



How You Can Help



If you would like to become a member, volunteer at the museum, make a donation, or offer in-kind support, please contact the Yellowknife Historical Society. Your contributions make our community museum a reality.

Annual Membership

\$20 Adults

\$10 Students/Seniors

\$500 Corporate

Thank You!

Visit Us

The museum is located just minutes away from the city's downtown core. Follow the Yellowknife Access Road out of downtown (48th street) and keep going straight past the Nova Hotel, Ski Club and the Solid Waste Facility. We are located at the bottom of the hill near Giant Mine, on the shores of Yellowknife Bay.



For hours of operation, please scan the QR code to visit our website.



Yellowknife Historical Museum

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The Yellowknife Historical Society operates a community museum at the old Giant Mine site. The museum tells the fascinating story of Yellowknife, Northwest Territories - its social, cultural, economic, and natural history. It is a labour of love by and for people who enjoy the North's landscape, history and culture.

Yellowknife History

The Yellowknife Historical Museum is a place to learn about and celebrate the rich story of Yellowknife. People have lived on the shores of Great Slave Lake for thousands of years. Our history is full of characters - Indigenous harvesters and leaders, and adventure-seeking settlers with careers as traders, aviators, miners, teachers, and entrepreneurs, who all carved out a living in the North. The city we know today was started following the discovery of gold in the 1930s. The gold mines have now all closed and diamond mining takes centre stage. Yellowknife still has a boom town character 90 years after its founding.



Gift Shop & Café

The museum gift shop offers many souvenirs, books, clothing, and local arts and crafts. We prioritize marketing Northern artists and authors. In the café, enjoy a variety of Northern-themed meals, snacks, and beverages. In the summer, sit on the outdoor deck which offers spectacular lake views.

Exhibits

In our museum exhibits, you will see a variety of displays that highlight notable themes, like:

- The history of the Earth; landforms, rocks, and minerals
- The history of the People: Indigenous culture, arts, entrepreneurial settlers, sports and recreation
- The history of Industry: prospecting, mining, agriculture, fishing, and remediation.

At the Yellowknife Historical Museum, the fascinating and quirky history of the city is waiting to be discovered.



Giant Mine

The museum is located at Giant gold mine which operated from 1948 to 2004; the museum building itself is the mine's renovated recreation hall. Once the economic engine of Yellowknife, Giant Mine is now the scene of a major remediation project. Learn about the complicated legacy of mining in Yellowknife and how mine site remediation will restore the damaged land.



Outdoor Display

Our outdoor exhibits showcase a number of buildings, antique vehicles and pieces of machinery illustrative of Yellowknife's industrial heritage, including equipment saved from abandoned gold mines.

