

Many Dene place names describe Yamória's imprint on the land. They are reminders of this important cultural hero and the storied landscape inhabited by the people of Denendeh.

This map charts some of the places Yamória visited on his journeys and describes what happened at these special sites.

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<p>1 Hollow Mountain A giant beaver still lives in this hollow mountain near Goldfields.</p> <p>2 Goldfields Three giant beavers lived at Goldfields until Hachoghe chased them out.</p> <p>3 Tsákí Tué (Beaverlodge Lake) Hachoghe threw a baby beaver into Beaverlodge Lake, creating a very deep hole in the lake.</p> <p>4 Tsákí Shéth (Beaverlodge Mountain) Two giant beavers lived at Beaverlodge Mountain until Hachoghe chopped open their lodge, creating a mountain that looks split in half.</p> <p>5 Chochezerelche (Athabasca Sand Dunes Provincial Park) Hachoghe fought with a giant beaver. In its struggle to escape, the beaver kicked away all the trees, creating the Athabasca Sand Dunes. The sand is red from the beaver's blood.</p> <p>6 Wélyim Bedéz (William River) A giant beaver swam to the waterfalls at William River to escape from Hachoghe.</p> <p>7 T'anu This rock island was formed when Hachoghe threw part of a beaver den to the west side of Old Fort.</p> <p>8 Old Fort Valley In the deep valley near Old Fort is where a giant beaver used to sit. Trees did not grow at the bottom of this valley.</p> <p>9 Old Fort A giant beaver had a den by Old Fort until Hachoghe chased through the river and killed the beaver.</p> <p>10 Sunauze Island The smooth Island in front of Big Point is where giant beavers got their food.</p> <p>11 Des Nedhé (Slave River) Hachoghe chased a giant beaver along the Slave River to Fort Smith.</p> <p>12 Des Nedhé T'heba (Slave River Rapids) While running away from Hachoghe, the giant beaver swam over its den, creating the Slave River Rapids.</p> <p>13 Tħeħabħa ts'j (Drowniver from Fort Smith) Downriver from Fort Smith, a giant beaver met a giant wolverine. The beaver was scared and sent the wolverine flying into the air. He landed far north, creating Wolverine Rock at the Sans Sault Rapids.</p> <p>14 Desnēħ (Lockhart River) To escape from Hachoghe, a beaver swam down the Lockhart River. After a long chase, the beaver grew tired and Hachoghe killed it.</p> <p>15 Tħedħo Tué (Artillery Lake) Hachoghe dove into a giant beaver lodges near Artillery Lake. The beaver escaped, but can still see the ledge where Hachoghe dove. A rock sticks out of Artillery Lake where Hachoghe threw his shovel at the escaping beaver.</p> <p>16 Ts'akúu Thħadha (Old Lady of the Falls) After killing a giant beaver, Hachoghe fed all the Dene. One woman wanted the blood but Hachoghe said there wasn't enough. She sat down at the falls and waited so long that she became stuck there for eternity. Today travelers pay their respects and ask for help from the Old Lady of the Falls.</p> <p>17 Kaché (Fort Reliance) A giant beaver lived at Fort Reliance before Hachoghe chased it out.</p> <p>18 Tučo (Arctic Ocean) After killing all the beavers, Hachoghe walked until he reached the ocean.</p> <p>19 Bering Strait At the ocean, Hachoghe killed a giant. The giant fell across the ocean, creating a sandbar for the caribou to cross into Denendeh. Today the giant's chest is caved in and so the bridge is no longer there.</p>	<p>20 Sahti (Great Bear Lake) Yampózha parted ways with his brother Yamgahat at Great Bear Lake.