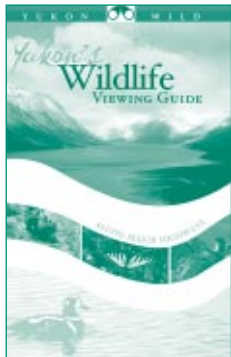
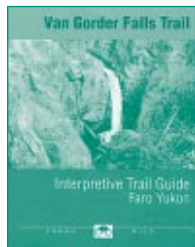




## Faro

Faro lies in central Yukon along the Tintina Trench, a dramatic geological feature extending from British Columbia to Alaska. The trench acts like a funnel for migrating birds, giving Faro prime bird viewing. The region also boasts some of Yukon's highest numbers of moose, Fannin's sheep and wolves.

Pick up the following guides at the Robert Campbell Interpretive Centre or Environment Yukon office.



This map is a guide to the highlights of the region, but is not exhaustive. Talk with residents, staff at the Robert Campbell Interpretive Centre or Conservation Officer to find out more about the area's history, wildlife and backcountry.

### Town of Faro:

(867) 994-2728

[www.faroyukon.ca](http://www.faroyukon.ca)

### Robert Campbell Interpretive Centre:

(867) 994-2288 (seasonal)

(867) 994-2728 (year round)

### Conservation Officer :

(867) 994-2862

### Wildlife Viewing Program:

(867) 667-8291

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### ① Campbell Region Interpretive Centre

Start your tour of Faro at the Interpretive Centre. Local staff can help you plan your visit. Exhibits describe unique geology, natural history and historic culture. The Centre is open May to September.

### ② The Van Gorder Falls Trail

A trail brochure is available at the Interpretive Centre that will bring to life the plants and animals on this 1.5 km (1.0 mi.) trail. Start at the John Connolly RV Park, across from the Interpretive Centre.

### ③ The Faro Arboretum

800 metres north of the turnoff to Faro, this site showcases native plants and animals. Interpretive panels, viewing decks complete with binoculars, sound posts, and resting benches are found along the 1.2 km walking loop trail.

### ④ The Fingers Site

A creek cuts a deep trench along the west side of the road 2.5 km (1.5 mi.) north of Faro. The resulting erosion leaves the impression of “fingers” on the steep walls. A short walk from the parking lot takes you to the viewing platform for a look at the cliffs commonly used by Fannin’s sheep rams. Here you can also see a Common Raven’s nest, or in the spring and fall, flocks of Sandhill Cranes overhead during their migration. Listen to bird calls on sound posts. Enjoy this excellent site for a picnic, complete with RV parking and toilet facilities.

### ⑤ Sheep Mountain Viewing Deck

5.5 km (3.5 mi.) along Blind Creek Road you will find a pullout. A short trail leads to a platform with a splendid view of Sheep Mountain. The vegetation here is representative of food that is important to sheep. The best time to see Fannin’s sheep is between November and May. In the fall and winter Fannin rams are often seen on the slope northwest of the ewes and lambs.

**Warning:** The pullout is on a steep s-curve. Watch for oncoming traffic.

### ⑥ Mount Mye Sheep Centre

7.5 km (4.6 mi.) along Blind Creek Road. Stay left at the fork to reach the viewing cabin at the foot of Sheep Mountain. From this ideal vantage point sheep are visible along the mountainside through the fall, winter and spring. In June they move into the alpine areas of Mount Mye. Interpretive panels inside and outside the cabin describe the sheep and this important winter range.

**Warning:** The Lower Blind Creek Road is a rough 2-wheel drive gravel road and is not recommended for long vehicles such as motorhomes.

### ⑦ Sheep Mineral Lick

Found 11.5 km (7.5 mi.) along Blind Creek Road. Turn right at the fork and follow Lower Blind Creek Road

to the parking lot trailhead. The path leading from the parking area along the bottom of the bluff offers a pleasant walk through the valley bottom vegetation. Fannin sheep are often visible along the top edge of the bluff where they lick minerals from the exposed soil. Wind scours this area and keeps it snow-free during the winter.

### ⑧ Mount Mye Hiking Route

This multi-day route starts at the gate and leads north into the alpine area where sheep spend their summers. (This rich wildlife area is also a sheep lambing ground, and caution needs to be exercised by giving sheep a wide berth.) By travelling northwest, and descending to Dickson Lake, a trail can be followed out to the mine road, and back to Faro. Talk with staff at the Interpretive Centre for more details.

### ⑨ Johnson Lake Campground

A variety of water birds can be found around this marshy lake. A *Birder’s Checklist of the Faro/Ross River Region*, available at Visitor Centres, will help you identify what you may find here. Camping for an evening is a great way to hear loons and other night creatures.

### ⑩ Fisheye Lake

This day use area provides a boat ramp, picnic facilities and a children’s play area. Watch for diving ducks and loons. Fishing is good as this lake is stocked with rainbow trout and Kokanee (land-locked sockeye salmon).

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