Welcome to the Wolf Creek Trail, a walk through Yukon's boreal forest. The trail takes you to the banks of the Yukon River and then back along Wolf Creek in an hour's walk.

Numbered markers on posts along the trail relate to numbers in this guide. Watch for them as you walk along.

Stay alert and you may see some of the birds and other animals that live here, and the plants that grow and flower in the boreal forest. Please don't pick them, so others can enjoy them too.

When you are done, you can keep this brochure as a souvenir or return it to the dispenser. Thanks for not littering.

Enjoy your walk!
River Highway
The Yukon River has been used as a travel corridor for centuries. A hundred years ago, thousands of gold-seekers boated by here on their way to the Klondike. Looming above the river, Canyon (Gray) Mountain warned boaters of the approach to the turbulent waters of Miles Canyon, now stilled by the Whitehorse dam.

Telegraph Line
Look over the edge of the escarpment to see the remains of a telegraph line, strung high in the spruce trees below. The line connected Dawson to the outside world in September of 1899. It was in use until 1953, when the all-weather road between Whitehorse and Dawson was finished.

Wind Throw
The trees in front of you have been uprooted by the wind. The force required to blow them over is really not as great as it may seem. Spruce roots are shallow, spreading out from the trunk just below the surface of the ground. Though the trees have many tough, flexible, wide-spreading roots, there is little resistance to the wind.

Fish and Beavers
When beavers moved into this area some time ago, they built a dam downstream from where you are standing, flooding the area in front of you. The beaver dam may have prevented salmon from returning upstream to spawn. The deeper pools created by the dam would have provided overwintering and spawning habitat for grayling.

Cathedral Doors
During a forest fire, many trees are killed, but often some survive. They display their experience with the fire in the form of fire scars. The arch-like appearance of the fire scars on these trees suggests the descriptive name of ‘cathedral doors.’