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Nahanni National Park Reserve

at a glance

As large as Belgium, without a single public road. To get here you charter a floatplane, and you register first.

30,050 km²

AREA

1978

UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

580 km

RIVER

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BEFORE YOU GO



No public roads

The park authority puts it in one sentence: there are no public roads in Nahanni National Park Reserve, and visitors must fly in or hike in.



Registration is mandatory

Every overnight stay in Nahanni or neighbouring Nááts'íhch'oh requires trip registration.



By charter plane

The vast majority of travellers reach the park by chartered floatplane.



July and August

The reserve's main season is July and August.



Assess your own abilities realistically

The park authority states the expectation directly: weigh your own abilities, skills and equipment against what you are planning, and ...



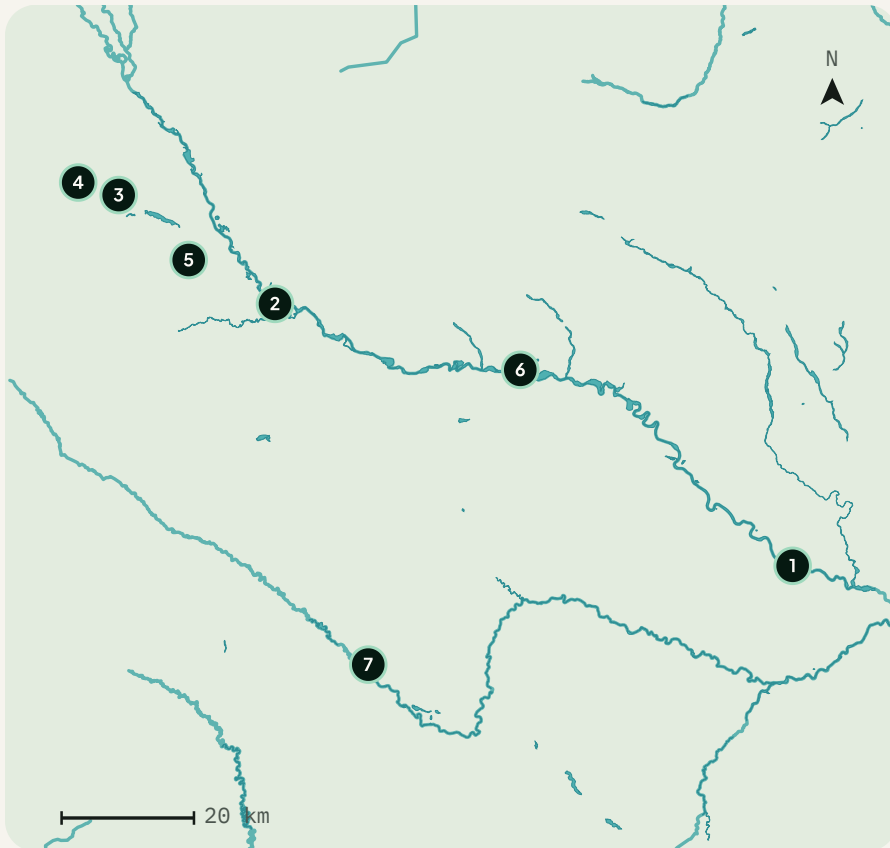
Rescue cannot be taken for granted

One of the topics the park authority covers on its own pages is "emergencies and rescue capability".



Fees and opening hours, up to date

Fees and times change. The park page lists them with source and date:
nationalparksatlas.com/en/canada/nahanni



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| 1 Náíłjcho (Virginia Falls) | 5 Ragged Range |
| 2 Gahnjthah Mie (Rabbitkettle Lake) | 6 Nah?ą Dehé (South Nahanni River) |
| 3 Cirque of the Unclimbables | 7 Tu Naka Dé (Flat River) |
| 4 Lotus Flower Tower | |

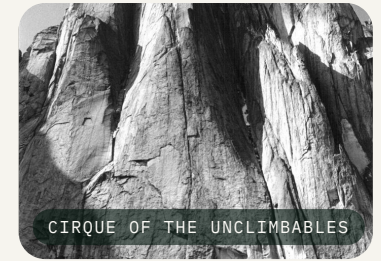
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NÁÍŁJCHO: VIRGINIA FALLS



THE CANYONS



CIRQUE OF THE UNCLIMBABLES

THINGS TO DO

The river trip

National Geographic counts the trip down the Nah?ą Dehé among the twenty greatest travel adventures in the ...

Cirque of the Unclimbables

Granite spires rise from an alpine meadow.

Gahnjthah: Canada's largest tufa mounds

The mineral springs of Gahnjthah form the largest tufa mounds in Canada.

World Heritage Site since 1978

The park authority writes that in 1978 Nahanni was the first site in the world to be inscribed on the UNESCO ...

[More on the park page](#)

The day flight

A flightseeing trip takes you to the best-known places of the World Heritage Site and over areas that hardly ...

Náíłjcho: Virginia Falls

Here the South Nahanni plunges over a drop that, according to the park authority, is twice the height of ...

Nahanni Karst

The park authority counts the natural labyrinths of the Nahanni Karst among the most impressive known ...

What comes together here

The park authority describes the reserve as an outstanding example of northern wild rivers, canyons, gorges ...

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By charter floatplane into the reserve
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Guided river trip on the Nah?ą Dehé (South Nahanni)
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