

Yukon Hiking – Distances and Elevations of Identified Hikes – July 7-20, 2023

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It is important for members to expect that hiking in Yukon might be more challenging than hiking in Ontario. Some of the distances might seem short but the elevation gains are greater.

An excellent source of information related to each hike is yukonhiking.ca, which I have found to be quite accurate in their assessments. Only hikes rated “easy” or “moderate” have been included in the itinerary. Substitutions may be made depending on weather or other conditions. One hike rated as “difficult” will likely be added as it includes very impressive and unusual rock formations. Unless options are indicated, the hikes are considered manageable for all members. Members will always have the option to not hike.

Other hikes will be added depending on the preferences of the group. There will also be shorter “stop off” hikes during travel days (e.g. Spirit Canyon, Five Finger Rapids). These will be well-known, beautiful areas to explore enroute to a destination that would not be practical as a separate day trip.

Information on the identified key hikes is as follows (from yukonhiking.ca):

Day 3: Full day hike to Fish Lake/Bonneville Lakes (Whitehorse)
7+ km
Elevation gain – 323m/1060ft
Easy

Day 4: Full day hike to Sam McGee (Carcross) – approx. 1 hour drive
9km
Elevation gain 618m/2028 ft
3.5 hours
Moderate

Or possibly Caribou
Elevation gain 1000m/3281 ft
4-5 hours
Moderate

- Day 5: Full day trip to Laughton Glacier (Alaska) – driving time approx. 2 hrs
 8 km
 Elevation gain 318m/1043 ft
 3.5 hours
 Easy
- Day 8: Full day hike in Tombstone Territorial Park
 Likely Grizzly Ridge
 5+km (out and back so distance can vary)
 Elevation gain 423m/1388 ft
 2-3+ hours
 Moderate
- Day 10: Auriol Trail (Kluane National Park/Haines Junction)
 15km (possible extension 5km)
 Elevation gain 367m/1204 ft (+430m)
 4.5 hours (+~1.5)
 Easy
- Day 11: Thunder Egg Creek/Lower Alsek (Kluane National Park/Haines Junction)
 14 km
 Elevation gain 215m/705 ft
 3.5 Hours
 Easy
- Or Sheep Creek
 15 km
 Elevation gain 1100m/3609 ft
 6.5 hours
 Moderate
- Day 13: Grey Mountain (Whitehorse)
 5+ km
 Elevation gain – 200M/656ft
 Easy

Other hikes will be arranged as time permits (e.g. evenings in Whitehorse). The hikes within Whitehorse or other communities (e.g. Dawson City) will be shorter/flatter.