

Thaidene Nënë Indigenous Protected Area

Established in August 2019, Thaidene Nënë is a 26,376 km² Indigenous protected area that includes a national park reserve, a territorial protected area, and a territorial wildlife conservation area. An Indigenous protected area is an area where an Indigenous government is leading the protection of cultural and ecological systems. Thaidene Nënë is being protected and governed using both Indigenous and Canadian laws, knowledge systems, and governance models.

The dual purpose of Thaidene Nënë is to maintain the ecological integrity of the East Arm of Tu Nedhé (Great Slave Lake) and surrounding habitat for caribou, muskox, bears, wolves, moose, birds, and fish, and to sustain and promote the Dene way of life.

Thaidene Nënë is co-governed by Indigenous appointees who form Thaidene Nënë Xá Dá Yáhtı, which means "those who speak for Thaidene Nënë" in Dënesųhıné yatié. Members of Xá Dá Yáhtı are currently developing the Thaidene Nënë Management Plan.



Ni Hat'ni Dene Guardians

Ni Hat'ni Dene means "watchers of the land" in Dënesųhıné yatié. Since 2008, Ni Hat'ni Dene guardians have been watching the lands and waters of Thaidene Nënë, 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 ʔetthën (caribou) laws

Łutsël K'é Dene First Nation respectfully requests that hunters from other communities notify the First Nation by email at lkdflands@gmail.com 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.

Thaidene Nënë Contacts

Thaidene Nënë Indigenous Protected Area

(867) 370-3820 Ext. 1006
tdndepartment@gmail.com
<http://www.landoftheancestors.ca/>

Thaidene Nënë National Park Reserve

(867) 766-8460 or for emergencies 1-877-852-3100
thaidene.nene@pc.gc.ca
<https://www.pc.gc.ca/thaidene-nene>

Thaidene Nënë Territorial Protected Area and Wildlife Conservation Area

(867) 767-9233
conservationplanning@gov.nt.ca
<https://www.enr.gov.nt.ca/en/services/conservation-network-planning/visiting-thaidene-nene-territorial-protected-area>

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Łutsël K'é Dene
First Nation

**THAIDENE
NENÉ**
Land of the Ancestors

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 Nënë. 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, lease holders, or 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

Within the territorial protected area

- Registration is not currently required
- NWT sport fishing licence is required*
- 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 Nënë

- Picking berries and gathering healing plants for personal use is allowed
- 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.

Łutsël K'é Dene First Nation's Visitor Code of Conduct

“This land is our home.
Respectful visitors welcome.”

Remember that this land is our home. Please “knock” before entering, and we will welcome you.

Before visiting Thaidene Nënë or the rest of our homeland, please contact the LKDFN Thaidene Nënë Office.

When travelling in the area, come visit us in Łutsël K'é.

Many Elders and land users live in our community and have rich stories to share about Dënesųhıné traditions and how to travel safely within our vast territory. We want to share this knowledge with visitors.

We are the stewards of our land. We expect visitors to respect and share in the protection of the land, water, and animals.

Visitors can honour the sacred and spiritual nature of our territory by following this code of conduct.

Respect the land, or the land will not respect you.

Be mindful of your behaviour, your attitude, and what you say while on the land. Taking the weather for granted or outwardly commenting on beautiful weather can trigger a sudden and drastic change. Travel with humility and respect to ensure safety and prevent getting windbound or weathered in.

Explore Like a Dene

Come explore Thaidene Nënë 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
ronalddesjarlais@gmail.com