</p> <p>21 Kwérehħdoo (Blood Rock) Blood Rock is the Tłı̨cho birthplace of Yamgózha and his brother, Yamgahat. An old man found the two brothers under a log here.</p> <p>22 Nodji (Bear-Slave Upland) Yampózha and his brother left at the Bear-Slave Upland. He promised her that he would always lay down sticks for her to cross water or wet ground.</p> <p>23 Jħiġ kika Yampózha woke up one morning at Jħiġ kika, cut down a birch tree and made a bow.</p> <p>24 Hodoođoo (Sliding Hill) At the bottom of Hodoođoo, Yamgózha encountered a giant wolverine (Inghaj). He was trapping and eating people. He killed the wolverine, making Hodoođoo safe for people to slide down again.</p> <p>25 Ts'ok (Dreaming Mountain) After leaving Hodoođoo, Yamgózha went to the Bear-Slave Upland. He met a giant beaver who had a pole, creating a deep channel that is boats.</p> <p>26 Ts'ok (Grandin River) At the Grandin River, Yamgózha decided to place a tree across a small creek and his beaver wife.</p> <p>27 Teweecho Showas (Giant Lands) A family of giant beavers were killed and thrown into the giant lands until Yamgózha chased them out. The beaver dam is now a narrow strip of land at Giant Lands.</p> <p>28 Għożejjixx (Little Butte) At the Little Butte there is a long, calm stretch on the Lard River where the giant beavers had a feeding ground.</p> <p>29 Ts'ok (Liard River) Near Little Butte there is a small creek and his beaver wife.</p> <p>30 Ezgħidti (Grandin River) At Grandin River, Yamgózha caught up to and killed three of the giant beavers.</p> <p>31 Náħáħdeħ (Liard River) Zhamħa Déja chased the giant beavers down the Liard River to the Mackenzie River.</p> <p>32 Tħieħi (Tulita) At Tulita, Yamgózha caught up to and killed three of the giant beavers.</p> <p>33 Tħieħi (Liard River) At Tulita, Yamgózha caught up to and killed three of the giant beavers.</p> <p>34 Tħieħi (Cameron Hills) Zhamħa Déja was travelling along the Cameron Hills when he saw quills flying everywhere. He killed a giant porcupine and a smaller one, creating the Cameron Hills.</p> <p>35 Ts'ok (Bear Point) At Bear Point a giant beaver made a hole and had a baby, Zhamħa Déja dug into the top of the hole, creating a hole in the hill.</p> <p>36 Ts'ok (Shiqau Mountain) In Wrigley Harbour, giant beavers had made nests of poplar trees. Zhamħa Déja sat on a hill nearby and looked for giant beavers. The hill with the sat is flat at top. When Zhamħa Déja chased the beavers out, the beaver caches formed the islands around Wrigley Harbour.</p> <p>37 Ts'ok (Bracklett Lake) To escape his evil in-laws, Yamgózha fled to Bracklett Lake and fed on human flesh. He spared the baby beaver, teaching it to eat fish instead of people.</p> <p>38 Ts'ok (Mustard Lake) A giant beaver smacked its tail against the water, enlarging Mills Lake and creating all the little lakes around it.</p> <p>39 Nishi (Old Fort Rae) At Old Fort Rae a giant beaver used mud from the lake bottom to make a dam, creating a point and a lake.</p> <p>40 Tħieħi (Great Slave Lake) Yampózha chased giant beavers all around Great Slave Lake to the Mackenzie River.</p> <p>41 Ts'ok (Horn Plateau) Yampózha chased giant beavers down the Mackenzie River.</p> <p>42 Yabħi (Arctic Ocean) At the Ocean, Yamgózha transformed his beaver wife into an island.</p>	<p>38 Tħenáagó Kóp (Mackenzie Mountains) Zhamħa Déja broke off a beaver lodge at Nahanni Butte. He piled it downstream with current, creating the Mackenzie Mountains which run northwest.</p> <p>39 Għa Etenħie (Rabbit Kettle) Zhamħa Déja's home was at Rabbit Kettle, above Virginia Falls. His house remained standing after the flood. His dishes are rods with saucer-shaped indentations. At night travelers can still hear someone walking on the rocks.