



1991

DISCOVERY DAYS

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE



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What can you do on Discovery Days Weekend? It might be easier to answer the opposite question!

Discovery Days is chance to kick back and take part in a wide range of activities. Music, dances, parades, games, swimming, hiking, baseball and the list goes on and on. The schedule of events follows on the next two pages.

Kids! Are you ready. There are events for children of all ages every day. This is your chance to run, jump, ride in the parade, skip, dance and, of course, eat. Most events have prizes and there are participation ribbons for everyone.

Teens! Two major special events for you are the aquatics events and the video dance. All the aquatics events take place at the pool on Sunday. The Much Music Video Dance is Sunday night at the Bonanza Centre.

Adults! Don't be shy just because you are over 19 years! Almost every event has an opportunity for you to participate. Remember, get active just for the fun. Your are never too old to have fun. Along with the over 20 Discovery Days events,

there are a large number of special sites to see and things to do. Parks Canada Historic Sites are all open daily. The Dawson City Museum will welcome you with its many exhibits and audio-visual presentations. There are daily walking tours along with readings at both Robert Service Cabin and the Jack London Cabin. Private operators also have tours of the Midnight Dome and the Gold Fields.

Take time to ride out to Bear Creek and Bonanza Creek. Here there are unique mining sites which help tell the heritage of gold mining. This is a special year as the world famous Dredge #4 is undergoing a major renovation. You have to see it to believe it.

Dawson City is famous for its great food and hospitality. Be sure to take in all of the fine restaurants in town. And remember, the King Salmon is fresh!

Dawson is also a place to simply go for a walk. Take time to look at the local architecture, landscaping and gardens. Do a little day dreaming about what Dawson was like in 1899 when over 30,000 people crammed into this former moose pasture.

REGISTRATION

It is important to register for all the events that you want to participate in. This can be done in either of two ways.

One, you can pre-register at the Visitor Reception Centre on Front Street. Simply ask of the guides for the proper forms. These will be given to you. Fill them out and return them to the guide.

Or, you can register at the event. When you arrive at the event, ask the co-ordinator for a registration form. It would be helpful if you showed up early for the event so that registration will go smoothly.

Please remember that some events have a fee. This must be paid when you register. Fees are used to help pay for the event prizes.

Finally, it is best to register in person. However, if this is not possible, you can get someone else to register for you.

INFORMATION

So, your in Dawson, you've got the schedule in your hands and you want to participate. What to do?

Here are some simple rules to help you get around town. First, the events have been scheduled so that a number can take place at one venue in a certain block of time. This way you won't have to be in two places at one time. The main venues are Minto Park, Front Street and the Bonanza Centre (beside the Gertie's Gambling Hall).

All the information about Discovery Days is at the Visitor Reception Centre on Front Street. The guides will be happy to give you details on events and directions on how to get there.

Don't be shy about asking for help. Any staff person in a tourist attraction or business will be able to direct you to where the action is happening. If you know what venue, they'll know how to get you there.

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Here are the major events which take place throughout the weekend.

1. Baseball Tournament
2. Open Ceremonies
3. Gaslight Follies
4. Gambling Hall
5. Pancake Brunch
6. Supply Carry Race
7. Horticulture Show
8. Parade
9. Native Culture Tent
10. Horseshoe
11. Tea Boiling
12. Bannock Baking
13. Bucket Brigade
14. Canoe Race
15. Concerts
16. Salmon Bar-B-Q
17. Goldpanning
18. Demo Derby
19. Adult Dance
20. Aquatics Events
21. Raft Race
22. Log Sawing
23. Claim Staking
24. Nail Driving
25. Whip Saw
26. Tug of War
27. Fashion Show
28. Steak Bar-B-Q
29. Bingo
30. Much Music Video Dance
31. Mini-golf
32. Children's Games
33. Eating



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SCHEDULE

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FRIDAY
AUGUST 16

5:00 p.m.
Baseball Starts
Minto Park

7:00 p.m.
Opening Ceremonies
Concerts
Front St. Gazebo

8:00 p.m.
Gaslight Follies
Palace Grand

Diamond Tooth
Gertie's Opening

MILITARY
BANDS

The Discovery Days Committee is pleased to have three military bands participating in this years celebration. Military Bands are a long standing tradition with this event starting with the Yukon Field Force Band.

