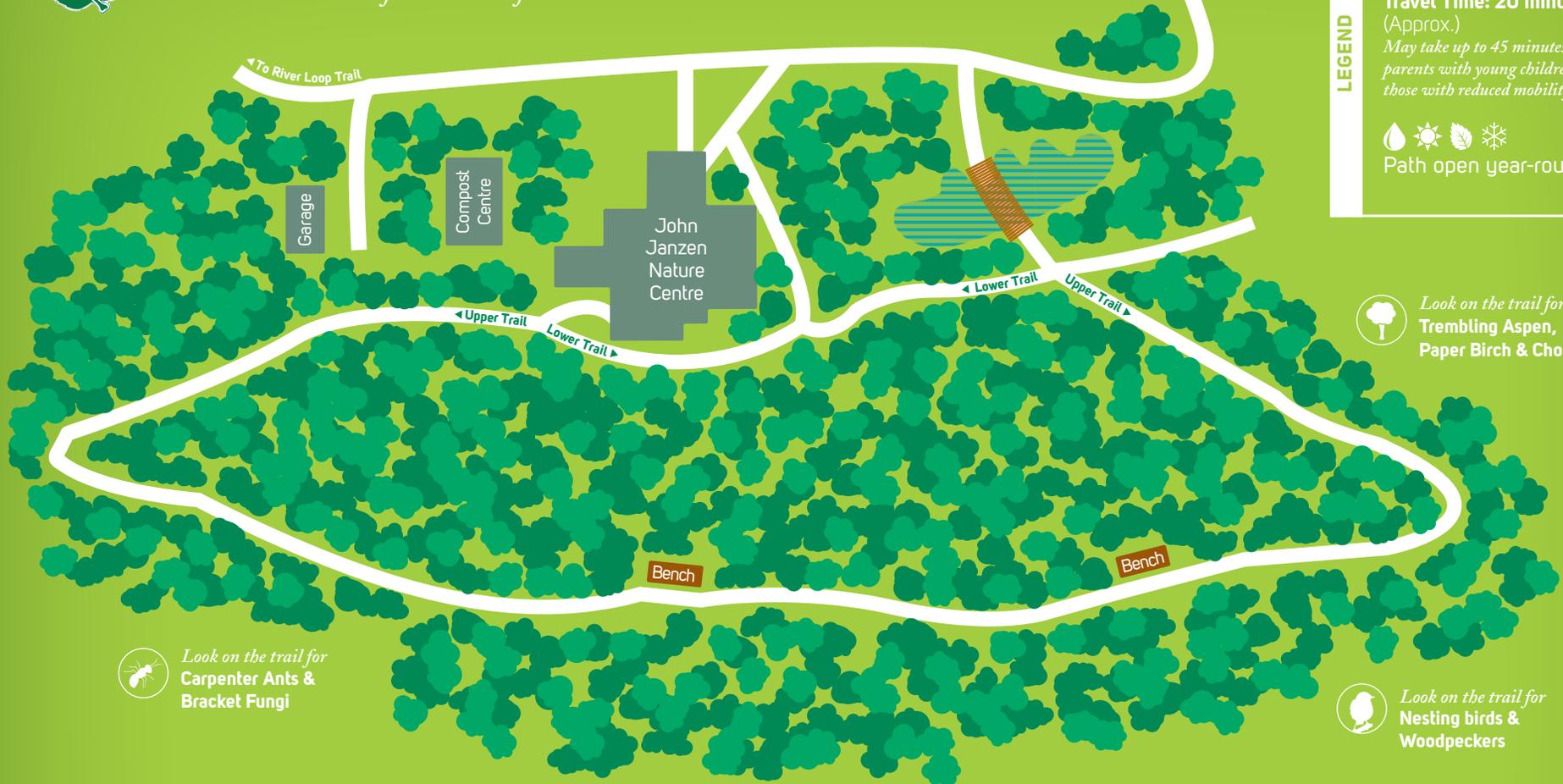




# BIRCH TREE TRAIL

*A trail into the beautiful birch tree forest.*



Distance: 1 km  
(Approx.)

Travel Time: 20 minutes  
(Approx.)

*May take up to 45 minutes for  
parents with young children or  
those with reduced mobility.*

LEGEND



Path open year-round\*



*Look on the trail for  
Trembling Aspen,  
Paper Birch & Chokecherry*



*Look on the trail for  
Carpenter Ants &  
Bracket Fungi*



*Look on the trail for  
Nesting birds &  
Woodpeckers*

## Welcome to the John Janzen Nature Centre!

Explore the river valley along two trails:  
**Birch Tree Trail & River Loop Trail**

Keep your eyes and ears open for signs of the changing seasons and for local wildlife on your nature walk! Please remember to dress appropriately for the weather and trail conditions.

Help keep our trails clean by placing all garbage and recycling in a Nature Centre receptacle. On-leash dogs are permitted on the trails, and owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets (Bylaw 13145).

## Trail terrain information:

The Birch Tree Trail is a dirt and gravel multi-use trail, with occasional branches and twigs on the path. Sloped parts of the trail may contain exposed rocks and tree roots.

## This trail is divided into two parts:

**Lower trail:** Flat and even terrain. The lower trail is fully accessible and maintained year-round.

**Upper trail:** Most sections along top of upper trail are flat and even with two short, steep sections to access upper part. Slopes can become slippery with rain and snow (\*not recommended for use in the winter).

## What will I see?

Trees and shrubs, including trembling aspen, paper birch, balsam poplar, prickly rose, saskatoon, beaked hazelnut, chokecherry and dogwood.

If you look closely, you may see (and hear) signs of nesting birds, red squirrel middens, and woodpeckers. Examine fallen branches and snags for bark beetle galleries, small piles of sawdust created by carpenter ants, moss, lichen, and bracket fungi.

Along the top of the upper trail, you can see the John Janzen Nature Centre's green roof through the trees.



# RIVER LOOP TRAIL

*A trail into the beautiful river valley.*



LEGEND

- River Loop Trail Riverside
- River Loop Trail Hillside (Paved)
- Birch Tree Trail
- Foot Paths
- Roadway
- Bench
- Access Point

**Distance: 3.5 km**  
(Approx.)

**Travel Time: 45 minutes**  
(Approx.)  
*May take up to 1.5 hours for parents with young children or those with reduced mobility.*

Path open year-round



Look on the trail for  
**Willows & Poplars** growing near the water



Look on the trail for  
**Paths or tracks** made by various animals living in the river valley



Look on the trail for  
**Mountain Ash, Trembling Aspen, Saskatoon & White Spruce**



## Trail Terrain and Information:

**Accessible year-round**, this multi-use trail loops around Fort Edmonton Park. The trail is divided into two sections, connected by Whitemud Road.

**Hillside** (South side of loop) - Paved, divided trail. Some sections have a slight slope. This portion of the trail is fully accessible and maintained year-round.

**Riverside** (North side of loop) - Dirt and gravel trail, with occasional branches and twigs, exposed rocks and tree roots. Some sections are narrow and uneven, and may not be suitable for those with reduced mobility.

## What will I see?

You will see trees and shrubs, including trembling aspen, paper birch, mountain ash, balsam poplar, prickly rose, saskatoon, dogwood, and occasional white spruce. From Whitemud Road, it's

a quick walk to the footbridge, which leads across the river to the Wolf Willow neighbourhood. Along the Riverside section, search for signs of beaver-chewed trees, paths and tracks made by animals, exposed tree roots and river banks, willows and poplars growing near the water, and beautiful views of the river.