



Highlights:

This trip begins at Reid Lake and follows a string of beautiful lakes before finally arriving at Dettah on Great Slave Lake. The beauty of Jennejohn Lake is a highlight. The lake is very clear and deep with good fishing. It's home to many kinds of birds - terns, eagles, ducks & loons. Both bald and golden eagles may be spotted along the way. Look for them soaring or perched high up in solitary trees. They tend to build their impressive nests on rocky cliff faces.

Nearest camping:

Reid Lake Territorial Park, at the start of the route, offers camping facilities.

Fred Henne Territorial Park, at the end of the route, also provides full camping amenities. It is located 24 km by road from Dettah, and 4 km from Latham Island in Yellowknife.

Itinerary:

The canoe route begins at Reid Lake Territorial Park, 61 km from Yellowknife along the Ingraham Trail. The trip terminates at the community of Dettah on Great Slave Lake or at Latham Island in Yellowknife. Parking is available at all locations. A park permit is required for Reid Lake and may be purchased at the gatehouse. The route can also be paddled in reverse, from Yellowknife through to Reid Lake, with a car-shuttle pickup. (cont)

Duration & degree of difficulty:

Distance:	60 km to Dettah
Average Trip Time:	4-5 days
Portages:	10
Longest Portage:	several between 500 m and 1 km

This is a five day wilderness trip for advanced paddlers who enjoy lake canoeing and portaging. There are no rapids on this route.

The isolation of this route is perhaps its greatest attraction - and its worst hazard.

Very few paddlers use this route, so any canoeists attempting it must be entirely self-sufficient and travel well prepared.

Experience in traveling with a map, compass and GPS are essential, as some of the portages are unmarked and/or difficult to locate.

Take extreme caution paddling on Reid, Jennejohn & Great Slave Lakes as wind and waves can pose a severe problem. A mistake in judgement could prove fatal.

Always travel close to shore, and cross Yellowknife Bay at its narrowest point, near Latham Island.



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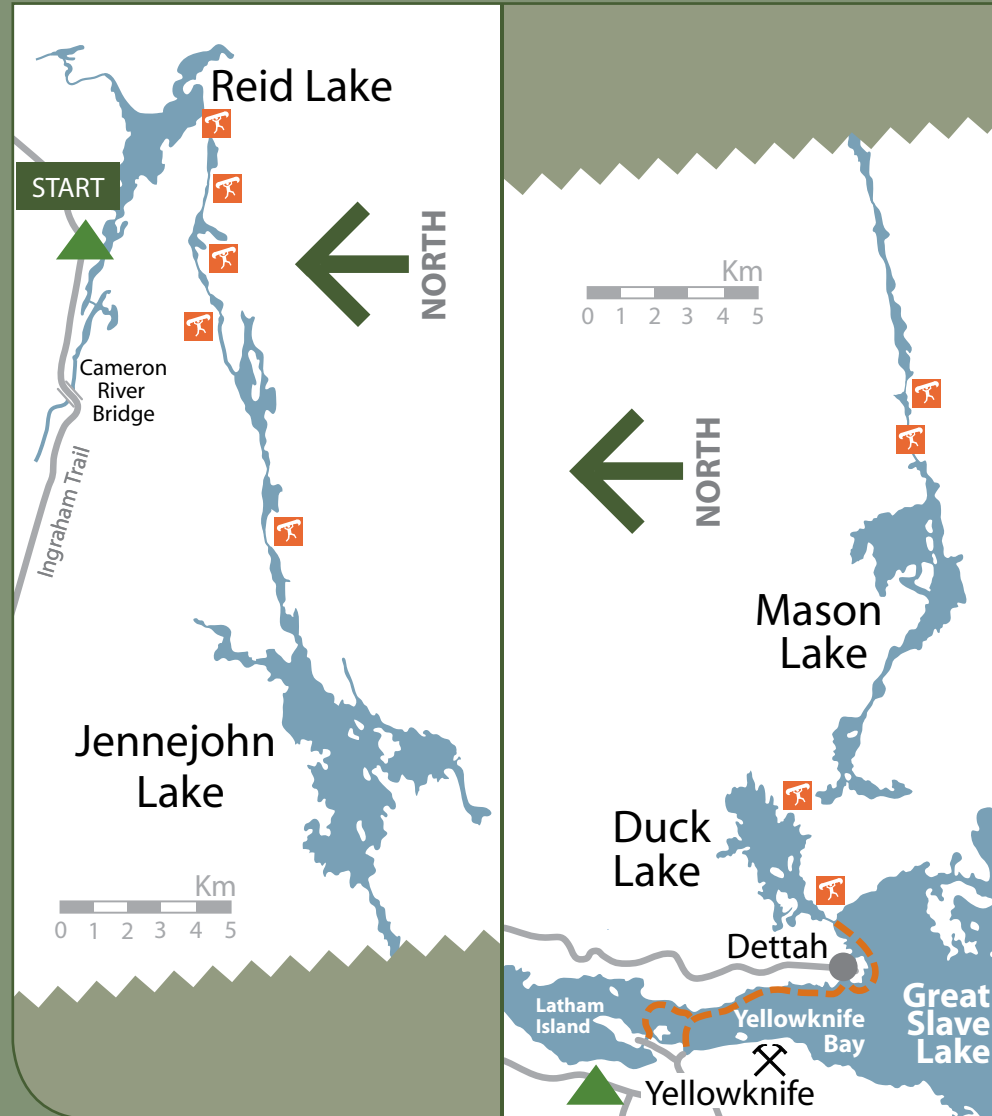


Itinerary (cont):

Load the canoes at Reid Lake boat launch and proceed east (to the left), following the south shoreline. After 5 km you will pass an A-frame cabin on your right. Soon after, there is a 500 m portage inland to a small lake. The portage is not marked so you must use a GPS, map or compass. Follow the shortest and easiest path to the lake. There are then two small lakes and a couple ponds to cross over the next 6 km. Paddle a long narrow lake for 6 km and a very short portage to finally arrive at the east arm of Jennejohn Lake. Travel the narrow 3 km channel before the lake opens up. Follow the shoreline on Jennejohn Lake for 8 km, taking some time to enjoy this beautiful area. After crossing the lake, proceed into the narrow west arm. This channel is 8 km long, with one short portage in the middle.

A 500 m portage, a paddle across a small lake, and a 700 m portage bring paddlers to Mason Lake. These portages, and all remaining ones, are along well-traveled winter trails. Mason Lake is 10 km in length, staying close to the south shoreline is the shortest route. Mason Lake is a nice place to camp and fish.

A lengthy portage of 1 km brings paddlers to Duck Lake. The Robertson Shaft of Con Mine, with its bright red top, is visible in the distance from this lake. Proceed west, following the south shore of Duck Lake for 3 km. The portage into Great Slave Lake is in the southwest bay of Duck Lake and is about 350 m long. From here, head west following the shore for 1.5 km to Dettah. You may choose to be picked up at Dettah, or continue paddling along Yellowknife Bay 7 km into Yellowknife.



Portage



Park



Mine

Jennejohn Canoe Route

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