



NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

The Evergreen neighbourhood is a mobile home park located in the Horse Hill area of northeast Edmonton, west of Meridian Street and north of 167th Avenue. The park was developed predominantly in the 1970s, and has a community league and a community hall facility.

A natural area and creek borders the northeastern side of this community, and forms part of the Horse Hills ravine system that drains into the North Saskatchewan River Valley. A pipeline corridor runs diagonally through the community and provides a linear park with pathways through the Evergreen neighbourhood.

The internal road network is a modified grid with some cul-de-sacs. A small commercial space is located in the southwestern portion of the neighbourhood, but there are no major commercial areas in the immediate vicinity. The neighbourhood is surrounded by farms on all sides, and is close to Edmonton's market garden area located to the east and north. A Canadian National rail line runs just northwest of the neighbourhood forming a distinctive boundary within the rural northeast part of Edmonton.

On July 31st, 1987 the neighbourhood was tragically struck by a tornado that swept through the Edmonton area. The tornado killed fourteen people in Evergreen, and twenty-seven people in the Edmonton region in total, and destroyed over 200 mobile homes. At the time of this event, referred to as "Black Friday", there were approximately 1,700 people living in the park. Since that time, the number of residents and mobile homes has decreased slightly. The 20th anniversary of this event was commemorated in 2007.