The Royal Canadian Regiment is back in town. The RCR's have a long tradition in Dawson dating back to the Yukon Field Force. When the Force was disbanded, it became a part of the RCR's. While in town, the RCR will re-comemorate the Yukon Field Force plaque.

The Fairbanks Air Force Quartet is back for a return engagement, too. They will be performing classics, pops and classical music throughout the weekend.

The Cold Lake Brass and Reed Band will be making its debut in Dawson this year! Twenty-five musicians will be playing in six different set-ups including jazz, Dixie-land, big band and parade. These guys will be playing all over town busking, at Gertie's and leading the parade.

SATURDAY
AUGUST 17

9:00 a.m.
Baseball Resumes

10:00 a.m. -- Noon
Pancake Breakfast
Curling Rink

10:00 a.m.
5 km/10km Runs
Front St. Gazebo

Father Judge
Commemoration
North End Ft. St.

10:30 a.m.
Supply Carry Race
Front Street

11:00 a.m.
Horticulture Show
Minto Park

11:45 a.m.
Parade Marshall
YOOP Hall

12:30 p.m.
Parade Begins
Front Street/VRC

1:00 p.m.
Native Culture Tent
Kid's Games
Awards Ceremony
Minto Park

1:30 p.m.
Horse Shoe Begins
Minto Park

2:00 p.m.
Tea Boiling
Bannock Making
Bucket Brigade
Minto Park

2:00 p.m.

Diamond Tooth
Gertie's Opens

3:00 p.m.
Fairbanks Air Force
Quartet
Palace Grand Theatre

5:00 p.m.
Salmon Bar-B-Q
Front Street

5:30 p.m.
Gold Panning
Front Street Tent

7:30 p.m.
Demo Derby
Callison Industrial Sub-
division.

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 p.m.
Dance
Bonanza Centre

HORTICULTURE
SHOW

Have you heard the story as to why sun flowers won't grow in the Klondyke? It seems that as the flowers follow the sun around they actually twist their heads off as they follow the 24 hour sun. Its true!!

Well, maybe it is a bit of a story. But, there is no dining that Dawson's gardens are very special. At the turn of the century, the Klondyke actually produced enough food for the 1000's living here plus some for export.

You can see some of the local produce along with handy crafts, baking and canning at the Horticulture Show. This is sponsored by the Yukon Order of Pioneers.

The Show takes place at Minto Park. Entries can be taken down to the Park after 10:00 a.m.



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FATHER JUDGE
REMEMBERED

Parks Canada will have a special remembrance this year for Father Judge the man whom our Nursing Station is named after.

The ceremony takes place at Father Judge's grave site on Front Street in the North End of Town. To get there, drive or walk North along Front St. towards the ferry. The ceremony take place at 10:00 a.m.

PANCAKES

Breakfast please! How can you beat pancakes, sausages, coffee and juice for breakfast? You can't!

Saturday and Sunday morning, breakfast is served at the Dawson City Curling Club. The Club is in the Bonanza Centre. Enter from the Fifth Avenue entrance. Times are 10:00 a.m. to Noonish - don't be late.

DEMO
DERBY

This is another new event for 1991. This is a truck demolition derby where wild and crazy drivers release some inner tension by smashing each other with a truck.

There are three catagories. One for two wheel drive, one for four wheel drive and one called "Powder Puff". Rules and regulations are available at the VRC on Front Street. Registration and waivers are a must, plus vehicles must follow all the safty regulations.

NATIVE
CULTURE
TENT

The Dawson Indian Band will set up its Native Culture Tent. They will have bannock, tea and stew for sale. Plus, there will be samples of the local crafts and handiwork.

This is also the site of the Tea Boiling and Bannock Making Contests.

