



Some of the most ruggedly beautiful terrain in the North has been preserved in the form of national parks, with the Northwest Territories boasting three such sanctuaries: Nahanni National Park, with its spectacular 90-m Virginia Falls (twice the height of Niagara Falls); Wood Buffalo, the world's second-largest park, located on the northern Alberta border; and Auyuittuq on Baffin Island, the world's first park lying within the Arctic Circle.

Among the mountain peaks of southwestern Yukon lie the wild rivers, huge glaciers and abundant plant and wildlife of the 22 015 km² Kluane National Park.