

Thaidene Nëné **Indigenous Protected Area**

Thaidene Nëné, which means "Land of the Ancestors" in Dënesų liné yatié, was declared an Indigenous protected area by the Łutsël K'é Dene First Nation in 2004. An Indigenous protected area is an area where an Indigenous government is leading the protection of cultural and ecological systems.

Thaidene Nëné was established to protect Dene ch'anié (values, culture, way of life) and the ecological integrity of the area for future generations.

In August 2019, agreements were signed between Indigenous and Crown governments that established a national park reserve, territorial protected area, and wildlife conservation area within Thaidene Nëné. Thaidene Nëné is being protected and governed using both Dene and Canadian laws, knowledge systems, and governance models.

Thaidene Nëné Xá Dá Yáłtı, which means "those who speak for Thaidene Nëné," is the operational management board of the Thaidene Nëné Indigenous Protected Area. The Indigenous appointees who form Thaidene Nëné Xá Dá Yáłtı are currently developing a management plan for the protected area.

Thaidene Nëné Contacts

Thaidene Nene National Park Reserve

(867) 766-8460 or for emergencies 1-877-852-3100

Thaidene Nëné Territorial Protected Area

https://www.enr.gov.nt.ca/en/services/conservation-

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Ni Hat'ni **Dene Guardians**

Ni Hat'ni Dene means "watchers of the land" in Dënesyliné yatıé. Since 2008, Ni Hat'ni Dene guardians have been watching the lands and waters of Thaidene Nëné, and welcoming visitors to our territory. The guardians play a critical role in:

- Monitoring environmental change
- Taking care of cultural and sacred sites
- Welcoming and assisting visitors
- Sharing cultural and scientific knowledge with younger generations
- Upholding Łutsël K'é Dene First Nation's ?etthën (caribou) laws

Łutsël K'é Dene First Nation respectfully requests that hunters from other communities notify the First Nation by email at manager@thaidenenene.ca or by phone (867) 370-3820 of their plans to hunt in our homeland. This information will help the First Nation be responsible stewards of the land and animals, and help ensure the safety of all hunters.

Rules and Regulations

The national park reserve and territorial protected area have different rules and regulations for visitors, though some things are the same throughout Thaidene Nëné. See below for more details. The most up-to-date rules and regulations can be found on our website, www.landoftheancestors.ca.

Within the national park reserve

- Registration is required*
- Parks Canada fishing permit is required*
- Only Indigenous peoples with harvesting rights, some leaseholders, and holders of a Special Harvester's Licence are permitted to hunt
- Visitors are permitted to carry firearms for defense against wildlife only*
- Artisanal uses of plants and animal resources is not permitted**
- Recreational drone use is prohibited; commercial drone use requires a permit

Within the territorial protected area

- Registration is not currently required
- NWT sport fishing licence
- NWT hunting licence is required*
- Visitors are permitted to carry firearms (subject to all firearms laws)
- Artisanal uses of plant and animal resources is permitted (with a valid Protected Area Permit)**
- Recreational drone use is permitted, but not for hunting (as per Wildlife Act)

Throughout Thaidene Nëné

- · Picking berries and gathering healing plants for personal
- · Cutting and collecting wood for personal campfires or temporary shelters is allowed
- Traveling by snowmobile and motorboat is allowed
- Disturbing or collecting historic structures, resources, and artifacts is illegal
- * Indigenous peoples with harvesting rights are exempt from these rules and regulations.
- ** Artisanal use refers to the use of local skills and knowledge to produce value-added products for individual sale, domestic use, or community purposes.

Thaidene Nëné you commit to:

But most of all, we ask that when travelling in

Visitor Code of Conduct

Respectful visitors

welcome."

This land is our home.

When travelling in Thaidene Nëné, we encourage you to visit Łutsël K'é, hire an experienced guide from the community to provide you with a rewarding and safe experience, and support the protection of Thaidene Nëné for future generations.

 Travel with humility and respect for the land and water by being mindful of your behaviour, your attitude, and what you say when you are on the land and water

Pay the land and water with something valuable like tobacco, spruce boughs, tea, or sugar as a sign of respect

 Respect heritage and spiritual sites by not disturbing or taking anything from them

 Safely dispose of or remove anything you brought

• Respect the inherent and treaty rights of Indigenous peoples to hunt, trap, and gather within Thaidene Nëné

Explore Like a Dene

Come explore Thaidene Nëné with a local, licensed tour operator and experience the land through the eyes of the people who have lived in the area for generations. Tour operators offer world-class fishing, wildlife viewing, camping, aurora borealis viewing, and cultural experiences.

Visitors can stay at the world-famous Frontier Lodge located near Łutsël K'é or in a private room in town.

Air Tindi offers daily, 45-minute flights from Yellowknife to Łutsël K'é, or a boat ride can be arranged with a local tour operator.

Frontier Lodge

1-877-465-6843 or (867) 370-3501 frontier.fishing@gmail.com http://www.frontierfishinglodge.com/

Red Cliff Adventures

(867) 765-8225 info@redcliffadventures.com https://redcliffadventures.com/

River's East Arm Tours

(867) 688-3097 jamesmarlowe65@gmail.com

Chase East Arm Adventures (867) 446-1954

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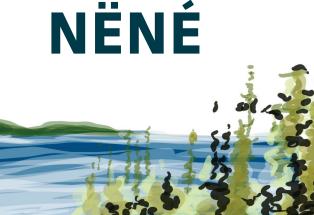
Joe's Bed & Breakfast

(867) 785-0757

Co-op Store and Accomodation (867) 370-3511

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RCMP

(867) 370-1111

Łutsël K'é Dene

(867) 370-7000

Health Centre

(867) 370-3111

First Nation Office

Fuel Service

(867) 370-3072

Air Tindi

1-888-545-6794 or (867) 669-8200

