



NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

Empire Park is a diverse neighbourhood, with residential, commercial, institutional and industrial land uses. Unlike most Edmonton neighbourhoods, Empire Park is characterized by a very high proportion of multi-family housing. Most dwelling units are contained within row housing and apartment complexes.

The neighbourhood is bounded by three major roadways including: Calgary Trail to the east, Whitemud Drive to the south, 111th Street to the west, and by 51st Avenue to the north. Southgate Shopping Centre is the primary commercial development within the neighbourhood and the major shopping facility for residents of nearby neighbourhoods. Southgate is situated on the western side of Empire Park and occupies approximately one quarter of the neighbourhood's property area. Additional businesses are located along 51 Avenue and Calgary Trail South. Thanks to the neighbourhood's central location residents are easily able to access a range of commercial and employment areas.

Development of the neighbourhood began during the 1960s and for the most part was complete by the 1970s. While development of the area did not begin until the second half of the 20th century the neighbourhood existed since the early 1910s. The name likely references the British Empire as many early Edmontonians were of British origin.