully guided Yukon: Pelly to Dawson City Canoe Tour with Pathways.

We're thrilled that you're interested in joining us for one of Canada's most iconic wilderness adventures. Enclosed you'll find our **Trip Registration Kit**, which includes:

1. **Essential trip details** – general information about the trip, preparation tips, directions to Whitehorse, and answers to frequently asked questions.
2. **Booking terms and conditions** – everything you need to know about securing your place on the trip.

To confirm your seat, we require a **50% non-refundable deposit** (*deposit optional prior to May 1st*) or full payment through the "[Book Now](#)" page on our website. Once your booking is confirmed, you'll receive a **comprehensive registration package**, including:

- A detailed **clothing and equipment list**
- **Trip planning guidance** to ensure you're fully prepared for your adventure
- Any additional forms or information you'll need

When booking, please complete your **guest profile and waiver** promptly so we have all the important details we need to ensure a smooth experience.

We strongly recommend booking early to secure your preferred departure date. If you have any questions along the way, our team is just a call or email away.

Thank you once again for your interest in Pathways. We can't wait to share this incredible journey with you and look forward to being part of your adventure.

Warm regards,

The Pathways Team

YUKON CANOE JOURNEY 2026

We can't wait to welcome you to the **Pelly to Dawson City Canoe Adventure**, a true *bucket-list journey* that we at **Pathways Canada Tours** are honored to share with you.

Planning and preparing for this trip is half the adventure, so take your time, start early, and let the anticipation build. We look forward to seeing you in Whitehorse!

FURTHER INFORMATION

"There's a land where the mountains are nameless
And the rivers all run God knows where."

When Robert Service wrote these words, he was speaking of the Yukon.

The great Gold Rush of 1896–1899 drew people from around the world to the land of the midnight sun. While the lure of gold has long since faded, the magic of Yukon adventures remains as strong as ever. Travelers are still drawn to its majestic mountains, sweeping valleys, and winding rivers.

Our journey from Pelly Crossing to Dawson City captures both the history and spirit of this legendary land. The Pelly and Yukon Rivers flow through virtually untouched wilderness, home to an abundance of wildlife and framed by striking mountain and forest scenery.

From Whitehorse, we drive 3–4 hours to Pelly Crossing, where our canoes are launched. For two days we paddle the Pelly River (grade 1), passing by Pelly Farm—originally established to supply hay for horses traveling the Dawson trail, and now run by the Bradley brothers.

At the confluence of the Pelly and Yukon Rivers, we visit Fort Selkirk, where we spend a full day. Established in 1852 by Robert Campbell as a Hudson's Bay Post, it was the first non-native settlement on the Upper Yukon River. Destroyed the following year by the Chilkats, the site remained abandoned until 1889 when Arthur Harper reopened the post. During the Klondike Gold Rush, Fort Selkirk grew in importance, and by 1899 became headquarters for the Yukon Field Force of the Canadian Army. Churches and schools followed, and in 1938 the Hudson's Bay Company returned to establish a trading post once more.

From Fort Selkirk, we spend six days paddling the Yukon River to Dawson City, passing homesteads and historic ruins along the way. We arrive in Dawson on the eighth day, with two full days to explore this storied city. Guests are free to book tours or wander its fascinating streets at their own pace.

On the following day, we drive back to Whitehorse (approximately six hours). Guests may then depart for home or continue on to other northern adventures.

This trip is a true Yukon classic—capturing the adventure, beauty, and spirit of wilderness travel. The rivers are all grade 1 (no rapids), and best of all: there are no portages!

Preparing for Your Pelly–Yukon Trip 2026

This 10-day adventure is designed for those who want to fully experience the magic of the Yukon. You'll be accompanied by a professional, certified canoe guide and an assistant who are dedicated to your safety and comfort. Along the way, they'll help you refine your river paddling skills and ensure you get the most out of your journey.

All life jackets are provided, and participants are required to wear them whenever on the water.

Skill Requirements

Participants should be comfortable with the **six basic canoe strokes**: forward, reverse, J-stroke, sweep, pry, and draw. Some prior river paddling experience is also recommended.

If you'd like to brush up on your skills before the trip, our partners at [Ridge Wilderness Adventures](#) offer public and private canoe lessons. You can reach them at info@exploreridge.com or by phone at **604-477-4663**.

