

News Release

Celebrate Parks Day on July 15th

IQALUIT, Nunavut (July 12, 2006) - Environment Minister Patterk Netser encourages residents of Nunavut to join him on July 15, 2006 in celebrating Parks Day. This is a national event where park visitors and residents of nearby communities are invited to celebrate the importance of our parks and historic sites.

"Our Territorial Parks and Special Places protect Nunavut's rich natural and cultural heritage, promote recreation and healthy living, and help support a sustainable economy," said Netser. "They are places where we are reminded of how our ancestors lived, provide habitat for wildlife and are one of the main reasons people come to visit."

Throughout Nunavut, parks staff and volunteers have been working together to organize events in communities throughout our territory. The 17th annual Parks Day celebrations will include barbeques, games, bannock competitions, wildflower and geology interpretive hikes, traditional foods, and activities for children.

To find out more about what is happening in your community contact your local visitor's centre or parks office, or check out www.nunavutparks.com. You can also visit the Parks Day website at www.parksday.ca to see what events are being held in other communities across Canada.

Last year, from Vancouver Island to Newfoundland and Labrador, and from Windsor to Pond Inlet, more than 50,000 people in more than 300 parks across Canada participated in Parks Day activities.

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