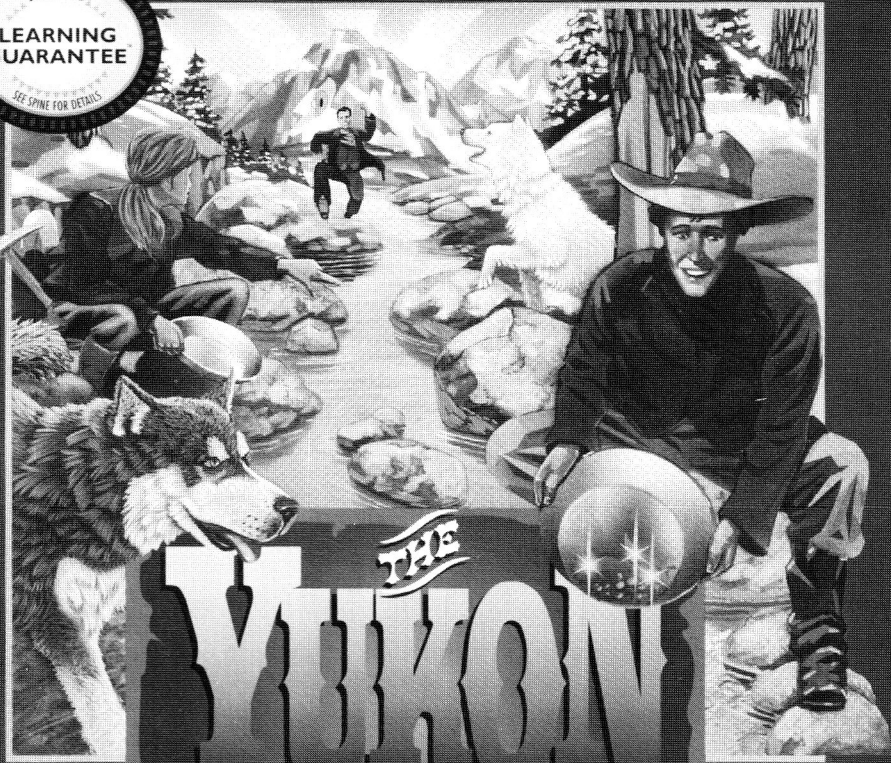


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see page 4.**

Welcome to The Yukon Trail

July 1897. The United States was in the throes of a depression, and people were beginning to lose hope. Then, from out of the north, came astonishing news: GOLD! And the rush was on! Across the United States, and indeed the world, tens of thousands of people caught gold fever and set out for the remote Yukon area of northwest Canada.

As *The Yukon Trail*[™] software program begins, you find yourself on the Seattle wharf, jumping-off point for thousands of stampeders. There, and everywhere you go, all kinds of people will have all kinds of advice for you. Be careful who you listen to! Some people have valuable advice. Others don't know what they're talking about. And still others are trying to rip you off. (By the way, the people who have both a first name and a last name, like Ethel Berry, are actual historical figures. People with no names or just first names are fictitious but are representative of the types of people you might have encountered.)

If you're smart, persistent, and just a little bit lucky, you'll make it to Dawson City, headquarters of the gold rush. You'll get to talk to miners who have struck it rich, and then you can set out on your own to dig for gold.

Getting Started—Macintosh

Macintosh Installation

1. Lock each disk: push the tab so that you can see a hole in the disk.
2. Insert Disk 1 into your floppy drive. A new window appears, displaying an icon called Installer.
3. Double-click on the Installer icon.
4. Make sure that the location indicated is where you want to install the program. If it is not, change the location.
5. Click on the "Install" button and follow the on-screen instructions.
6. When the installation is done, the Yukon Trail application icon will appear.

Be sure to store your disks in a safe place as a backup copy of the program.

Macintosh Start-up

- Double-click on the Yukon Trail icon.

Getting Started—Windows

Windows Installation

1. If Windows is not running, type **WIN** to start Windows.
2. Lock each disk: push the tab so that you can see a hole in the disk.
3. Insert Disk 1 into disk drive A (or B, if B is your only 3.5" disk drive).
4. In the Program Manager screen, choose Run from the File Menu. You see the Run window.
5. Type **A:\SETUP** (or **B:\SETUP**) in the Command Line box. Click on the OK button.

If you get the message "Application Execution Error—Cannot find file," it means that you forgot to enter the drive letter (A: or B:) or entered the wrong letter.

