

Arctic Haven Lodge Project Summary

Arctic Haven Lodge, a tourism establishment facility located on the shore of Ennadai Lake, Nunavut on Somerset Island is owned by 994458 Nunavut Limited, the proprietors are Aziz Kheraj and Aleeeasuk Idlout of Resolute Bay. The lodge is operated by Canadian Arctic Holidays Ltd.

The Lodge currently has ten to twenty-four guests per week in May and August-September. The primary activity is wildlife viewing. Guests also do some hiking, snowmobiling, sea kayaking and fishing. Guests are transported around the area, on the lake by motor boat.

The lodge has twelve rooms for guests. There is also a staff accommodation building (currently with no running water) and a self-contained caretaker's cabin for the off-season. Electricity is generated by solar and wind power with diesel generator backup. Heating is done by solar, diesel and wood. Sewage is treated in septic tanks. Garbage is incinerated or flown out to Yellowknife for disposal.

Guests arrive directly from Yellowknife on charter aircraft. The lodge has a 3200 foot sand/gravel airstrip. As the sand/gravel mix is often loose or soft the airstrip has to be compacted regularly. At times, when airstrip is too dry, water is pumped from the lake and spread on the airstrip to aid in compaction.