



## PRELUDE LAKE

This book is named Prelude Lake since this location is typically one of the first places people go to see the Aurora while visiting Yellowknife. This large lake is just one of thousands of lakes in the Northwest Territory (NWT) of Canada. However, it is conveniently located about 20 miles northeast from Yellowknife on the Ingram Trail. Ingram Trail is the first 40 miles of what is commonly known as the ice road which is developed in the winter to supply the mines further north. There is a facility, called Aurora World, on the southern end of Prelude Lake constructed for the purpose of observing the Aurora. Most of their clients are from Japan and, in fact, annually well over 10,000 Japanese come to the NWT during the winter months to observe the Northern Lights. Several years ago Aurora World hired me to give my 3D slide show of the Aurora Borealis at their facility on Prelude Lake for the vacationing Japanese. I thoroughly enjoyed that experience as well as the tradition at Aurora World of snacking on caribou stew at midnight!

There are many interesting trails and observing platforms at Aurora World but I especially enjoy walking around the empty summer campsites and down to the Lake to take advantage of the endless variety of foregrounds.

Since this is the first place people go and I have a large number of photographs taken at Prelude Lake, it seemed logical to call my first 3-D astro-photo book, "Prelude Lake."

I hope this book will be a prelude to more books utilizing this format, where viewers can better experience places by using an old technology, 3D stereo cards, and by including music which may help to transport you to very special places and times.

The next book, "Ingram Trail," is nearing completion. It will take you further out the Ingram Trail ice road to the various turnouts and to the end of the Trail where the trucks enter Tibbitt Lake. From there they start their journey to the diamond mines hundreds of miles further north.

Now, start Jonn's music and welcome to Prelude Lake.