

Alaska Highway and Campbell/Canol Route

The historic Alaska Highway is combined with the Campbell/Canol - a wilderness drive that traverses one of the Yukon's least-populated regions. It offers a quiet, more remote experience with rewarding fishing and wildlife viewing.

Driving Route

The route follows the Alaska Highway to Watson Lake and then heads north on the Robert Campbell Highway to Faro. From there, it either takes the more travelled route through Carmacks or returns to the junction of the Canol Road at Ross River and follows the South Canol back to the Alaska Highway at Johnson's Crossing and then back to Whitehorse.

Itinerary Planning

Suggested Itinerary:

Day 1 Whitehorse
Day 2 Watson Lake
Day 3 Camping
Day 4 Faro
Day 5 Faro or Quiet Lake
camping
Day 6 Whitehorse

Duration:

6 days

Season:

June - mid September

Total Distance:

1110km/801mi

Road Surface:

Mix of gravel and paved
highways



Day 1: Whitehorse

Steeped in culture and history, Whitehorse is a contemporary place with a vibrant arts community, world-class attractions, and top-notch tourist services. It offers all the amenities of a big city, with an endearing small-town personality.

Sightseeing

[S.S. Klondike National Historic Site](#)
[MacBride Museum of Yukon History](#)
[Yukon Transportation Museum](#)
[Yukon Beringia Interpretive Centre](#)
[Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre](#)
[Old Log Church Museum](#)
[Waterfront Trolley](#)
[Whitehorse Fish Ladder](#)
[Copperbelt Railway and Mining Museum](#)
[Miles Canyon](#)
[Yukon Artists at Work Gallery](#)

Activities

Hiking
Dog sled kennel visits and hiking with huskies
Mountain Biking
Canoe/kayak the Yukon River
Play a round of golf at midnight
Horseback Riding
Fishing

Suggested Day Tours

Takhini Hot Springs Road

About half an hour from downtown Whitehorse, visitors can spend the day visiting the [Yukon Wildlife Preserve](#), soaking in the [Takhini Hot Springs](#) and enjoying some locally roasted beans in one of the local coffee shops.

Skagway, Alaska and the White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad

The two hour drive to Skagway, Alaska includes plenty of scenic viewpoints - Emerald Lake, Tutshi Lake and the Carcross Desert - as well as the historic village of Carcross. Skagway is a well-preserved gold rush town and major cruise ship port with plenty of attractions for visitors. The narrow gauge [White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad](#) is an Historic Civil Engineering Landmark. The track climbs 3000' in just 20 miles, through tunnels and across trestle bridges with stunning scenic views.

Day 2: Drive from Whitehorse to Watson Lake

Sights along the way...

Southern Lakes: The road passes through the Southern Lakes region providing spectacular views of lakes and mountains.

Teslin: Home of the Inland Tlingit, renowned for talented artists who continue to nurture a Yukon carving tradition. Visit the [Teslin Tlingit Heritage Centre](#) and the [George Johnston Museum](#).

Distance: 436km/270mi 5 hours

Watson Lake

Located just inside the Yukon border, this regional and transportation centre is the Yukon's third largest community. What began as a fish camp and small airstrip at Watson Lake boomed during the construction of the Alaska Highway. Today, the town still bustles with highway activity as thousands of travellers visit Watson Lake on their northern road trips.

Sightseeing

[Sign Post Forest](#)
[Northern Lights Centre](#)
Historic Airport Terminal

Activities

Walk the trail at [Wye Lake Park](#)
[Lucky Lake Recreation Site](#)

Faro

Faro was established in 1968 as a hardrock mining town supporting one of the largest lead-zinc mines in the world. Today this friendly community has reinvented itself as a haven for residents, artists and visitors seeking wilderness.

Sightseeing

[Campbell Region Interpretive Centre](#)
[Mount Mye Sheep Centre](#)
[Lapie Canyon](#)
[Dena Cho Trail](#)

Activities

Bird watching (particularly spring and fall)
Wildlife viewing - Fannin & Stone sheep, caribou, moose
Walking and hiking trails
Fishing



North Canol Road

A summer ferry in Ross River provides service to the North Canol Road. This more rugged road is used by tourists, hunters and mining companies. Travellers should be fully provisioned and prepared for rough road conditions that may require a 4WD vehicle. The road ends after 232km/144mi, at the Yukon/Northwest Territories border, where vehicles must turn around and return the same way.

Suggested Day Tours

Liard Hot Springs

These remarkable natural hot springs are tucked into northern British Columbia approximately three hours from Watson Lake. The boardwalk-accessible hot springs attract wildlife and provide relief to weary Alaska Highway travellers. There is a campground here and [BC Parks](#) can provide information about camping and services.

Rancheria Falls and Morley River

At the Rancheria River valley a short boardwalk lined with interpretive signs takes visitors to the waterfalls. The popular picnic spot beside the clear bubbling waters of the Morley River offers good fishing and a trail through the woods along the river.

Days 3 & 4: Drive from Watson Lake to Faro

The Robert Campbell Highway offers an alternate route to or from the Klondike, with fishing, camping and other quiet diversions along the way. This is a gravel road through an untouched wild landscape that delivers a true northern driving experience. There are campsites along the route.

Along the way...

Ross River: At the confluence of the Ross and Pelly rivers and near the junction of the Robert Campbell Highway and Canol Road.

Distance: 424km/263mi 7 hours

Days 5 & 6: Drive from Faro to Whitehorse

There are two options for the return trip to Whitehorse.

Option 1: Recommended for RV's. Continue on the Robert Campbell Highway from Faro to Carmacks and then south along the North Klondike Highway to Whitehorse

Option 2: Return to Ross River and onto the South Canol Road. This is a very scenic, well-maintained gravel road. There are no facilities between Ross River and Johnson's Crossing so drivers should be prepared. This road is not recommended for RV's. From Johnson's Crossing return to Whitehorse.

Along the way...

Quiet Lake: fishing and camping

Rose and Lapie Lakes: sub alpine lakes with good paddling

Distance: via Carmacks 358km/222mi 5 hours

via South Canol Road 432km/268mi 8 hours