

Project Title: Prince Leopold Island MBS and Nirjutiqarvik NWA wildlife viewing

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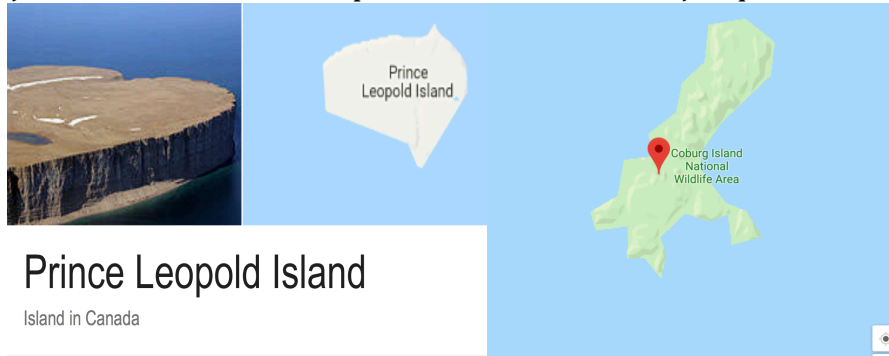
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Number of personnel covered under permit: Maximum 10

Project objectives:

View the arctic flora and fauna on Prince Leopold Island and Coburg Island with guests from Arctic Watch Wilderness Lodge.

Project location: Prince Leopold Island MBS and Nirjutiqarvik NWA



Prince Leopold Island MBS (74°N 090°W)

Nirjutiqarvik NWA (75°57'N 79°18'W)

Please keep in mind that I do not have exact location of the airstrips for both Prince Leopold Island or Coburg Island since I have not visited either. They both have twin-otter landing strips walking distance from the viewpoints we wish to visit.

Proposed dates and Duration of Visit:

We would like to fly and land a Summit Air Twin-Otter too both Prince Leopold Island and Coburg Island. We will be using the airstrips that are already designated on the islands and then walk to the cliffs and waters edge. No vessel, all-terrain vechiles or helicopters will be used in either location. Proposed dates for visiting both locations are August 2-4, 2019 weather permitting. This is a one-day visit, with an approximate 3-4 hour viewing at each location.

Activity Summary:

Once on land, we will be strictly walking and viewing the wildlife from a safe distance. Our primary goal is to insure that we do not frighten the wildlife and birdlife. We will be viewing the birds and mammals using binoculars and cameras. We do not have hiking routes mapped out, as we have not yet visited the island and there is no information available to visitors online. We would be happy to map out a route after the first visit. They are both fairly small islands, we do not plan on spending more then a few hours each visit. Archaeological sites are not of interest. We are visiting to see flora and fauna.

We would only be visiting each sanctuary for a few hours at a time, before flying back to to Arctic Watch Wilderness Lodge. The maximum group size would be 10 guests with two trained arctic guides as tour leaders. There will be no overnighiting, camps or structures being constructed on the island. No fuel for the aircrafts will be stored on Prince Leopold Island or Coburg Island. All fueling will be done at Arctic Watch Wilderness Lodge or Resolute Bay. Guests will be expected to have restroom needs before departure to the island at Arctic Watch Lodge. If a guests or guide do need to have an emergency restroom break, all personal garbage or waste will be carried off the island in a garbage bag by guests themselves or by the guides and disposed of properly. We will not be disturibing the birds. Viewing only, no touching, catching, killing will be envolved. Guides and guests will be sure to keep a safe distance from any nests in order not to scare wildlife.

Potential Environmental Impacts:

Guests and guides will be expected to stay a 30 meters away from any nesting birds or wildlife. Visitors will be encouraged not to make loud noises while approaching the cliffs with birds. No food or waste will be left o the island in order to minimize environmental impacts.

Spill protocol: As stated above the aircraft will not be fueled on the islands and we will not be bringing any other combustibles or chemicals onto the islands.

Dangerous Wildlife Encounter:

We will have our arctic guides watching for polar bears at all times. If a bear is spotted, the guides will take appropriate measures to ensure safety for guests and bears. No firearms will be carried onto the island. Guides and guests will have bear spray as a last defence deterrent against a polar bear. No camping food will be prepared on the island as not to attract wildlife.

Emergency Protocol:

We do not intend to be camping over night on the island, however safety precautions will be taken and emergency camping equipment will be stored in the aircraft as a precaution of a weather or mechanical delay. We will be traveling with Iridium Satellite phones, Garmin Inreach, complete first aid.

Canadian Arctic Holidays owns and operates Arctic Watch Wilderness lodge on Somerset Island. We are a tourist-based lodge for wildlife watching activity. All the guides have at least 20 years of arctic experience with wilderness first aid and CPR certification along with Canadian firearms certification.

Canadian Arctic Holidays is a well-established wildlife and arctic expedition tourism based operation. We have been operation in Nunavut for 30 years. Visiting Prince Leopold Island MBS and Nirjutiqarvik NWA is currently a one trip viewing expedition. We may wish to apply for a multi-year permit once we have visited the sites.

The HTO of Grise Fjord and Resolute Bay will be contacted to as part of the permit application, in due time. We will not be hiring Inuit from Resolute as guides. At this point we have no local Resolute Inuit's that are keen to leave town for work. We would most definitely look into hiring a local for future visits if the opportunity arises from a multi-year permit.