



The John Janzen Nature Centre invites visitors of all ages to have fun while learning about the importance of Edmonton's natural spaces. We hope to inspire you and your students to learn about the wonders of nature! This information package is intended to provide you with all the details you will need to have a successful program.

In April 2025, the Nature Centre experienced a significant flood, which forced the building to be closed while necessary repairs take place. While the building is being repaired, we're offering most of our programs in Kinsmen Park, with John Walter Museum as our meeting location. There are wonderful river valley trails to explore, ample green space, and the outdoor Grizzly Lodge playground!

Our field trips are designed to complement the Alberta curriculum. If you have questions about specific program objectives please visit our school program website or ask the bookings team:

https://www.edmonton.ca/attractions_events/john_janzen_nature_centre/school-programs

Program Length: varies depending on the program (see link above for options).

Supervisor Ratios:

- Preschool: 1 adult per 3 children
- Grades K-6: 1 adult per 5 children
- Grades 7-12: 1 adult per 10 children

If you need to CHANGE or CANCEL your booking, email artsattractionsbookings@edmonton.ca

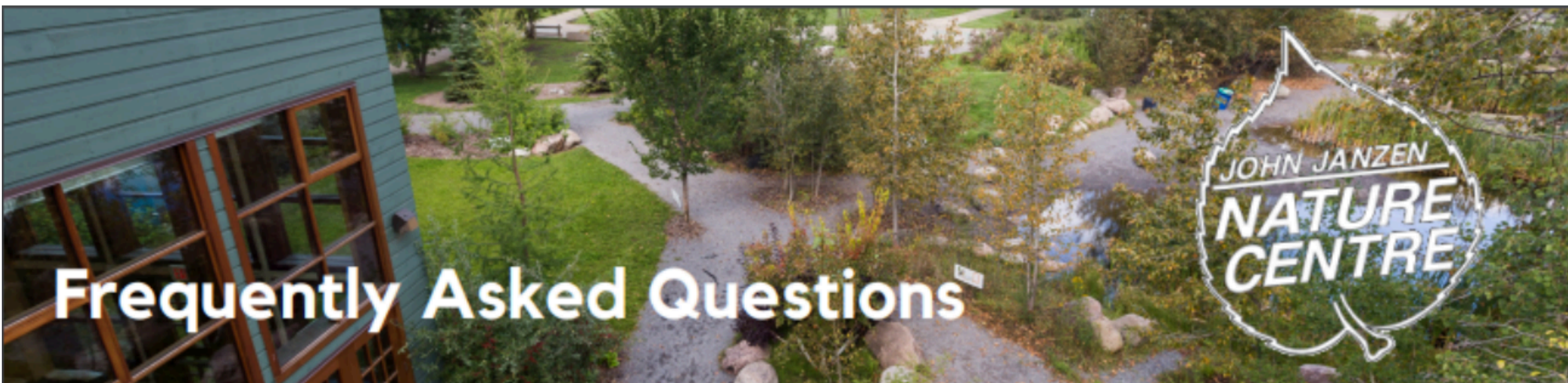
Arrival: Your program leader will be waiting to meet you approximately 15 minutes prior to your program start time outside of John Walter Museum's Visitor Orientation Centre. This is the small building on the opposite side of the parking lot from Kinsmen Sports Centre.

Nature Program Code of Conduct

- Be respectful, responsible, and safe.
- Help preserve our site and local wild nature by not picking flowers or leaves.
- Use the garbage cans for litter.
- Stay on the trails during nature walks.
- Children must remain with adult supervisors at all times.
- Stay within the boundaries established by leaders during activities.

Lunch and Break Spaces: Outdoor picnic tables are available on a first come, first served basis as they are located in a public area. There is a lot of green space in this area to gather for breaks, but we have very limited indoor space at John Walter Museum.

Grizzly Lodge Playground: A fantastic outdoor playground for all ages!



Are the programs inclusive ?

We welcome people of all abilities and we are committed to inclusion in our programs. Please indicate what accommodations might be required to ensure a positive and fun experience. People who require additional assistance are welcome to bring an aide at no extra cost. Let our bookings team know how we can help you!

We are late! What do we do?

Please email attractionsexperiences@edmonton.ca to let us know that you're running late. Your program will start when you arrive at the John Walter Museum, and will end at the scheduled end time indicated in your booking confirmation email. We will do our best to make the most of your time in these situations!

Our school bus is picking us up before the program ends, what can be done?

We can accommodate shortened programs or try to change your start time. Please let our bookings team know at artsattractionsbookings@edmonton.ca in advance so we can see what's possible and plan ahead!

Should I bring name tags?

Name tags can help our program leaders build rapport with your group but are not mandatory.

If it's snowing or raining, will we still go outside?

We want to inspire children to enjoy nature in all types of weather. Ensure your group is properly prepared for rain or shine! This includes the need for sunblock, water bottles, rain gear, snow gear, etc. For extreme weather like lightning storms, hail, and extreme heat, smoke & cold, we will find a safe location to retreat to at John Walter Museum or Kinsmen Sports Centre.

The weather is too extreme for us to come, we need to cancel, what do we do?

If you need to cancel your program the day of your booking due to extreme weather (lightning storms, hail, and extreme heat, smoke & cold), please contact attractionsexperiences@edmonton.ca

Is there storage for personal items?

We have some space inside to store items like coats and bags. If you have other things to store like totes with food for a snack break, please let your program leader know and we'll try to find a spot for your things!

Is Grizzly Lodge playground time included?

While the Grizzly Lodge outdoor playground is a public playground and free to use, if playground time is part of your program or you have added it to your program, our program leaders will facilitate your playground experience by leading you to and from the playground and also planning playground use with other program leaders so that each group in Kinsmen Park for nature programs is at the Grizzly Lodge playground one group at a time.

If you have questions about program content, program adjustments, or about the facility:

Please email us at artsattractionsbookings@edmonton.ca with your questions!

We look forward to exploring nature with you!