Wilderness Camping & Weather

Be prepared to camp in true wilderness conditions for the full 10 days. Yukon weather can be unpredictable and may range from long, hot days (when you'll need to guard against sun exposure) to cold, rainy, or windy conditions—and yes, even the occasional snowfall.

Trip Dates: Yukon 2026

Pelly to Dawson City | July 29 – August 7, 2026

Please note: Dates may shift slightly before January 1, 2026, due to guide schedules and final logistics. Changes are rare and will be avoided whenever possible. Any adjustments will be communicated to all clients prior to January 1, 2026.

Total Tour Cost

\$3,149.95 CAD + 5% GST (based on double occupancy - single supplement available)

✓ Includes 2 nights hotel stay in Dawson City

Trip Start & Meeting Location

We'll meet at [Tim Hortons](#) – 2210 2nd Ave, Whitehorse at 8:00 AM on Day 1 (July 29, 2026).

⚠ Note: There are two Tim Hortons on 2nd Ave. The correct one is linked above.

From here, we'll pack the shuttle, drive out to the **Pelly River starting point**, review paddling strokes, and begin our journey.

📍 View the full route map here: [Pelly to Dawson City Route Map](#)

Trip End

We'll arrive in **Dawson City mid-day of Day 8**. On **Day 10**, we'll depart Dawson mid-morning, returning to **Whitehorse by approximately 5:00 PM**, where the trip concludes at the same Tim Hortons meeting point.

We recommend booking accommodations in Whitehorse for that night, as same-day travel connections are not always possible due to variable travel times.

What's Included

When you join a **Pathways Yukon Canoe Journey**, we take care of the essentials so you can simply arrive ready to paddle and immerse yourself in the wild. Your trip includes:

- **Expert Leadership** – A fully qualified lead guide and assistant guide.
- **All Group Gear** – Canoes, paddles, PFDs (lifejackets), tents, cooking gear, a 110L dry bag per paddler and a fully equipped expedition first-aid kit. (If you'd prefer to bring your own tent, you're welcome to—just let our office know!)
- **Dawson City Accommodation** – Two nights hotel stay in Dawson City.
- **All On-River Meals** – Wholesome, delicious meals on the river (safe drinking water included).
- **Safety Communication** – Satellite phone for emergency use.
- **Shuttle Transportation** – Whitehorse to Pelly Crossing on Day 1, and Dawson City back to Whitehorse on Day 10.

What's Not Included

To keep trips flexible and customizable, the following are not included in the trip price:

- Meals and accommodations in Whitehorse.
- Meals in Dawson City.
- Guide gratuities (optional but always appreciated).
- Transportation to/from Whitehorse.
- Extra tours or side trips before/after the journey. (Suggestions for activities will be provided in your trip information package once your registration and deposit are received.)

Single Occupancy Options

All trip prices are based on double occupancy for both tent accommodations during the expedition and hotel stays in Dawson City.

For participants who prefer or require single occupancy, we offer a limited number of single-occupancy upgrades, available by request and subject to availability:

- Single Tent Upgrade: \$100 + GST per person
- Single Hotel Room in Dawson City (2 nights): \$290 + GST per person

Please note that single-occupancy tents are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. If this is something you'd like to add to your booking, we encourage you to secure this at your time of booking or request it early to avoid disappointment.

How to Get to Whitehorse

By Air:

Whitehorse is just a short flight away! Daily service is available through Vancouver, B.C. (about 2 hours and 20 minutes). Seasonal and regional flights also connect from Juneau and Fairbanks, Alaska.

By Land:

If you're road-tripping by car or RV, you've got two main routes:

- **The Alaska Highway** – starting in Dawson Creek, B.C., it winds through Watson Lake and Whitehorse before heading into Alaska. This route has more frequent services and amenities along the way.
- **The Stewart-Cassiar Highway** – a scenic alternative through B.C.'s interior, meeting the Alaska Highway 14 miles west of Watson Lake, Yukon.

Whichever way you choose, the journey to Whitehorse is an adventure in itself!

