

Pond Inlet
Population: 885
Baffin Island

Said to be one of the most ancient Inuit sites in the Canadian Arctic, Pond Inlet lies on the northeast tip of Baffin Island, the world's fifth largest island. Set amid breathtaking scenery of mountains, fjords and ocean, Pond Inlet lies directly across from the world-renowned Bylot Island Bird Sanctuary. Visited by Arctic explorer Lieutenant W. E. Parry in 1820, Pond Inlet has since seen whalers, traders and missionaries visit its shore. Most Inuit continued subsistence living until the 1960's. Fishing, hunting and trapping are still important to the Inuit way of life. Today, visitors come from all over the world to see arctic wildlife at Pond Inlet. Hunters can be hired to take the adventuresome to the floe edge to view beluga and narwhal whales. The unusual long tooth of the narwhal had early explorers calling it the "unicorn of the seas." Trips can also be arranged to Bylot Island or regional archaeological sites. The inlet was named for Royal Astronomer John Pond in 1888.