DANCE THE
NIGHT AWAY

Like dancing? Then the Bonanza Centre is the place to be Saturday Night. The "Way To Far North Band" is bank and in excellent form to provide the best in Rock and Roll.

Tickets are on sale in the hotels. Last year the dance sold out very quickly, so advance tickets are recommended. The dance is restricted to those 19 years and older as alcohol will be sold. Remember -- if you drive, don't drink. If you drink, don't drive.



DISCOVERY DAYS DANCE

"Way Too Far North Band"

10:00 p.m. -- 2:00 a.m. SATURDAY NIGHT

Bonanza Centre \$10.00

19 years and older

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SUNDAY
AUGUST 18

9:00 a.m.
Baseball Resumes
Minto Park

10:00 a.m.
Pancake Breakfast
Curling Rink

10:00 a.m.
Swim Meeting
Aquatic Events
Swimming Pool

10:30 a.m.
Raft Race
Klondyke River

11:00 a.m.
Log Sawing
Front Street

1:00 p.m.
Kid's Mini Golf
Trail of '98

Claim Staking
Log Sawing
Nail Driving
Whip Saw
Tug of War
Front Street

2:00 p.m.
Diamond Tooth
Gertie's Opens

3:30 p.m.
Fashion Show
Diamond Tooth Gertie's

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Steak Bar-B-Q
Concerts
Bonanza Centre

7:00 p.m.
Bingo
YOOP Hall

8:30 p.m.
Much Music Video
Dance
Bonanza Centre

MONDAY
AUGUST 19

9:00 a.m.
Baseball Resumes
Minto Park

11:00 a.m.
Adult Mini Golf
Trail of '98

1:00 p.m.
Corporate Challenge
Mini Golf
Trail of '98

1:30 a.m.
Concert
Queen and 3rd St.

MUCH MUSIC
VIDEO DANCE

YES, Much Music is back for Discovery Days. This dance is geared to teens and youth. However, adults are welcome to attend.

Much Music sets up a large screen in the Bonanza Centre. There is a full light and smoke show that goes along with the videos. Throughout the night the VJ's will be giving out prizes, t-shirts and promotional material.

Don't miss it!

RAFT RACE

Now here is an event with a lot of class. The Raft Race has a long tradition with some very special "situations". Can anyone remember the year that a decorated raft saw powered by a fire pump?

The Raft Race starts on the banks of the Klondyke River at 10:30 Sunday morning. Please pick up rules and regulations before the event as competition rafts must meet all specifications.

Good spectator spots are the race start, the bridge and the dike at the entrance of town. See you there!!

SWIM MEET
AND
AQUATICS

Teams from Northern Yukon will be in town for the Discovery Days swim meet and aquatics events. This is for youth ages 8 - 16 years.

Events take place at the Dawson City Swimming Pool and co-ordinated by the Pool staff and volunteers. Along with competitive swimming, there will be volleyball, water polo, safety demonstrations and team tag.

CONCERT
SERIES

Throughout the weekend you might hear some music playing in some strange places. After all, music makes the world go round and we may as well have fun!

The military bands will be playing at the following locations.

DIAMOND TOOTH
GERTIE'S

Saturday - 3:00 p.m.
Saturday - Midnight
Sunday - 3:00 p.m.
Sunday - Midnight

PALACE GRAND
THEATRE

Saturday - 3:30 p.m.
Sunday - 2:00 p.m.

FRONT STREET DIKE

Friday - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday - 1:00 p.m.
Monday - 1:30 p.m.

There will also be busking concerts at different street corners around town. Who knows, you might get to hear some great music while buying some gas or filling up on a cheese burger. Keep a lookout!

STEAK BAR-B-Q

Hungry? Then you must be at the Bonanza Centre by 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. A full course meal will be served that will match any steak dinner in the world. During supper, there will also be concert presentations by the different military bands in town.

FASHION SHOW

Take a real walk back into history by attending the Period Fashion Show at Diamond Tooth Gertie's. It takes place on Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

Fashion shows have been around since the Gold Rush. Ball gowns and costumes along with fancy suits and ties have been a part of the local folklore. It has always been "fashionable" to own something "suitable" to be seen in.

