
Nahanni Announcement

Thank you for your interest in writing about or covering the Nahanni National Park announcement. It is a truly historic announcement, as some of the most beautiful landscapes in Canada are now permanently protected from industrial disturbance. Please view below some of the resources we have available to assist in covering this great story.

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Background Information

-The Nahanni National Park Reserve and UNESCO World Heritage Site protect the South Nahanni watershed--encompassing some of Canada's most spectacular Boreal lands and significant cultural sites for Aboriginal peoples.

-The Nahanni National Park Reserve became the first site in the world to be officially granted World Heritage status by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

-The watershed is of cultural and spiritual importance to Aboriginal peoples, who have expressed a strong desire to protect the entire watershed of the South Nahanni River to protect the land and its people for all time.

-The South Nahanni Watershed falls within the traditional territory of the Dene people. Dehcho First Nations are involved in negotiations with the Governments of Canada and the Northwest Territories concerning the southern 80 percent of the watershed, while the upper 20 percent is located within the settlement area of the Sahtu Dene and Metis. Parks Canada is also involved in consultations with Kaska Dena communities in the Yukon.

-Canada's North is under increasing pressure to develop its rich energy and mineral resources. Conservation planning in advance of development is urgently required to protect important natural and cultural values.

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Images of Nahanni National Park

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Virginia Falls

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Ram Plateau

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South Nahanni

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Nahanni River

Credit: Cathy Wilkinson

Mountain Aerial

Credit: Cathy Wilkinson

Nahanni Valley

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Map of Nahanni National Park

The following map shows where Nahanni National Park is located in Canada and compares its size with Nova Scotia and Maine:

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