

The Trans Canada Trail in Alberta: Completed Sections The City of Calgary Trail

Type of Trail: Asphalt regional pathways

Location: Calgary. There are three main regional pathway branches in Calgary that are part of the Trans Canada Trail. They are centered on the Fort Calgary Historic Site and include:

- i) The Elbow River regional pathway which travels southwest from Fort Calgary to the Glenmore Reservoir area.
- ii) The Bow River regional pathway which travels east from Fort Calgary for a short distance and then heads south down the Bow River to Fish Creek, and
- iii) the Nose Creek pathway which is reached from Fort Calgary by traveling west along the Bow River to the Trans Canada Trail Pavilion, crossing the river and traveling east along the Bow River to Nose Creek, and then turning north and following Nose Creek to the northern city limits.

Historical Perspective: The trail sections in Calgary are in greenspaces along river and creeks with several natural areas and interesting sites adjacent to the Trail. The Elbow River section includes Fort Calgary (first settlement), the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede Grounds, Glenmore Reservoir, and Weaselhead Natural Environmental Park. The Bow River section east and south from Fort Calgary includes the Sam Livingston Fish Hatchery, Inglewood Bird Sanctuary, Beaver Dam Flats Natural Area, Carburn Park, and Fish Creek Provincial Park. The Nose Creek section includes the Calgary Zoo and Confluence Park.

Terrain: Asphalt urban pathways.

Access: Asphalt urban pathway with scattered street access and parking lot access.

Signage: City of Calgary Parks signage in place. Trans Canada Trail signage not in place.

Facilities: The City of Calgary provides full facilities. There are no campgrounds along the trail. There is a youth hostel downtown (call ahead for bookings).

Points of Interest: Natural areas – Inglewood Bird Sanctuary, Weaselhead Natural Environment Park, Fish Creek Provincial Park. Historical – Fort Calgary, Heritage Park. Facilities/Entertainment – Calgary Zoo, Canada Olympic Park, Calgary Stampede, Glenbow Museum.

Trail Operator: Pathway Coordinator, City of Calgary Parks: #77, PO Box 2100, Stn. M, Calgary, AB. T2P 2M5. Tel. (403) 974-3108.

Length: 67 km. (41.50 miles)

Surface: Asphalt

Width: Varies; mostly 2.5 to 3.5 metres (8.25 – 11.50 feet)

Permitted Uses: Walking, Hiking, cycling in-line skating, wheelchair.

This is an unsupervised recreational trail and is used at the personal responsibility and risk of the person using the trail. Please use respect, and obey all regulations.