Each June, Dawson hosts the Commissioner's Ball at the Palace Grand Theatre. Period dress is expected at this spectacle. Everyone shows up in their "best duds". Police and military guests deck out their formal wear. And, the ladies - such beauty.

Diamond Tooth Gertie's is the venue for the Fashion Show. The Klondike Visitors Association has kindly waived the gambling hall coverage charge for the duration of the fashion show. Please note that the Gambling Hall must restrict entry to those 19 years and older.



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MINI-GOLF

What's mini-golf you ask? Easy! It is the Klondyke's version of miniature golf.

The management of the Trail of '98 Mini Golf each year get involved with Discovery Days by organizing three mini golf competitions. There are categories for kids, adults and a corporate challenge. Fees and prizes apply to each category.

The Trail of '98 is located about 1 mile South of Dawson on the Klondyke Highway. It is on the right hand side of the road as you head towards Whitehorse.

BINGO IS CALLED!

The Royal Canadian Legion sponsors the summer bingo. It takes place at the YOOP Hall at the corner of King St. and Second Avenue. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. and the games start at 7:00 p.m. sharp.

STEAK BAR-B-Q
6:00 P.M.

BONANZA CENTRE

4th Avenue Entrance
Concerts During Supper

MUCH
MUSIC
VIDEO
DANCE

8:30 P.M.

Bonanza Centre \$5.00
For People of All Ages





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KING & QUEEN OF THE KLONDYKE

Who are the King and Queen of the Klondyke? It could be you!

This year the Discovery Days Committee is starting a new event. There will be a King and Queen of the Klondyke crowned this year.

Here's how it works. Participants will enter into the contest. They will have to compete in five events throughout the weekend. Each event will be scored separately. The man and woman who gather the most points in their section will be crowned.

The events are all Gold Rush related and only require the true Northern spirit to compete in. The events are Tea Boiling, Bannock Making, Gold Panning, Supply Carry Race and Claim Staking. The events take place at either Minto Park or the Front Street Dike.

Pre-registration can be done at the Visitor Reception Centre or you can register at any of the events. There are terrific prizes for the King and Queen which will be awarded at the Steak Bar-B-Q on Sunday night.

1992 WHAT'S UP

Planning is underway for next years Discovery Days Celebration.

There are two major thrusts already in the works. 1992 is the 50th anniversary of the completion of the Alaska Highway. Dawson will help with the Celebration by using the Highway theme as part of the Discovery Days event.

Although the Alaska Highway doesn't go through Dawson City, there are some historic connections between the two. Many of the men who helped build the Highway took the sternwheelers to Dawson for vacations. The American Military drove equipment to Dawson and then shipped them up river to Whitehorse in order to avoid being attacked by the enemy. One of the original plans was to take the Highway through Dawson en route to Fairbanks. Imagine what Dawson would be like if that had happened.

The second them is Canada's 125 Birthday! The Department of National Defense will be hosting the International Festival of Military Bands. Eight bands from eight countries will be touring the country along with host Canadian Bands. And, the only time the tour can happen in 1992 is on Discovery Day weekend.



WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS?

This is a pretty big question. However, it is best that you give it some thought there are some very good reasons why you should be coming back to Dawson City between now and 2002!

The Klondyke will be celebrating a large number of Centennial events throughout the next ten years. Here is just a quick look at the major years:

- 1992 -- 50 Anniversary of Alaska Highway
- 1994 -- 100 Anniversary of the Y.O.O.P.
- 1996 -- 100 Anniversary of Gold Discovery on Rabbit Creek
- 1998 -- 100 Anniversary of Gold Rush
- 2000 -- 21st Century Arrives
- 2002 -- 100 Anniversary of the City of Dawson

Along with each of these major celebrations will be a host of annual, special events to make for exciting times.

For information on what's coming up, you can contact the:

Klondyke Centennials Society
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Questions?

If you have any suggestions or questions about the 1992 Discovery Days plans, please contact:

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