



Yukon Checkpoints

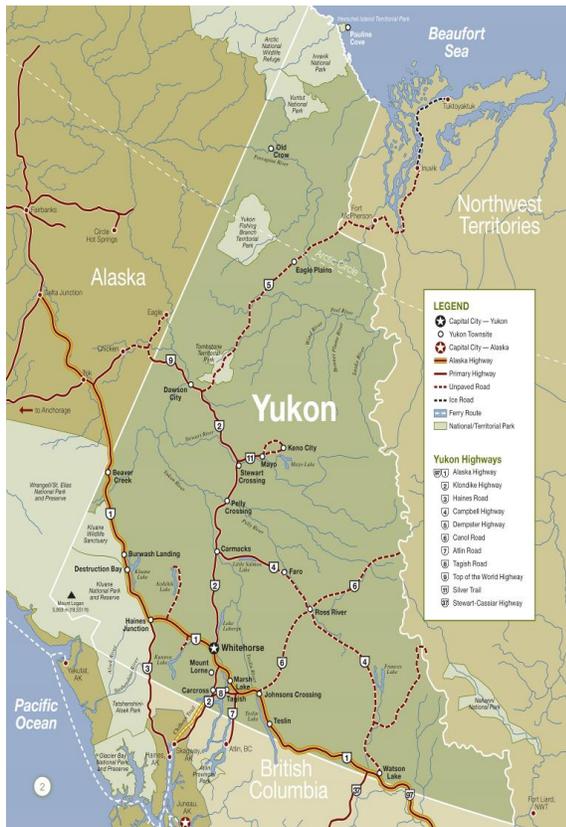
Services and Driving Information

Note: Dates indicated for teams passing through are based on estimated times for the first team to arrive and last team to depart each venue.

Info about **Checkpoint and Community Services** is approximate and based on best information we have to date. For all 9 remote communities (outside the start and finish), population numbers vary between 0 to 600 with the exception of Dawson City that has around 1,300 habitants in winter.

Whitehorse

Population: 25, 085



Starting Line – Shipyard’s Park



This is where the excitement starts for all our visitors, volunteers, and mushers! Book your hotels early to make sure you won't miss this incredible day. The 1,000 mile race starts at 11am, but mushers and officials will begin preparing at 8am for the start. This is a great opportunity to see mushers harness the dogs and finish their last minute preparations. The 2019 YQ300 Race Start will take place at 3pm on the same day and at the same location.

Start Line

The official Yukon Quest Start Line is downtown at the end of Front Street, in “Shipyards Park” situated on Second

Avenue across from Tim Horton’s and A&W. Our offices are situated approximately a ten minute walk from the start in the White Pass Building located at Main St. and Front St.

Community Services

Enjoy downtown Whitehorse, capital of the Yukon Territory, and its full range of services. More information about accommodations, travel arrangements, and amenities can be found on the pages to follow.

This year Quest Fest will be held in the Old Fire Hall from Monday January 28th to Friday, February 1st. On start day, Saturday February 2nd, Quest Fest will be moved to the Frank Slims building in Shipyards Park, right next to the start line!

At Quest Fest, you'll find public washrooms, food and drink concessions, merchandise sales and film screenings. Please see the Quest Fest schedule online for more details (available in January 2019).

Both the Old Fire Hall and Shipyards Park are located in downtown Whitehorse, so you are always close to local businesses where you can find food, drinks, souvenirs, bookstores, groceries, fuel, drugstores, etc. The race start is easily accessible from all downtown hotels.

Braeburn Population: Unknown

Yukon Quest teams are expected to pass through Braeburn between Saturday, February 2nd and Sunday, February 3rd. Teams have a mandatory 4 hour layover in Braeburn or Carmacks for their first vet check on the trail.



Driving

Drive time is approximately one hour from downtown Whitehorse. Drive north on the Alaska Highway, turn north onto the Klondike Highway, and continue to Braeburn Lodge, the official checkpoint, on your left. Located at mile 55 on the Klondike Highway.

Checkpoint Services

At Braeburn Lodge, you can purchase gas and various food items, including their world-famous giant cinnamon buns. Open all hours during the race. No accommodations are available. Please use inside toilets only if you purchased food at the lodge. Port-a-potties are available on site.

