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Quttinirpaaq

at a glance

“Land at the top of the world”: 37,775 square kilometres of High Arctic, reachable only by chartered aircraft.

1988

ESTABLISHED

37,775 km²

AREA

about **2,375** km²

MARINE AREA

36GLACIATED
per cent

BEFORE YOU GO

**800 kilometres north of Resolute Bay**

The park lies on Ellesmere Island in the Qikiqtaaluk Region, about 720 to 800 kilometres (447 to 497 mi) from Resolute Bay according to the ...

**Registration is mandatory**

Every trip into the park must be registered in advance and de-registered after your return.

**To Resolute Bay**

Canadian North flies to Iqaluit from Ottawa, Montréal and Yellowknife and on to Resolute Bay on a scheduled service.

**Late May to mid-August**

According to the park authority, this is the best time to visit.

**River crossings are the biggest danger**

The park authority explicitly calls them the greatest risk for summer visitors.

**Polar bears possible anywhere**

Encounters are rare, but possible throughout the park and in any season, even on glaciers. The likelihood is greatest on the coast.

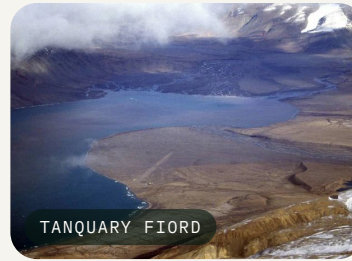
**Fees and opening hours, up to date**

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



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| 1 Tanquary Camp | 7 Hazen Camp |
| 2 Kettle Lake | 8 Lake Hazen |
| 3 Gull Glacier | 9 Fort Conger |
| 4 Ad Astra Ice Cap | 10 Ward Hunt Island |
| 5 Viking Ice Cap | 11 Cape Columbia |
| 6 Barbeau Peak | |

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TANQUARY FIOR



THE TWIN OTTER



LAKE HAZEN

THINGS TO DO

Hiking

From the Tanquary Fiord station, day hikes and multi-day treks are possible.

Ski touring

Thousands of square kilometres of glaciers and ski terrain, plus countless unclimbed peaks.

North Pole

Ellesmere Island has been a starting point for North Pole attempts since the late 19th century.

The highest mountain in eastern North America

Nunataks rise from the icefields, isolated mountains completely surrounded by ice, over 2,500 metres (8,202 ...

[More on the park page](#)

The Muskox Way

The park authority mentions a 4,500-year-old route that earlier inhabitants already followed.

Glaciers

Because it is cold and dry, the glaciers move slowly; crevasses and icefalls are less common than further ...

Canada's second-largest national park

Quttinirpaaq was established in 1988 and protects 37,775 square kilometres (14,585 sq mi) of the eastern High ...

The oasis at Lake Hazen

The Lake Hazen basin is warmer and wetter than its surroundings: glacier water, south-facing mountains and ...

TOURS AND GETTING THERE



PARK AUTHORITY • NO
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FLIGHT • NAMED OPERATOR
• FROM RESOLUTE BAY
AIRPORT

**Twin Otter charter flight
from Resolute Bay to
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