River's East Arm Tours

(867) 688-3097
jamesmarlowe65@gmail.com

Chase East Arm Adventures

(867) 446-1954
chaseeastarmadventures@gmail.com

Joe's Bed & Breakfast

(867) 785-0757

Co-op Store and Accommodation

(867) 370-3511

Łutsël K'é Dene First Nation Office

(867) 370-7000

Health Centre

(867) 370-3111

RCMP

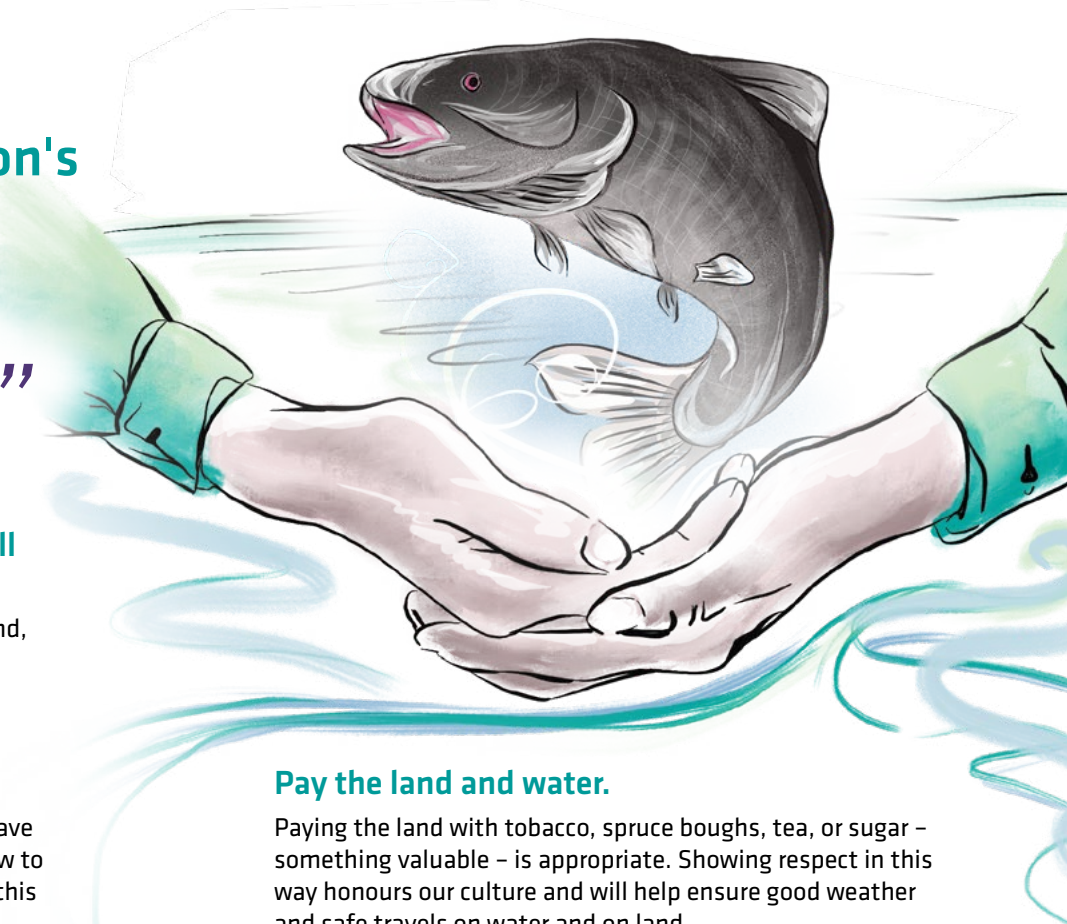
(867) 370-1111

Fuel Service

(867) 370-3072

Air Tindi

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



Pay the land and water.

Paying the land with tobacco, spruce boughs, tea, or sugar – something valuable – is appropriate. Showing respect in this way honours our culture and will help ensure good weather and safe travels on water and on land.

Take out what you bring in.

Be sure to safely dispose of or remove anything brought into our homeland.

Hunting, trapping, gathering, and other subsistence practices by Indigenous peoples must be respected.

Do not interrupt or interfere with the ability of Indigenous peoples to exercise their right to subsistence harvesting in Thaidene Nënë.

Take the opportunity to learn from Łutsël K'é Dene guides.

Visitors are encouraged to hire an experienced guide from Łutsël K'é to help ensure a safe and rich experience, and support our local sustainable economy.

THAIDENE NENÉ

2022 VISITOR BROCHURE



AREA OF MAP DETAIL



THELON WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AREA

TERRITORIAL PROTECTED AREA

NATIONAL PARK RESERVE

TERRITORIAL PROTECTED AREA

Thaidene Nënë

● Reliance

● Łutsël K'è

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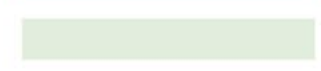
Winter Road



Local or recreation roads



Thaidene Nënë Indigenous Protected Area



Thelon Wildlife Sanctuary



National Park Reserve, Territorial Protected Area, Wildlife Conservation Area

Blanchet Island

Simpson Islands

Great Slave Lake
Grand lac des Esclaves
Christie Bay

Stark Lake

McLeod Bay

Wildbread Bay

Tochatvi Bay

Aylmer Lake

Clinton-Colden Lake

Fletcher Lake

Wilmsley Lake

Artillery Lake

Mary Frances Lake

Atefish Lake

Lynx Lake

Sled Creek

Nonacho Lake

Tyrrell Lake