

Who may be authorized to carry and use a firearm for protection?

Category of Park User	National Park or National Park Reserve	Specific Requirement
Bear monitors	• Polar Bear Parks or • Parks where an agreement provides for use of firearms for protection	• Only beneficiaries (this requirement does not apply in Wapusk)
Beneficiary guides	• Polar Bear Parks or • Parks where an agreement provides for use of firearms for protection	• None
Non-beneficiary guides	• Polar Bear Parks	• Only when beneficiary guides are not available (this requirement does not apply in Wapusk)
Researchers	• Polar Bear Parks	• Only when bear monitors are not available or when it is logistically unfeasible (this requirement does not apply in Wapusk)
Local users	• Wapusk	• As defined in the <i>Wapusk National Park of Canada Park Use Regulations</i>
Commercial sport hunting guides	• Aulavik, Tukturn Nogait, Sirmilik, Auyuittuq, Quttinirpaaq	• Only Inuvialuit guides who must traverse through Aulavik or Tukturn Nogait or Inuit guides who must traverse through Sirmilik, Auyuittuq or Quttinirpaaq
Members of sovereignty operations	• Parks where an agreement exists between Parks Canada and Department of National Defence	• As per conditions set out in agreement between Parks Canada and Department of National Defence

Polar Bear Park = parks where polar bears are known to be present all or part of the year

See “Backgrounder on the Proposed *National Parks of Canada Wild Animals Regulations* - Use of Firearms for Protection” for more information.