Community Services

Same as Checkpoint Services (food and gas).

Carmacks Population: 493

Teams are expected to pass through Carmacks between Sunday, February 3rd and Monday, February 4th. Teams have a mandatory 4 hour layover in Braeburn or Carmacks for their first vet check on the trail. YQ300 mushers have a mandatory 6-hour layover.

Driving

Drive time is approximately two hours from downtown Whitehorse. Continue along the Klondike Highway north past Braeburn Lodge. Located at mile 110 on the Klondike Highway. The checkpoint is located at the Carmacks Community Centre located on River Drive (from the Highway turn left on Freegold Road, right onto River Drive and you should see the community center just up ahead).

Checkpoint Services

Purchase of food concessions during checkpoint hours within the community centre. Please



help us support the local community through the checkpoint concession fundraiser, organized by the volunteers. All proceeds go towards the Carmacks After School Program. Accommodations – Volunteers are welcome to pull out a sleeping bag on the floor in the community hall gym.

Community Services

Food, fuel, and groceries are available at the Tatchun Centre General Store. Accommodations are extremely limited at the Carmacks Hotel, so book early! The Carmacks Hotel also has a small restaurant and bar.



Pelly Crossing

Population: 291

Teams are expected to pass through Pelly Crossing between Monday, February 4th and Tuesday, February 5th. For YQ300 mushers, this is a checkpoint and the finish line. There will be a finish banquet at the community hall for the YQ300 mushers. We're sorry, we cannot accommodate the general public for this banquet.

DRIVING

Drive time is approximately 3-4 hours from downtown Whitehorse. From Whitehorse: drive north on the Alaska Hwy, turn north on to the Klondike Hwy, continue north past Braeburn and Carmacks checkpoints. The Pelly Crossing Checkpoint is located within the Community Hall at the Northeast corner of town. Turn left at the gas station and follow the road toward the river. Drive time is approximately two hours to Dawson City, the next checkpoint.

Checkpoint Services

Purchase food and concessions during limited hours. Please help us support our local communities through this checkpoint concession fundraiser. Accommodations – Volunteers are welcome to pull out a sleeping bag on the floor in the Community Hall.

Community Services

Food and fuel are available at the Selkirk. Accommodations are extremely limited!

Dawson City

 Population: 1,375

Teams have a mandatory 36-hour layover, and are likely to arrive in Dawson City between Tuesday February 5th and Thursday, February 7th. Tuesday and Wednesday are the best days to see teams arriving.

The Dawson City Mandatory Layover is also “Yukon Quest Time” in the Klondike capital! With teams spread out over a day or two, coupled with each team’s 36-hour stay, the entire City of Dawson goes dog crazy for four or five days!

Teams are likely to leave Dawson after the mandatory layover from Tuesday, February 5th to Saturday, February 9th.



Driving

Drive time to Dawson City is approximately 5-6 hours from downtown Whitehorse, but can take much longer in bad weather. To reach Fairbanks and the Alaska checkpoints, you must again back track toward Whitehorse and head west on the Alaska Highway (see later section on *Travelling the Yukon Quest*).

CHECKPOINT SERVICES

Purchase food and concessions during extended hours. Please help us support the iconic Percy DeWolfe Memorial Mail Race through this concession fundraiser initiative. No free accommodations available. All volunteers and visitors need to book their own accommodations in the local hotels.

EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

Dog Park Campground - visitors can walk to the Dog Park Campground across the river to see where the dog teams are camped for their mandatory layover. Visitors are welcome in the campground, but cannot enter individual campsites or disturb any of the dog teams. **Their uninterrupted rest is essential during this time.** Vehicles are not allowed in the dog park. Volunteers at the Dawson City checkpoint are invited to join us at our **Volunteer and Community Appreciation Party**. *More details will be available once on site and at the Whitehorse office.*

Community Services

There are many restaurants in town, and they are easily accessible on foot. Be sure to book your accommodations as soon as possible – hotels fill up fast! Other available amenities include: gas stations, souvenir shops, a drug store, Canada Post, etc. Enjoy the hospitality and energy of Dawson City, Capital of the Klondike. Check out the Klondike Visitors Association for more information: www.dawsoncity.ca