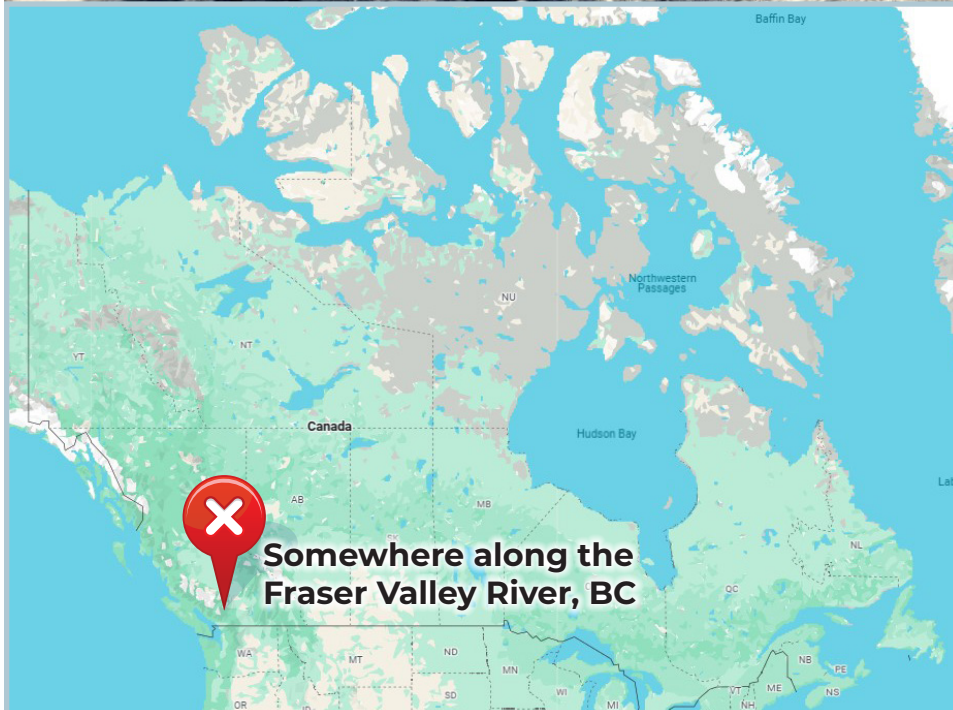


Hall Beach, NU

A member of 1 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group ready for a patrol during Operation NUNALIVUT at Hall Beach, Nunavut on 25 February 2017.

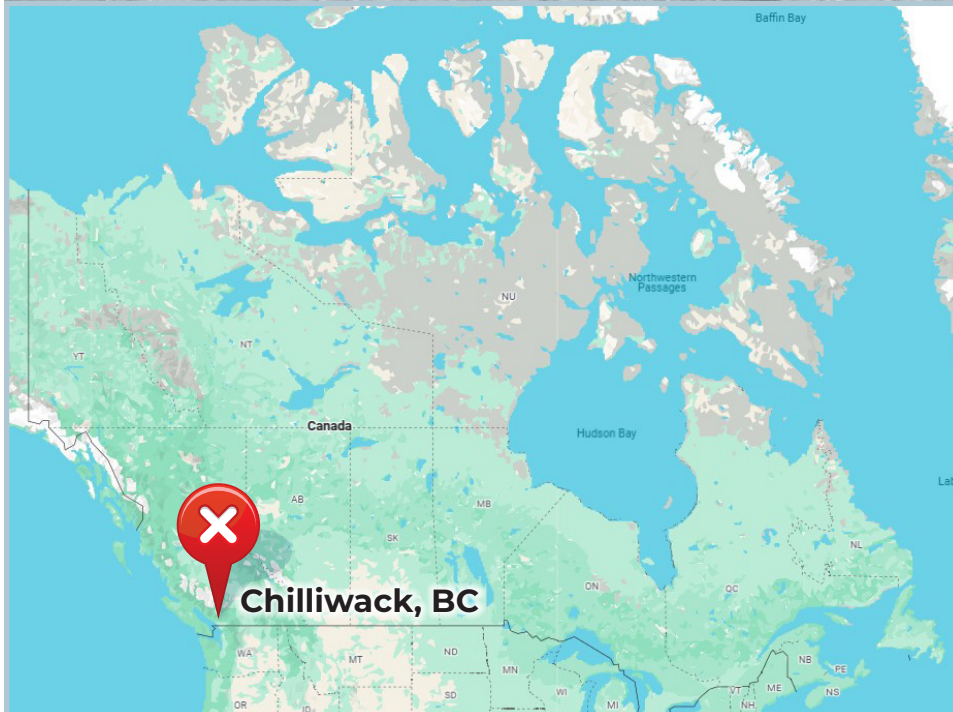
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Somewhere along the Fraser Valley River, BC

The Pacific Coast Militia Rangers were established in 1942 to help protect British Columbia's shores during the Second World War. PCMR No. 29 Company was based in the Fraser Valley. The Pacific Coast Militia Rangers helped inspire the creation of the Canadian Rangers in 1947.

