

Highlands, Bellevue and Virginia Park




Walk Edmonton

Walk Edmonton is an initiative bringing Edmontonians together to build a more walkable community by providing grass roots resources and building civic support.

edmonton.ca/walkedmonton
780-944-5339

Other Walking Resources

Alberta Centre for Active Living
centre4activeliving.ca
780-427-6949

Canada Walks
canadawalks.ca

UWalk
UWALK.ca

Shape (Safe Healthy Active People Everywhere)

shapeab.com

Get involved with Walk to School Week and Walking School Bus Programs

edmonton@shapeab.com
780-406-8530

The Benefits of Walking

Walking... a healthy journey!

Ranked the number one activity of choice among Canadians, walking is a prescription for improved health and wellness. Walk briskly for 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week, and minimize your risk for cardiovascular disease, stroke, Type 2 diabetes and some types of cancer. Additional benefits include weight management, blood pressure control and boosting good cholesterol (HDLs).

Other benefits of walking:

- Releases the body's tension and stress.
- Refreshes the mind and body, especially when walking outdoors.
- Allows you to connect with your community.
- Offers an excellent way to socialize with family and/or friends.
- Increases "eyes on the street", enhancing community safety.



Marathon on Ada Boulevard

Walking with your Dog

Edmonton has over 40 locations where you can enjoy your walk while your dog is off-leash. Please remember that all sites where dogs are permitted to be off-leash are multi-use areas used by all. Your dog must be leashed when not in a designated off-leash area. The dog icons show on this map are placed in the approximate location of each off-leash area, but do not show the precise boundaries. For more information, including details on off-leash boundaries, check the Parks for Paws Brochure or go to edmonton.ca (keyword off-leash)

**There are 1,440 minutes in a day,
schedule 30 of them for walking!**

Local Contacts

Bellevue Community League
7308 – 112 Avenue
780-477-8004
bellevue_membership@hotmail.com

Highlands Community League
6112 – 113 Avenue
780-477-5350
highlandscommunity.ca

Highlands Library
6710 – 118 Avenue
780-496-1806
epl.ca

Highlands Merchant Group
780-479-4050
highlands112avenue.com

Eastglen Leisure Centre
11410 – 68 Street
311
edmonton.ca

Weather

780-468-4940

City Information

Call 311

Emergency Contacts

Police/Ambulance/Fire
911

Police Complaint Line
780-423-4567

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About Community Walking Maps

This Community Walking Map is part of a series of walking guides. Each map is created as a joint project of Walk Edmonton and local Community groups to promote walkable communities. Contact us to find out if your community has an edition of this map series or to find out more about creating a map.

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A walk around the friendly communities of Highlands, Bellevue and Virginia Park is always a pleasure. Visit this area soon to enjoy scenic views of the river valley; beautiful old trees on the streets and in the parks; and the chance to admire many historic homes and buildings as much as 100 years old.

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Drive. It is home to Eastglen High School; the Eastglen Leisure Centre, which has one of the few salt-water pools in the city; and the oldest curling club in Edmonton, the Thisle. Notable sites in Virginia Park include Concordia University College, founded in 1921 by the Lutheran Church, and a major senior citizens lodge/apartment building.

Northlands, the site of Edmonton's agricultural fair established in 1879 (now called FarmFair and a part of the annual K-Days event), is located in this part of the city. Northlands also hosts Edmonton Oilers hockey games, major concerts and large trade shows, and is home to one of Canada's most successful horse racing tracks.

Another important landmark in the area is the beautiful and historic Borden Park, which has been attracting people since 1906 for picnics, play, swimming excursions — and in the early years even included an amusement park and a zoo!

The Highlands community contains about three dozen heritage homes built between 1912 and 1930, sites by the City of Edmonton or the Province of Alberta. Other community landmarks include the Highlands United Church, Highlands Junior High School, Highlands Lawn Bowling Club and the Highlands Golf Club. The 1912 apartment hotel that is now La Bohème Restaurant/B&B is part of the 112 Avenue Highlands shopping district, which includes Mandolin Books and Coffee, a popular gathering place.

The two small communities of Bellevue and Virginia Park are neighbours to Northlands and Borden Park. Bellevue, established in 1907, is now bisected by Wayne Gretzky

Borden Park



The Communities of Highlands, Bellevue and Virginia Park



1 "Willow", public art at Borden Park
Borden Park is a popular summer destination with beautiful mature trees, a new playground, refurbished bandshell, fountains, walkways and picnic shelters. This gem is also home to Edmonton's first Sculpture park, with 11 temporary sculptures that will rotate every 2 years.



2 Thistle Curling Club, 6920 – 114 Avenue
The Thistle Curling Club is the oldest in Edmonton. Founded in 1920, the club has been in the Bellevue location since 1952. The Thistle hosts youth and adult leagues, and proudly hosts championship tournaments.



3 Highlands Golf Club
The Highlands Golf Club was established more than 80 years ago in the Highlands and Bellevue communities. In the winter months, the course is popular with dog-walkers and area residents who ski, snowshoe and sled down hills.



4 6423 – 112 Avenue (1913)
Gibbard Block
The historic Gibbard Block, home to La Bohème Restaurant, is a prominent architectural feature of the Highlands business district.



5 11153 – 64 Street (1912)
Residence of Ernest William Morehouse, architect for Magrath-Holgate & Co. Ltd.
Morehouse designed many Highlands homes, including the Magrath and Holgate residences, and the Gibbard Block.



6 6240 Ada Boulevard (1912)
Historic residence of William and Ada Magrath. He was senior partner in Magrath-Holgate & Co. Ltd., real estate developers of the Highlands.



7 6210 Ada Boulevard (1912)
Historic residence of Bidwell Holgate, partner in Magrath-Holgate & Co. Ltd.

- Commercial
- Parkland
- Residential Area
- Pedestrian Bridge
- + Stairs
- Crosswalk with Signal
- Bus Stop
- Alleys
- Gravel Trails
- LRT
- On Street Bike Route
- Roadway
- Shared Use Pathway
- Sidewalk

Sample walking routes

- 2.1 km Bellevue Walk
- 3.6 km Ada Boulevard Walk
- 4.36 km Highlands Walk



Scale

0.00 0.15 0.30 0.45 0.60 0.75



Kilometres

0.75 Kilometres = About 10 minutes walking
About 1,000 steps walking
About 3 minutes cycling

HIGHLANDS, BELLEVUE AND VIRGINIA PARK

Legend

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| Antique Shop | Boutique Hotel | Fire-Ambulance | Late Night Store | Picnic Site | Police | Rest Spot | Sports Fields |
| Art Gallery/Studio | Childcare Centre | Golf Course | Library | Place of Worship | Post Box/Post Office | Scenic Viewpoint | Spray Deck |
| Bakery/Deli | Coffee Shop | Grocery Store | LRT Station | Plaque | Public Art/Monument/Statue | School | Swimming Pool |
| Blu Phone | Community Garden | Health Centre/Medical | Off-Leash Area | Playground | Public Washroom | Shopping Area | Tennis Court |
| Bookstore | ETS Bus Transit Centre | Heritage Tree | Pharmacy | Point of Interest | Restaurant | Skating Rink | Tourist Attraction |