

Camino Edmonton - - - Fri., June 15 – Tues., June 19 2018

Come & join the first Edmonton Camino five-day walk through the North Saskatchewan River valley, June 15 - 19, 2018!

Attention all walkers and lovers of the North Saskatchewan River Valley

You are invited to join the very first (and hopefully annual) Edmonton Camino, a five-day walk from Friday June 15 to Tuesday June 19, 2018, alongside the North Saskatchewan River from Devon to Fort Saskatchewan/Lamoureux.

Led by former River Valley Alliance Community Engagement members Sheila Thompson and Graham Hicks, the plan is to follow the River Valley Alliance trails as much as possible, walking 10 to 22 kilometres a day.

We will start each day, rain or shine, at 8:30 a.m. from automobile-accessible starting points, ending between 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at automobile-accessible finishing points. To keep things simple, each walker will be responsible for arranging their own transportation to-and- from each day's start-and-finish points.

Please note that the Edmonton Camino is not (yet) an organization, just a collection of friends and acquaintances who like to walk, and who love our river valley.

If you'd like to join us, for as many days as you like, **call or text Graham at 780-707-6379 or Sheila at 780-468-9218.**

Friday June 15, Day One

Start at 8:30 a.m. from the University of Alberta Botanic Garden (formerly Devonian Gardens) parking lot, taking the new trail to the river valley at Prospector's Point, across the bridge to Devon, following the shoreline to the Devon Lions Campground. Distance 10 kilometres. Estimated finish time: 3 p.m.

Saturday, June 16, Day Two

Start at 8:30 a.m. from Blue Meadow Hall (51123 Range Road 255, actually down a side road off RR 255, just north of the Blackhawk Golf Course, bush-whacking north to the Henday Dr. West bridge, across the bridge and north to the Terwillegar Park parking lot. Distance 16 kilometres. Estimated finish time: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 17, Day Three

Start at 8:30 p.m. at Terwillegar Park parking lot, through the river valley in the city, finishing at the Gold Bar Park shelter (close to 50 Street on south side of the river). Distance 22 kilometres. Estimated finish time 4:30 p.m.

Monday, June 18, Day Four

Start at 8:30 a.m. from the Gold Bar Park shelter, via Rundle Park, across the footbridge to the Strathcona Science Centre, following new trails through Sherwood Park to our end point of Township Road 540 on the east side of the North Saskatchewan River. (Trails alongside the river in this stretch are as yet incomplete.) Distance 20 kilometres. Estimated finish time 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 19, Day Five

Start at 8:30 a.m. at Township Road 540 on the east side of the North Saskatchewan, then following riverside trails to Fort Saskatchewan, hopefully crossing the river somehow (volunteers with cars?) to end our Camino on the trail running through the village of Lamoureux across the river from Fort Saskatchewan. Actual pick-up spot to be determined. Distance 15 kilometres. Estimated finish time 4 p.m.

Come and join us! Bring your camera, lunches, snacks and be prepared for all weather conditions!

Graham and Sheila