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Chilliwack, BC

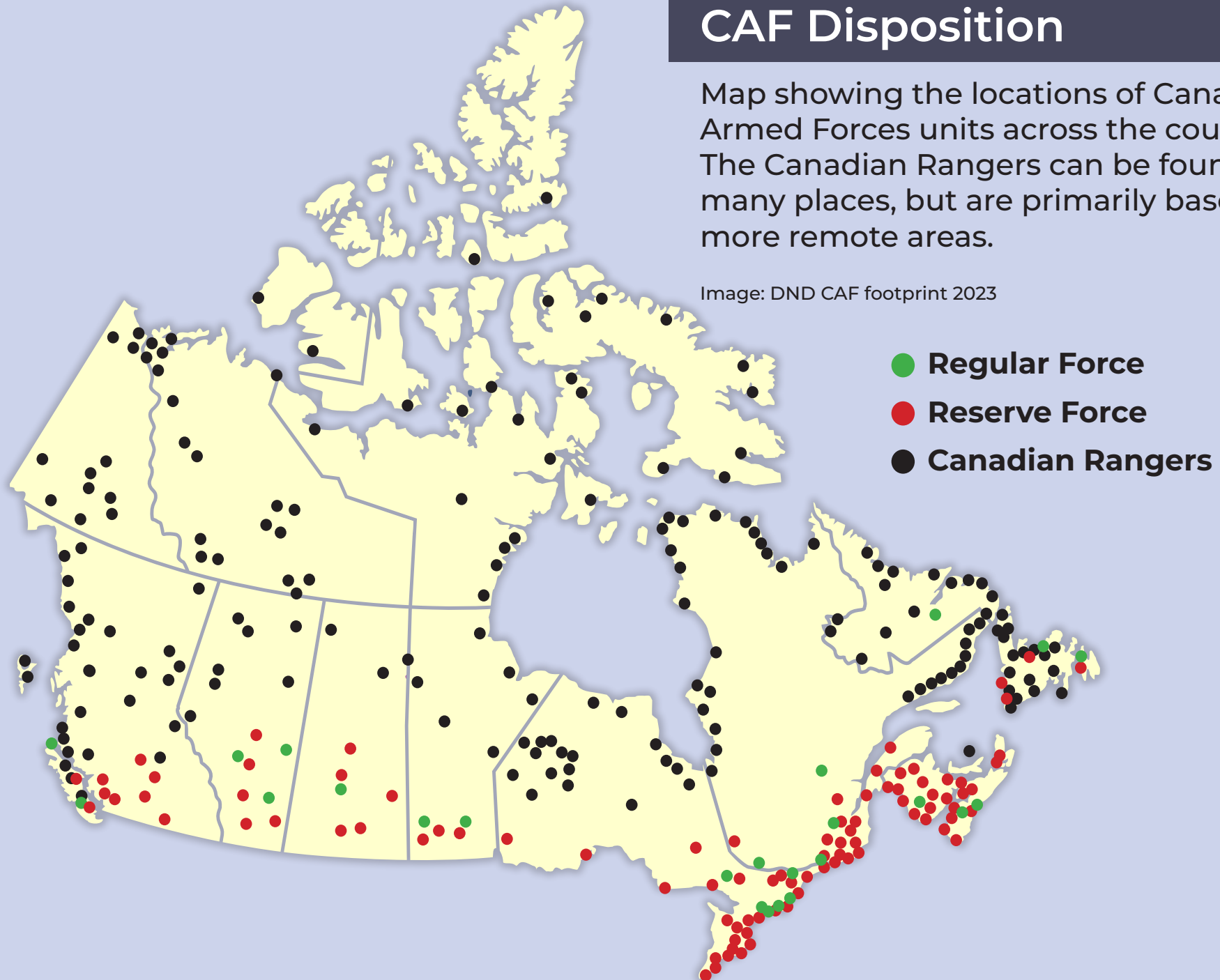
Members of the Pacific Coast Militia Rangers practicing at a rifle range in Chilliwack, British Columbia during the Second World War.

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CAF Disposition

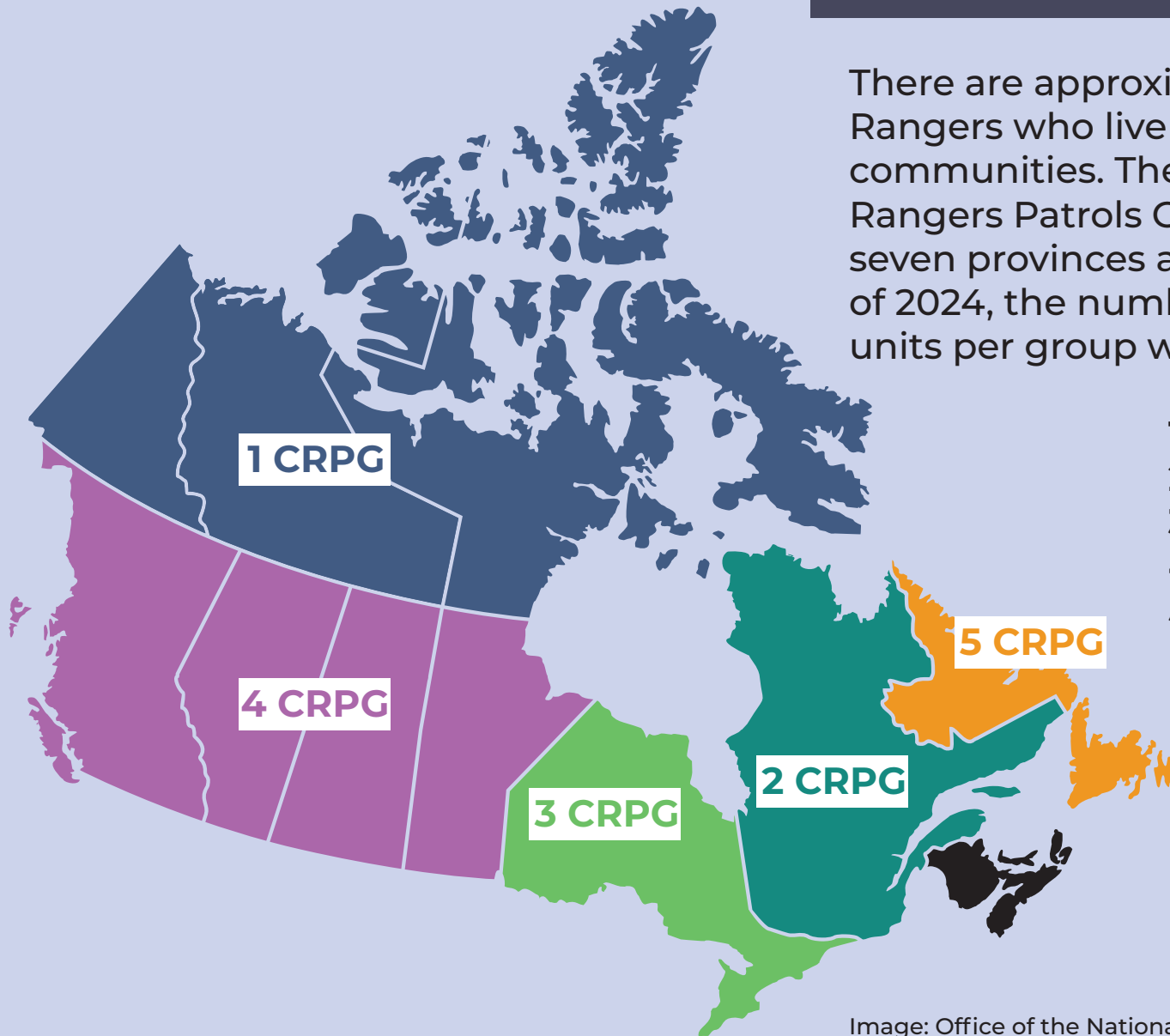
Map showing the locations of Canadian Armed Forces units across the country. The Canadian Rangers can be found in many places, but are primarily based in more remote areas.

