

During the past four months, the Inka Pen has been the only pen I have taken everywhere with me. It is permanently clipped to my key ring, so there is no way I can forget and leave it at home. Thus, it is always handy when I need to take notes on the move. I don't keep a trail journal, so I only bring writing gear in the field in case I need to write something down.

The last two months gave me the opportunity to widen the testing conditions, especially in the very cold environments I encountered during a two-week dog-sledding trip in northern Quebec. There, the Inka Pen has been exposed for several hours to temperatures as low as -13°F (-25°C), without affecting any of its capabilities. Unfortunately, I got no opportunity to use it in salt-water environment, so I cannot assure it is really corrosion-proof.

All but once, I've used it in its short size, as the assembly requires handling several parts at a time. The only time I set the pen up for writing, I was about to copy a long recipe (see top picture), and I did it inside, on a table where I could work properly.

I am very satisfied with the Inka Pen, which has proved its efficiency in every condition encountered during this four-month testing period. Without having first tested the Inka, I am not sure I would have fully appreciated its assets, and, so, may not have bought it. Now I have grown accustomed to having the Inka with me all the time, and it is part of my essential gear.