

The Alaska Highway *continued*



Picnic site at Emerald Lake near Whitehorse.

RIGHT: Dawson City, at the confluence of the Klondyke and Yukon Rivers, was the centre of the gold rush in 1896. Today the former Yukon capital is home to 1600 year round residents, but at its peak it had a population of some 30000 miners and adventure seekers.

abound and on a clear day it's possible to see Canada's highest peak, Mount Logan (19980 ft).

Side trips along less travelled routes add another dimension to a journey through this part of The Yukon. Take for instance the Campbell Highway which winds its way 374 miles from Watson Lake to Carmacks. This diversion gives the option of driving a broad circle returning to Whitehorse, capital of The Yukon, via the Klondike Highway. Alternatively, one can press on to Dawson City, scene of the world's most famous gold strikes and now authentically recreated to preserve the history and memories of those exciting days.

Rendezvous '92

And excitement will take many forms this summer as the Alaska Highway celebrates its 50th anniversary. A year-long series of events include the opening ceremonies at Dawson Creek, float plane rallies and international air shows along the route. During July an 'Airmada' will re-enact this famous route with vintage and modern aircraft. The sky's the limit!

Community events take place in each township along the Highway commencing with the Alaska Challenge Snowmobile Safari in February and finishing with the Rededication Ceremonies at Soldiers Summit on November 20.


So, whether or not you've visited The Yukon before, make a date to Rendezvous with Nature in Canada's north this summer by travelling the beautiful Alaska Highway. 



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