Image: DND CAF footprint 2023



Canadian Rangers Patrols Groups

There are approximately 5,000 Canadian Rangers who live in more than 200 communities. There are five Canadian Rangers Patrols Groups (CRPG), covering seven provinces and three territories. As of 2024, the number of individual patrol units per group was:



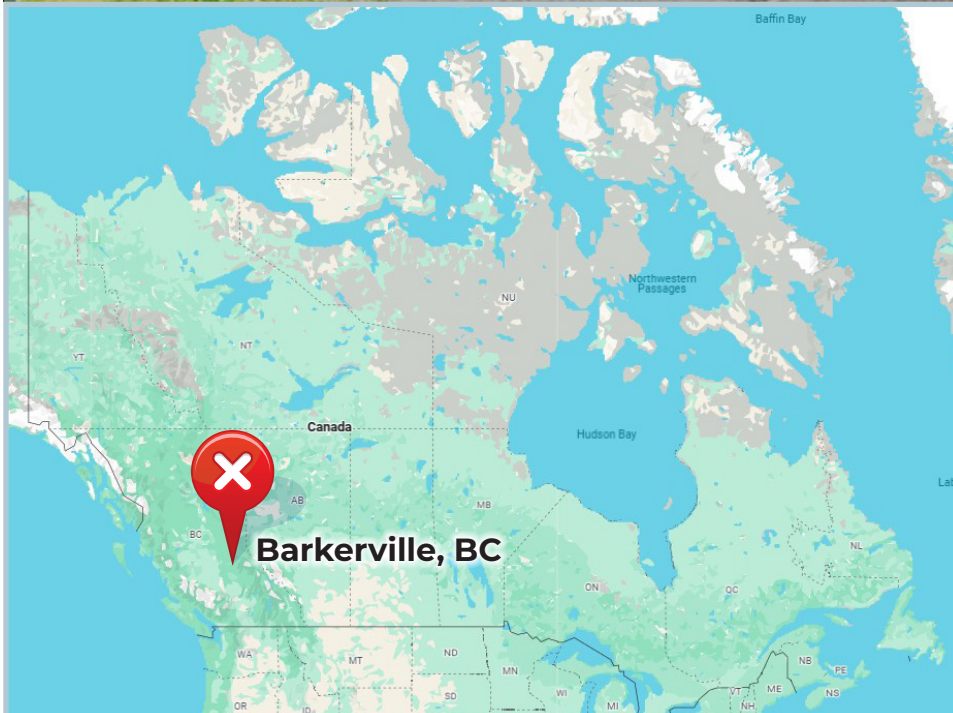
1 CRPG: 61 patrols
2 CRPG: 31 patrols
3 CRPG: 26 patrols
4 CRPG: 49 patrols
5 CRPG: 34 patrols

Image: Office of the National Defence and Canadian Armed Forces Ombudsman

Circumpolar map of the North



Image: canada.ca/en/polar-knowledge/education.html



Barkerville, BC

Canadian Rangers on horseback during a training exercise in central British Columbia in July 2021.

Photo: DND



Rankin Inlet, NU

A member of 1 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group escorts personnel from the Arctic Response Company Group on a snowmobile excursion during Operation NANOOK-NUNALIVUT in Rankin Inlet, Nunavut on 6 March 2020.

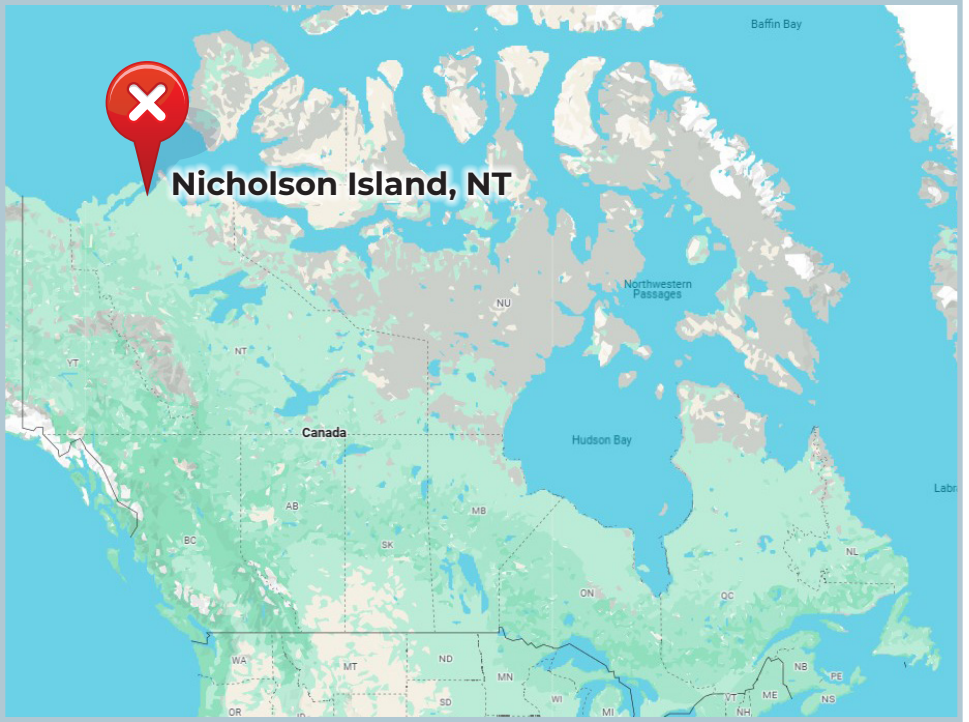
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Rankin Inlet, NU

As part of survival skills training near Rankin Inlet, Nunavut, members of 1 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group prepare a traditional Inuit dish of muktuk during Operation NANOOK 2016 on 28 August 2016.

