

Cell phone coverage in Yukon Territory

Most visitors to the Yukon arriving with either various cell phones such as Blackberry, Smartphone or iPhone need to know which providers have coverage that will work here.

Yukon cell coverage is Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA) based which means that cell phone providers such as Bell Mobility, Latitude and Telus supply service to Whitehorse, Dawson and smaller communities. Suppliers such as Rogers are on a Global System for Mobile communication (GSM) and though more globally known, their system will not work here in the Yukon.

Smartphones that are considered 3G or HSPA (High Speed Packet Access) will only work in the Whitehorse area. Towers outside the other various Yukon communities do not recognize 3G at this time.

As a precaution, visitors should check with their providers as to whether they are considered CDMA or GSM prior to visiting the Yukon. Also, please note that coverage is sometimes limited to the town sites and can be spotty in places. Satellite phones may be an option if you plan on spending more time out of town and need to depend on adequate coverage. Satellite phone networks are accessible across the Yukon and satellite phones can be rented in Whitehorse.

Provider	CDMA/GSM	Whitehorse CDMA	Whitehorse 3G, HSPA	Other YT communities CDMA only No 3G/HSPA
Bell Mobility	CDMA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Latitude	CDMA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Telus	CDMA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rogers	GSM	X	X	X

If you own a CDMA compatible phone you may wish to check into some of the newer month to month plans offered through Northwestel as some of the “pay as you go” phones won’t work on the system.