
The park is used by snowmobilers, dog sledgers and cross-country skiers in winter and spring, and is close enough to be accessed easily by skiing from Iqaluit. A spring ski into the park, when the snow buntings are returning and the ptarmigan are courting, when the days are long and the snow sparkles under your skis, is sheer heaven, and one of the wonders of arctic life. Facilities in the park include comfort stations near the parking areas, barbecue pits, picnic facilities, and a viewing platform. There is no fee for either day use or camping. The park pavillion overlooks the falls, and can be rented for special events.

Sylvia Grinnell Territorial Park is accessible to large numbers of people and provides an arctic experience for many people who visit Iqaluit but do not go further into Nunavut. It is a real treasure, so close to the capital.

The park's Master Plan will see the park cross the Sylvia Grinnell River, extending all the way to **Qaummaarviit Territorial Park**, near the head of Peterhead Inlet, providing multi-day wilderness experiences right in Nunavut's capital city. At Qaummaarviit, grassy swales alternate with rocky bedrock hills and colourful heath tundra on this attractive island, which bears some of the best-preserved examples of structures made by Inuit prior to the coming of outsiders to this land, truly providing a window into the past.

Operators in Iqaluit offer day trips by vehicle to the interpretive trail part of the park, and, during the snow season, trips by snowmobile to the entire park. During the open-water season, operators offer trips by boat for picnics and hiking in this park. Some operators rent kayaks or canoes for short trips on the Sylvia Grinnell River.



For further information, check the Nunavut Parks website at www.nunavutparks.com or call Nunavut Tourism at 1-866-NUNAVUT to request the Nunavut Travel Planner, which lists all licensed tourism operators, accommodations, and services. ■

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