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Nicholson Island, NT

Two members of 1 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group during Operation NANOOK-NUNAKPUT 2023 on the Nicholson Peninsula in the Northwest Territories on 5 September 2023.

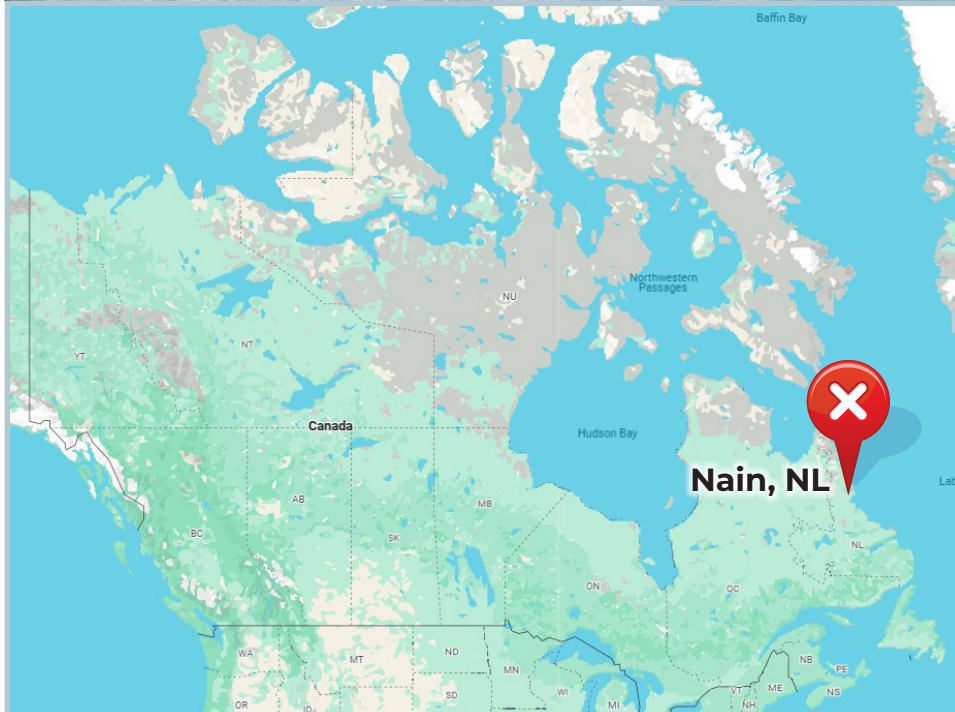
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Taloyoat, NU

A member of the 1 Canadian Rangers Patrol Group provides predator control watch at a command post camp near Baring Bay, Nunavut during Operation NUNALIVUT 2012.

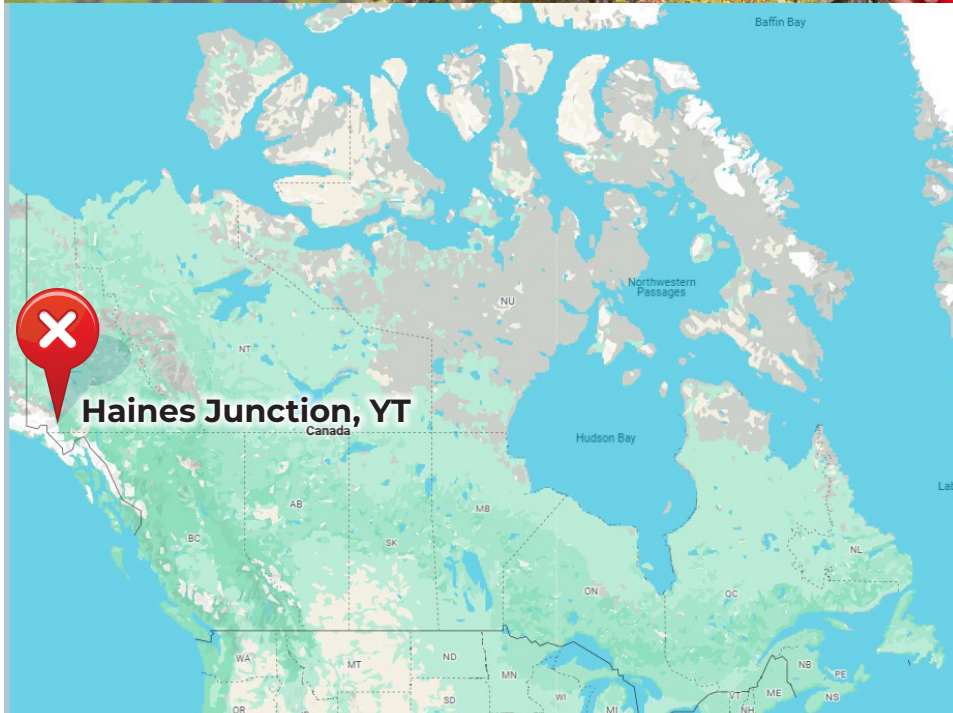
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Nain, NL

No. 5 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group members returning from a search exercise in February 2015.

Photo: DND



Haines Junction, YT

A member of 1 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group explains what to do when encountering wildlife to Canadian Armed Forces members serving with the *12e Régiment blindé du Canada* at a forward operating base in Haines Junction, Yukon during Operation NANOOK on 28 August 2016.