If you get the message "System Error—cannot read from drive A:," you may have a defective disk. Eject the disk and try installing again. If you get the message again, try making a diskcopy of the disk (use the DOS "diskcopy" command). If you get an error message, the disk is defective and needs to be replaced. See "MECC Technical Support (MECCTECH)" on page 4.

6. Follow the on-screen instructions. When the installation is finished, you return to Windows.

Be sure to store your disks in a safe place as a backup copy of the program.

Windows Start-up

1. Double-click on the Games group.
2. Double-click on the Yukon Trail icon.

If the program doesn't take up most of the screen, you are running Windows in a high-resolution mode. The program takes up more of the screen if you are running in 640x480 mode. To change your Windows Setup, go to the Main window and double-click on Windows Setup. If the display does not say "640x480x256," go to the Options menu and select "Change System Setting." Press the arrow next to the display window and pull down the settings list. Scroll through the list to find "640x480x256" for your video card. Select it, press OK, and restart your computer.

If you have trouble getting the sound to work, see the text file on Disk 1.

Playing the Game

We've tried to make the program so easy to use that you won't need any instructions. There's no compelling reason to use the menu commands; just point to different parts of the window and click when you think something interesting might happen.

During the opening sequences of the program, you will see a couple of items in the upper left corner of the window:

- A book. This is your journal. Sometimes, the program makes entries in your journal automatically. You can also make your own entries whenever you want. You can open your journal by using the See Outfit & Journal command on the Game menu.
- A moneybag. Whenever you make a cash transaction, gold coins go into or out of the bag. You can check your money supply by using the See Outfit & Journal command.

For help with other program operations, you can choose the Help command from the Apple menu (Macintosh) or use the commands on the Help menu (Windows).

Game Preferences

The Set Preferences command on the Management menu allows you to disable music and sound effects and set the unit of measure to English or metric. Before you can set preferences, you need to use the Enable Management command to enter a password. The password is MECC. If you want to prevent children from using the management options, change the password and then use the Disable Management command.

Gambling

Gambling was omnipresent during the Yukon gold rush, and so it is a part of *The Yukon Trail*. If you prefer not to expose your children to it, you can turn off gambling by using the Set Preferences command on the Management menu.

The Yukon Trail vs. the Klondike Gold Rush

At MECC, we pride ourselves in producing entertaining, historically accurate software programs. In *The Yukon Trail*, there is one aspect of the game that is significantly different from what actually happened: the likelihood of finding gold. In the real gold rush, the discovery was made in the fall of 1896. Because of the Yukon's remoteness and cold climate, word of the discovery did not reach the outside world until the summer of 1897 (when *The Yukon Trail* begins). By then, gold miners who had been in the area at the time of the discovery had staked most of the good claims. Of the more than 100,000 stampeders who set out for Dawson, fewer than half got

there; only half of those who reached Dawson searched for gold; only 4,000 found any gold at all; and only a few hundred struck it rich. In *The Yukon Trail*, your odds of finding gold are much better.

Learning More About the Yukon

There is a wealth of information about the gold rush. Much of it, however, is in books that are hard to find. Fortunately, two of the best books are still relatively easy to get. Both are written by Yukon native Pierre Berton. *The Klondike Quest* (Little, Brown and Company, 1983) is a marvelous picture book with just the right amount of text to tell the story of the gold rush. *The Klondike Fever* (Carroll & Graf Publishers, Inc., 1958) is a definitive history.

You might also wish to contact the Klondike Gold Rush National Historic Park. It has two locations: 117 South Main Street, Seattle, WA 98104 and P.O. Box 517, Skagway, AK 99840.

MECC Technical Support (MECCTECH)

If you have a problem using this program, first check the Help command (Macintosh) or the commands on the Help menu (Windows). If you can't find your answer there, you can contact the MECC Technical Support group. Before you call:

- Note the name, product number, and version number of the software.
- Note the brand and model of the equipment involved.
- Please be in front of your computer when calling.

Call MECCTECH Line (Automated Support System) at 612/569-1678 to receive answers to the most commonly asked technical questions about MECC products 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Automated Support System offers convenient fax-back capability for technical tips.

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You can speak with a Technical Support Representative by calling 612/569-1678 Monday-Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. Central Time.

You can write MECC Technical Support, 6160 Summit Drive North, Minneapolis, MN 55430-4003.

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