Booking Terms & Conditions

Tour Cost: \$3149.95 Canadian + GST (based on double occupancy)

Reservations

Your reservation is confirmed once we receive your **50% deposit** or **full payment** through our Reservations page.

- If you choose to pay a deposit, the **remaining balance is due by May 1 of your trip year.**
- If payment is not received by this date, **Pathways reserves the right to treat your reservation as cancelled.**
- All required documents—including your **guest profile** and **signed liability/waiver forms**—must be submitted prior to departure.
- **A current tetanus shot is mandatory** for all participants.

Deposits & Payments

A **non-refundable deposit of \$1,574.98 per person** is required to secure your booking.

To confirm your reservation, Pathways must receive your deposit/payment along with your completed guest profile and waiver form.

The **balance of your payment is due by May 1st** of your trip year. If not received by this date, Pathways reserves the right to cancel your reservation.

All payments should be made payable to **Pathways Canada Tour Co. Ltd.**

Trip Cancellation & Insurance

Unexpected events—such as forest fires, flooding, or even global pandemics—can sometimes force a trip cancellation. For this reason, we **require all guests to purchase comprehensive travel insurance.**

Because we operate in remote wilderness areas, **Pathways reserves the right to cancel any trip prior to departure** for reasons including (but not limited to):

- Insufficient registration
- Park closures due to fire hazards
- Unsafe river or weather conditions
- Other unforeseen emergencies

In the unlikely event that we must cancel a trip for operational reasons, we will provide a **full refund of all payments, including deposits (see full details below)**. However, **Pathways is not responsible for any expenses incurred in preparation for your trip** (e.g., non-refundable airline tickets, visa fees, or personal equipment purchases).

Why Travel Insurance Is Required

We must strictly enforce our cancellation and evacuation policies due to the nature of our operations. To protect your trip investment, **comprehensive travel insurance is mandatory**.

Key Points About Insurance:

- Travel insurance typically reimburses **non-refundable land and air costs** if you must cancel due to personal or family illness, or other covered events.
- If you are **not a Canadian resident**, consider **extended medical coverage** for the duration of your visit to Canada.
- **Evacuation costs**—should they arise—are your responsibility. In remote areas, these costs can be significant, so confirm your insurance will cover this.
- Look for policies that include a **“cancel for any reason” upgrade** to ensure your investment is protected under all circumstances.

Before purchasing additional coverage, check with your current insurance provider to see if you already have suitable protection. Once purchased, please send **confirmation of your travel insurance coverage** along with your other required trip paperwork.

Cancellation, Interruption & Refund Policy

At Pathways, we understand that circumstances can change. However, due to the unique logistics of operating in remote wilderness environments, we maintain a clear and firm cancellation and refund policy to ensure fairness and the viability of our trips.

If We Cancel Your Trip

While rare, we reserve the right to cancel or reschedule a trip at any time due to unforeseen circumstances beyond our control, such as:

- Hazardous weather or environmental conditions
- Park or river closures
- Emergency situations (e.g. wildfires, floods, epidemics)
- Guide availability
- Minimum participant numbers not being met
- Other logistical or regulatory issues

If Pathways cancels your trip for any of these reasons, you will receive a full refund of all payments made, including the deposit.

If a trip has not reached minimum participant numbers 60 days prior to departure, it may be cancelled at that time and all funds, including your deposit, will be fully refunded.

If a trip is confirmed 60 days prior to departure, it is guaranteed to run. If cancellations after this point bring the group below the minimum threshold, the trip will still go ahead.

If You Cancel Your Trip

We strongly recommend purchasing trip cancellation and interruption insurance, as we are unable to provide refunds for client cancellations once a trip is confirmed.

- **60 days or more before departure:** Full refund **minus the non-refundable deposit**
- **31–59 days before departure:** 25% refund **minus the non-refundable deposit**
- **30 days or less before departure:** No refund available

All cancellations must be submitted **in writing via email** to our office at pathwayscanoe@gmail.com.

Please note that we are not responsible for any costs incurred outside of the trip itself, such as flights, travel insurance, equipment purchases, visa fees, or accommodation.

Once again, thank you for considering Pathways Canada Tours. We would be honored to be part of your wilderness adventure and look forward to providing you with an unforgettable experience in the Yukon. Should you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Safe travels and we hope to see you on the water!