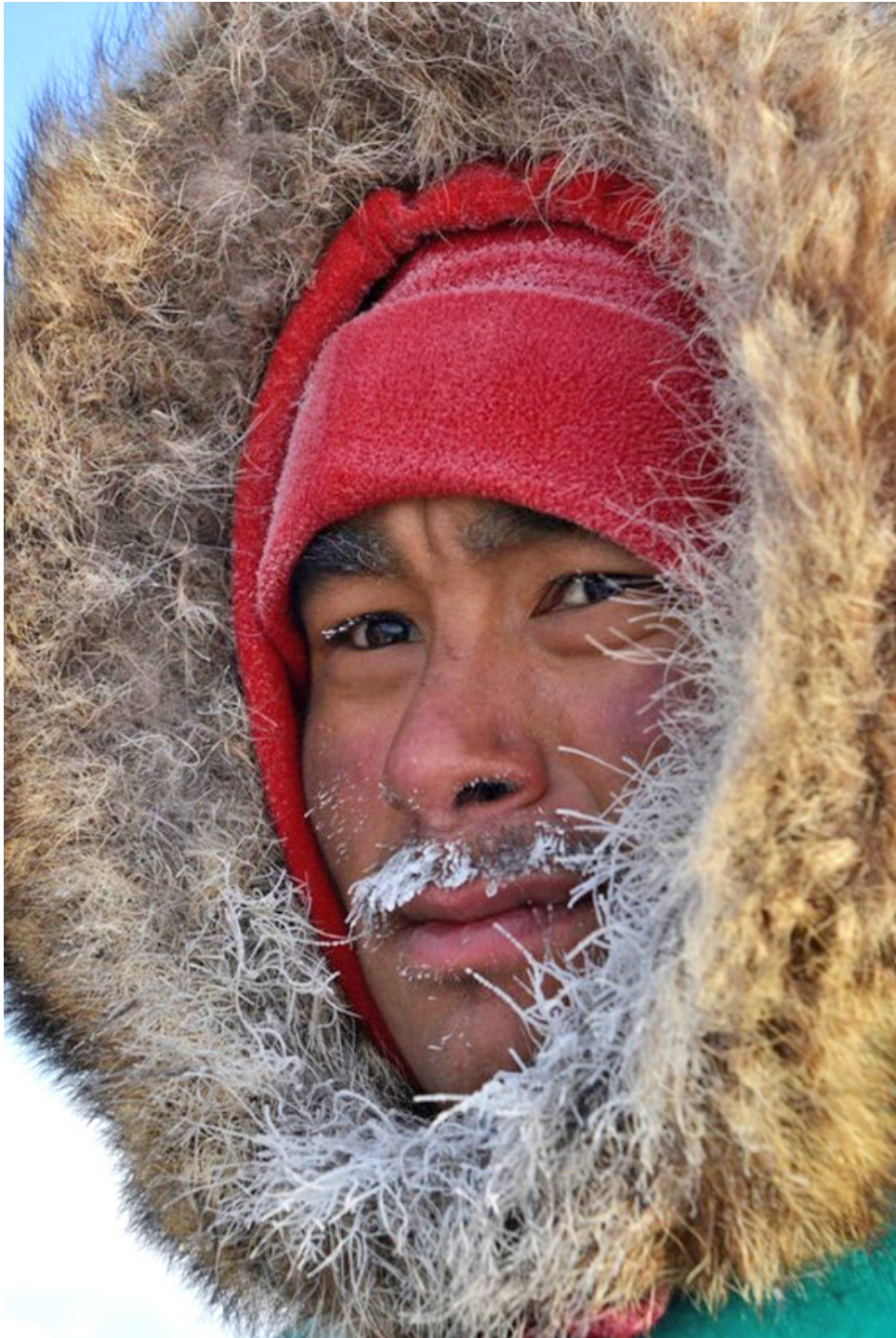
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Farnham, QC

New Canadian Rangers learn about lanterns as a part of a national Canadian Ranger Basic Military Indoctrination course held in Farnham, Quebec in April 2016.

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Resolute Bay, NU



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A member of 1 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group braves icy winds and cold temperatures in Resolute Bay, Nunavut during NOREX 2015 on 22 March 2015.

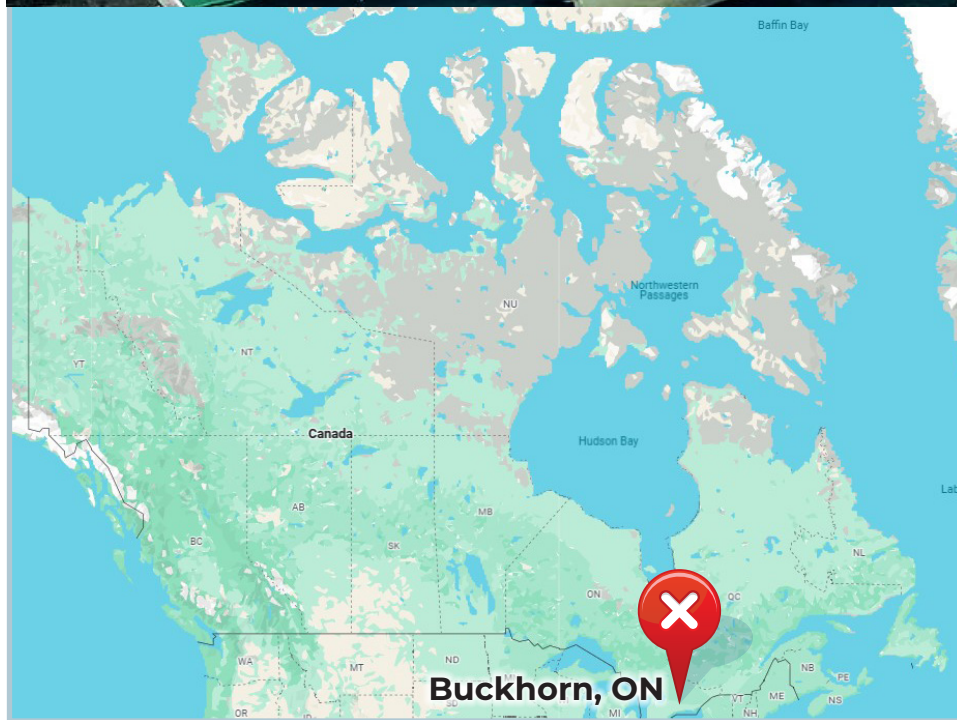
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Tuktoyuktuk, NT

A Canadian Ranger and a United States Army officer with the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) working together in Tuktoyuktuk, Northwest Territories during Operation NANOOK on 23 August 2015.