</p> <p>40 Tħenáagó Dħieħ (South Nahanni River) Zhamħa Déja was at the home above Virginia Falls and paddled his birch bark canoe down the Nahanni River in search of the giant beavers that were drowning.</p> <p>41 Tħenáagó Kóp (Nahanni Butte) Zhamħa Déja discovered a family of giant beavers living at Nahanni Butte. He broke open their lodge with a pole, creating a hole in the summit of Nahanni Butte.</p> <p>42 Tħieħi (Nahanni Butte) The giant beavers built to a dam before Yamgahat caught up to them, creating the St Charles Rapids.</p> <p>43 Tħenáagó (Little Butte) Near Little Butte there is a long, calm stretch on the Lard River where the giant beavers had a feeding ground.</p> <p>44 Ħażżepp Kóp (Liard Rapids) To escape from Zhamħa Déja, the beavers broke through their dam, creating the Liard River Rapids.</p> <p>45 Shħiħa (Cameron Hills) Zhamħa Déja was travelling along the Cameron Hills when he saw quills flying everywhere. He killed a giant porcupine and a smaller one, creating the Cameron Hills.</p> <p>46 Ts'ok (Bear Point) At Bear Point a giant beaver made a hole and had a baby, Zhamħa Déja dug into the top of the hole, creating a hole in the hill.</p> <p>47 Ts'ok (Shiqau Mountain) In Wrigley Harbour, giant beavers had made nests of poplar trees. 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He spared the baby beaver, teaching it to eat fish instead of people.</p> <p>49 Ts'ok (Mustard Lake) A giant beaver smacked its tail against the water, enlarging Mills Lake and creating all the little lakes around it.</p> <p>50 Kħadżidżu (Willow Lake) White escaping from Zhamħa Déja, two young beavers built a big dam in the middle of Willow Lake, creating an island.</p> <p>51 Ts'ok (Horn Plateau) Zhamħa Déja chased two young beavers over the Horn Plateau.</p> <p>52 Samħa K'ċe (Mustard Lake) Zhamħa Déja stalked giant beavers at Mustard Lake.</p> <p>53 Mbeħżeq Néto (Mount Camself) Zhamħa Déja chased two giant beavers north on the Mackenzie River past Mount Camself.</p> <p>54 Pedzéħ Kj (Wrigley) Near Wrigley there is a red rock surrounded by willows where Zhamħa Déja killed a beaver and stretched them out.</p> <p>55 Sahtú (Great Bear Lake) Yampózha discovered giant beavers living in Great Bear Lake.</p> <p>56 Edġajla (Caribou Point) On the north side of Caribou Point, Yamgózha found a giant beaver. He chased the beavers out. An island shaped like a beaver lodge remains at Caribou Point.</p> <p>57 Bedzokħaqħi (Clearwater Bay) Giant beavers built a dam across Clearwater Bay before Yamgahat caught up to them.</p> <p>58 Nopreż (Deepers Bay) Yampózha chased giant beavers to Deepers Bay where they created a deep channel that is boats.</p> <p>59 Ts'ok (Russel Bay) The giant beavers travelled south from Deepers Bay and hid at Russel Bay.</p> <p>60 Sahtúħ (Great Bear River) Yampózha chased the beavers along Great Bear River, deepening a channel in this shallow river.</p> <p>61 St Charles Rapids The giant beavers began to build a dam before Yamgahat caught up to them, creating the St Charles Rapids.</p> <p>62 Tħieħi (Tulita) At Tulita, Yamgózha caught up to and killed three of the giant beavers.</p> <p>63 Yamón K' (Yamón's Arrows) Yampózha shot two arrows at the Mackenzie and Great Bear Rivers. He said, "as long as this earth shall last, you shall call them Yamón's arrows." Two big poles stuck out of the water where the rivers meet. Seeing the arrows brings good luck.