

Preparing For Your Tour

This checklist is designed to help you prepare for your remote wilderness adventure to the York Factory National Historic Site (NHS) with Nelson River Adventures Inc.

About This Land

The York Factory National Historic Site is known as 'Kischi Wáskáhikan' in the local Cree language and the site has a long history with the local indigenous peoples as they had lived and prospered here from time immemorial. After the depot had closed, the York Factory First Nation people were forcibly relocated from the coastal York Factory 'Kischi Wáskáhikan' to the inland York Landing 'Kawéchiwásik' in the 1950's. To learn more please watch the YouTube video '[York Factory First Nation Oral History: Ininewak of Northeastern Manitoba](#)' and read 'Voices from Hudson Bay: Cree Stories from York Factory' compiled by Flora Beardy and Robert Coutts.

Pre-Departure Logistics

Confirm Dates: Ensure your seasonal tour dates (typically late June to early September) are confirmed with Clint.

Payment: A 50% deposit is required to secure your tour date. The remaining 50% is required on the day of your tour. Invoices will be emailed and may be paid online or with cash.

Arrival at Boat Launch: Plan to meet at the Limestone Generating Station boat launch. This is approximately 50 minutes north of Gillam on Hwy-290.

Confirm Departure Time: Departure times fluctuate based on tide levels and group needs; verify your specific time with Clint via email or text prior to departure date.

Before and After Your Tour: Guests often opt to stay in a Thompson hotel prior to and after their trip. Guests are asked to please contact Clint for recommended tenting locations.

If flying or taking the train up to Gillam: Please discuss your arrival and departures times with Clint, and advise him if transportation to and from the boat launch is needed.

Essential Packing List

- ☐ **Mud-Friendly Footwear:** Shoes or boots you don't mind getting muddy.
- ☐ **Rain Jacket:** Waterproof outer layer for the boat ride and site exploration.
- ☐ **Layered Clothing:** The northern climate can change quickly; bring versatile layers.
- ☐ **Hat / Sunglasses:** Bright sun glare on the water.
- ☐ **Sleeping Bag & Pillow:** Required for both bunkhouse stays and tenting.
- ☐ **Flashlight or Headlamp:** For use during the overnight stay.
- ☐ **Binoculars:** For spotting wildlife like polar bears, belugas, wolves, caribou and eagles.
- ☐ **Camera & Charged Batteries:** The gas generator at YF is turned off at night.
- ☐ **Sunblock & Bug Spray:** Essential for the coastal-tundra environment.
- ☐ **Toiletries:** Personal hygiene items.
- ☐ **Tenting Gear:** Only required if you have opted to bring your own tent instead of using the bunkhouse.
- ☐ **Adventurous Spirit:** A must-have for exploring this remote & beautiful environment!

Food & Beverages

Item	Provided by Tour	Guest Responsibility
Dinner	BBQ burger dinner with fixings and snacks	Additional preferred sides or specialty food
Breakfast	Light breakfast provided	Additional hearty items if desired
Lunch/Snacks	None explicitly provided for the boat ride	Bring personal snacks for you
Beverages	Bottled drinking water	Guests may bring beverages

Safety & Site Rules

Polar Bear Awareness: York Factory is in active polar bear territory.

Fenced Compound: All guests must remain within the "polar bear compound" (fenced area) for camping and sleeping.

Guided Walking: Guests must be accompanied by Parks Canada or Nelson River Adventures staff when walking outside the compound.

Respect the Site: Follow all instructions during the guided tour of the historic depot and cemetery.

Contact Information

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GPS Locations

Limestone Boat Launch: 56.515184519721956, -94.11358514953602

