5D  General Guidelines for National Wildlife Areas

National Wildlife Areas of Canada

National Wildlife Areas (NWAs) are protected and managed according to the Wildlife Area Regulations under the Canada Wildlife Act. The primary purpose of most NWAs is the protection and conservation of wildlife and their habitat. For this purpose, and according to the legislation, activities that could interfere with the conservation of wildlife are prohibited in an NWA. Consequently, there are prohibited activities in all NWAs and there is no public access for some of them. Nonetheless, the Minister of the Environment has the ability to authorize activities, whether through public notice or the issuance of permits, for those activities benefiting wildlife and their habitat, or that are not inconsistent with the purpose for which the NWA was established and are consistent with the management plan goals for the NWA.

For general information regarding Canada's National Wildlife Areas, please contact Environment and Climate Change Canada at 1-800-668-6767 (in Canada only) or ec.enviroinfo.ec@canada.ca, or visit our website: https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/wildlife-habitat.html.

General Guidelines for National Wildlife Areas in Nunavut

Canadian and foreign vessels are not allowed to enter NWAs in Nunavut without a permit. These protected areas are managed according to their associated Inuit Impact and Benefit Agreement (IIBA) and the Nunavut Agreement, which stipulate certain rights to Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area. Any foreign vessel ship captain who is planning to enter in any of these protected areas without a permit, claiming a right of innocent passage, is strongly advised to communicate with Environment and Climate Change Canada (Canadian Wildlife Service) at least two weeks in advance.

Akpait National Wildlife Area

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**Permitting Requirements**

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More information on access and permitting for Akpait National Wildlife Area can be obtained by contacting the Environment and Climate Change Canada regional office.

**Contact Information**

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### Ninginganig National Wildlife Area

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Permitting Requirements

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More information on access and permitting for Ninginganiq National Wildlife Area can be obtained by contacting the Environment and Climate Change Canada regional office.

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Nirjutiqavik National Wildlife Area

Coordinates

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All of the island known as Coburg Island, the centre of which having approximate latitude 75°57′50″ and approximate longitude 79°19′30″, and also all that land covered by water immediately adjacent to said Coburg Island and extending 10 km (5.4 Nautical Miles) from the ordinary high-water mark thereof.

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Permitting Requirements

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Nanuit Itillinga (Polar Bear Pass) National Wildlife Area

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