</p> <p>64 Kwejtnja (Bear Rock) At Kwejtnja, Yamgózha skinned three beavers and tacked their hides to Bear Rock. The beaver pett outlines are still visible.</p> <p>65 The Smoke South of Tulita, Yamgózha cooked a giant beaver. Beaver grease dripped into the flames, igniting an everlasting fire that is still smoking today. The fire brings good luck to travelers who see it.</p> <p>66 Tħieħi (Bracklett Lake) To escape his evil in-laws, Yamgózha fled to Bracklett Lake and fed on human flesh. He spared the baby beaver, teaching it to eat fish instead of people.</p> <p>67 Ts'ok (Great Slave Lake) Yampózha chased giant beavers all around Great Slave Lake to the Mackenzie River.</p> <p>68 Ts'ok (Horn Plateau) The remaining giant beavers made another big dam, creating the rapids above Fort Good Hope. Yamgahat caught up to them and chased them out.</p> <p>69 Mackenzie River north of Rädeylkjók (Fort Good Hope) Yampózha made himself invisible and followed Godene north down the river. Every time Godene caught game Yamgahat moved it to make Godene think it had disappeared.</p> <p>70 Tħieħi (Great Slave Lake) Yampózha chased giant beavers down the Mackenzie River past Mount Camself.</p> <p>71 Between Rädeylkjók and the Arctic Ocean Yampózha made himself invisible and followed Godene north down the river. Every time Godene caught game Yamgahat moved it to make Godene think it had disappeared.</p> <p>72 Yabħi (Arctic Ocean) Starving and driven crazy, Godene left Denendeh for good, paddling across the Arctic Ocean. People no longer lived in fear of this man-eating giant creature.</p> <p>73 Yukon Njik (Yukon River) Atachükaj travelled down the Yukon River to the Arctic Ocean. He met many people and had adventures along the way.</p> <p>74 Chuu Tsanh Njik (Stinking Waters) At the confluence of Chuu Tsanh Njik and Engineer Creek, Atachükaj killed a giant beaver.</p> <p>75 Chi Ākan (Beaver House Mountain) Chi Ākan was the location of a giant beaver lodge.</p> <p>76 Islands in the river east of Fort Yukon The islands in the river east of Fort Yukon were created when the giant Chi Ākan chose Atachükaj towards the NWT.</p> <p>77 Chi Ākan (Rock River) A large bed of rock on the Rock River was once Atachükaj's camping place. Visitors who take a dive from this place must leave behind a gift.</p> <p>78 Six Lakes The islands in the river east of Fort Yukon were created when the giant Chi Ākan chose Atachükaj towards the NWT.</p> <p>79 Chuu Niint'ei Kħi (The Ramparts) Atachükaj stopped to rest at the Mackenzie River Ramparts. An overturned rock can be seen where he left his canoe. There is a creek where he urinated and the spot where he sat is still indented.</p> <p>80 Chi Ġħo Tħall Yampózha reyez ts'ok Old Fort húlye k'ozzi náuha ts'ha t'sen ħéjek t'is-sħekha tħalli. Yampózha reyez ts'ok Old Fort húlye k'ozzi náuha ts'ha t'sen ħéjek t'is-sħekha tħalli.</p> <p>81 Tħieħi (Tulita) After many years of fighting with his enemy Naqaj Tsar over a woman, Atachükaj grew tired. Atachükaj's people hollowed out a cave where they lived secretly for a year. The earth that they moved formed an island in a nearby lake.</p> <p>82 Chuu Choo (Arctic Ocean) At the end of his journey Atachükaj paddled out into the ocean. He sang that before end of the world he would defeat his in-laws, they turned into hills.</p> <p>83 Tsejnej Kan (Tsennejoo's Hill) After many years of fighting with his enemy Naqaj Tsar over a woman, Atachükaj grew tired. Atachükaj's people hollowed out a cave where they lived secretly for a year. 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