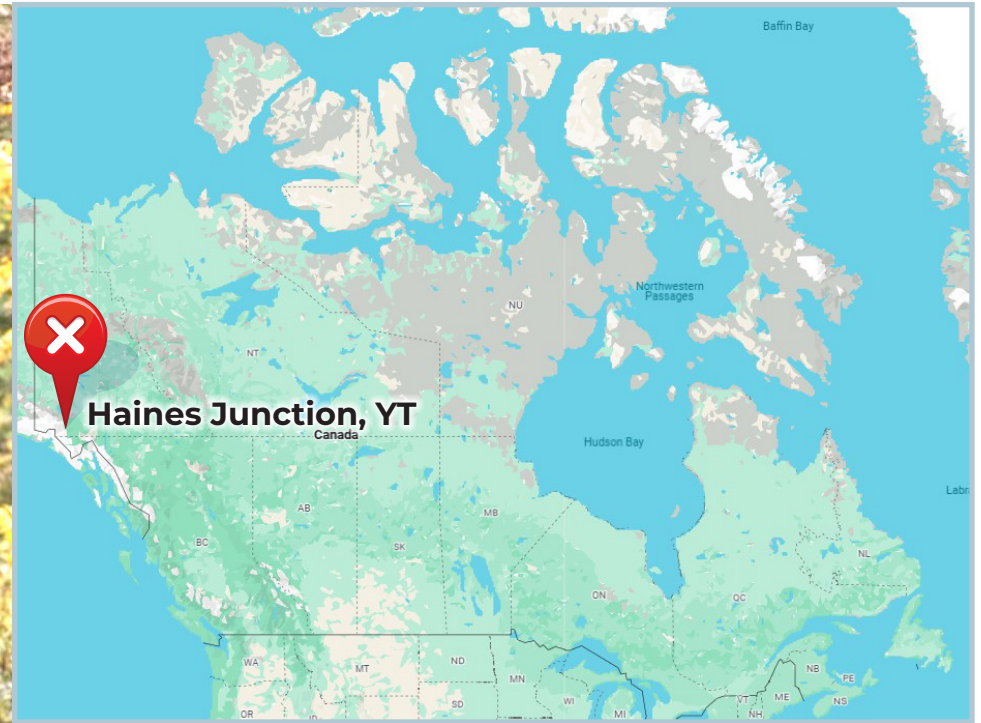
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Buckhorn, ON

Members of No. 3 Canadian Rangers Patrol Group travelling by boat in central Ontario in September 2022.

Photo: DND



Haines Junction, YT

A member of 1 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group gives a trapping demonstration to Canadian Armed Forces members serving with the *12e Régiment blindé du Canada* at a forward operating base in Haines Junction, Yukon during Operation NANOOK on 28 August 2016.

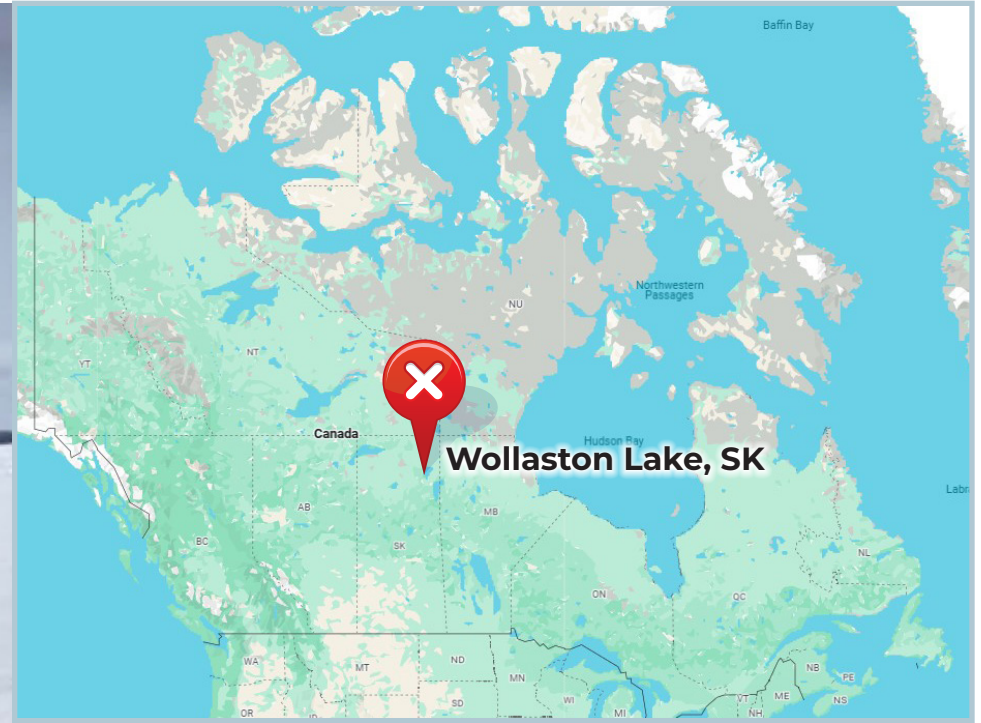
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Great Slave Lake, NT

Members of 1 Canadian Rangers Patrol Group conduct search and rescue exercises on Great Slave Lake near Yellowknife, Northwest Territories during Operation NUNAKPUT on 11 July 2016.

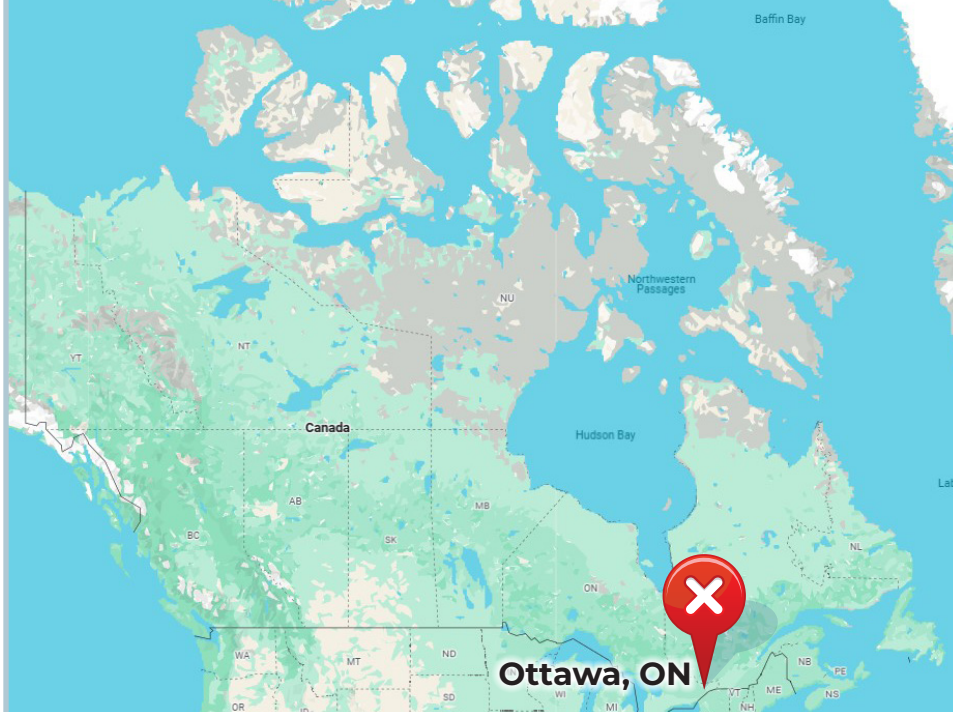
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Wollaston Lake, SK

Members of the Wollaston Lake Canadian Ranger Patrol in northern Saskatchewan catch fish on 22 April 2020 to assist with the community's food security COVID-19 relief efforts.

Photo: Canadian Rangers



Ottawa, ON

Canadian Rangers training with their rifles in Ottawa in September 2017.

Photo: DND



Burnt Islands, NL

Members of the Canadian Rangers clear debris from a fishing wharf destroyed by Hurricane Fiona in Burnt Islands, Newfoundland and Labrador during Operation LENTUS on 2 October 2022.

Photo: DND



Aklavik, NT

A Canadian Ranger traveling the MacKenzie River to resupply other Canadian Armed Forces troops near Tsiigehtchic, Northwest Territories during Operation NANOOK 2012.

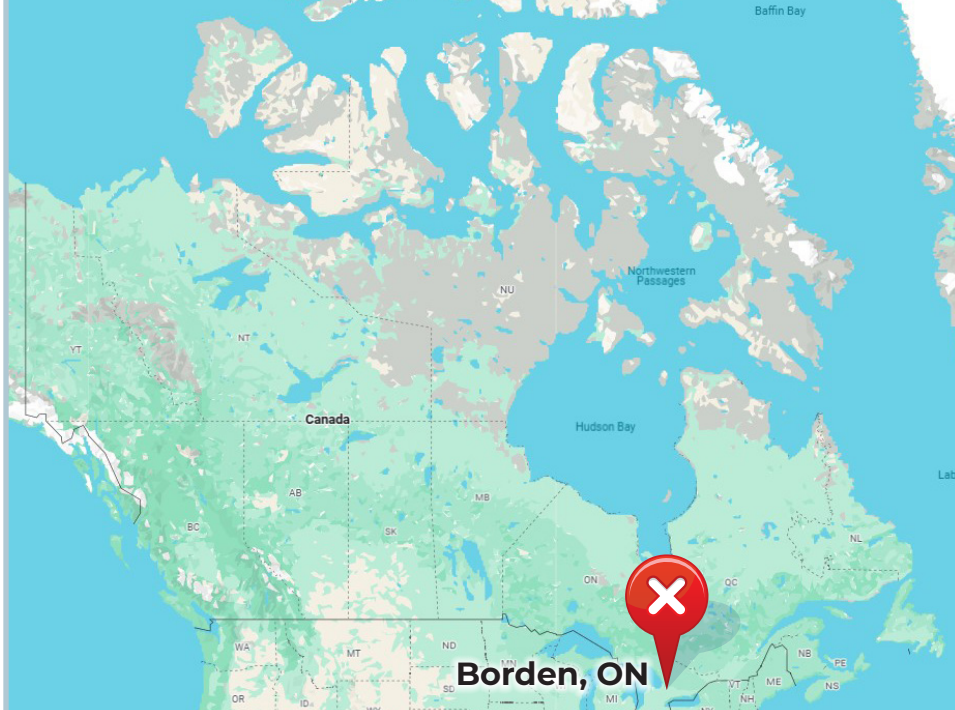
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Yellowknife, NT

His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales visits members of the Canadian Rangers and Junior Canadian Rangers during a visit to in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories on 19 May 2022.

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Borden, ON

Canadian Rangers during a search and rescue course at CFB Borden in September 2018.

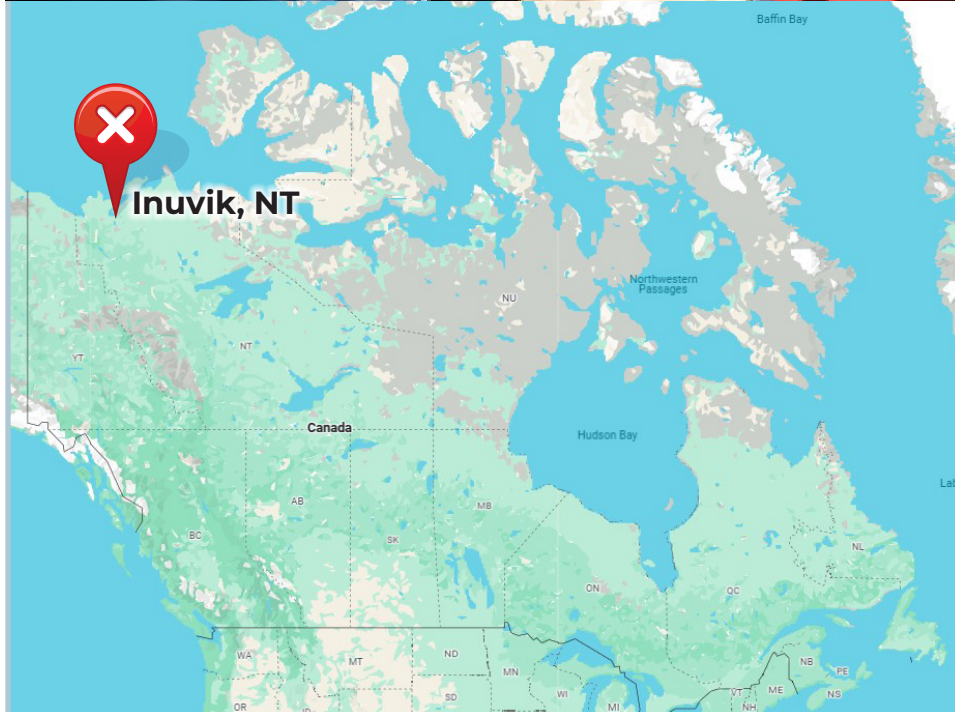
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Inuvik, NT

A member of the 1 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group helps load an all-terrain vehicle aboard a CH 147F Chinook helicopter during Operation NANOOK-NUNAKPUT 2023 at the airport in Inuvik, Northwest Territories on 28 August 2023.

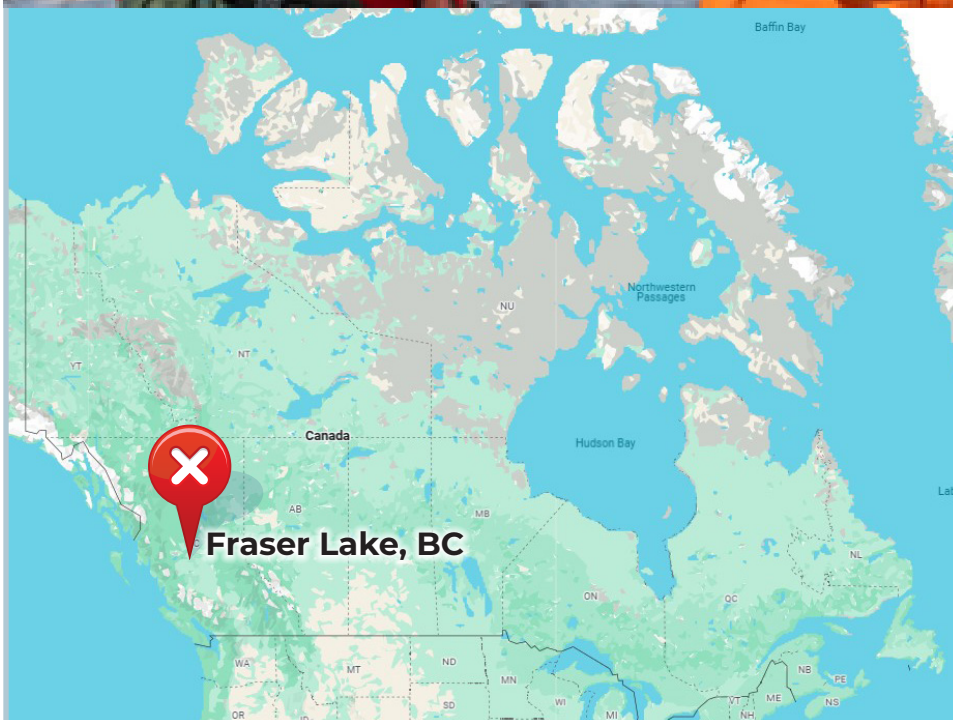
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Inuvik, NT

Members of the 1 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group participate in a community activity organized by the 3rd Battalion, *Royal 22e Régiment* for the people of Inuvik, Northwest Territories, during Operation NANOOK-NUNAKPUT on 9 September 2023.

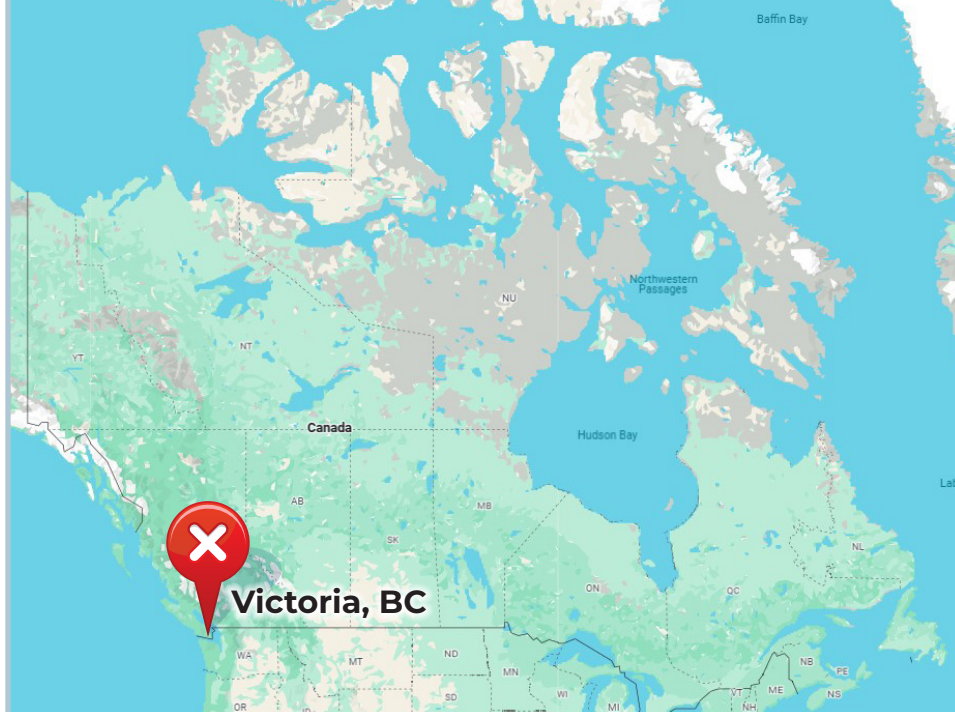
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Fraser Lake, BC

A Canadian Ranger (left) with other Canadian Armed Forces members planning ways to battle wildfires near Fraser Lake, British Columbia during Operation LENTUS on 8 September 2023.

Photo: DND



Victoria, BC

Members of the 4 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group observe a moment of silence as part of the National Day of Honour on 9 May 2014 in Victoria, British Columbia.

Photo: DND RC ISX2014-0007



Churchill, MB

A member of 4 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group watching for polar bears while the Royal Canadian Navy conducts diving operations in Churchill, Manitoba on 24 September 2022.

Photo: DND