

Public Service Announcement

June 26, 2014 City of Edmonton

Celebrate Canada Day 2014 in Edmonton

Celebrate Canada's 147th birthdavin Edmonton byioining in on some of the many fun family events taking place around the city. End the day by watching the inaugural lighting of the historic High Level Bridge and the spectacular Canada Day fireworks finale in the river valley.



Light the Bridge

Watch history being made as 55,000 LED lights are turned on the High Level Bridge for the first time. Head to your favourite spot to watch the fireworks and see what a community can do to make life a little brighter. Tune in to CKUA on your radio or smartphone, then listen, watch and enjoy as the bridge lights are synchronized to an Edmonton Symphony Orchestra performance of O Canada

Canada Day Fireworks Finale

Enjoy the magnificent fireworks display over Edmonton's river valley parks and the North Saskatchewan

Good viewing locations:

- Aberta Legislature Grounds
- Victoria Park (River Valley Road)
 Ezio Faraone Park (west entrance to High Level Bridge on 109 St. north)
- Dantzer's Hill (below Queen Elizabeth Park)
 Government House Park (Groat Road & River Valley Road)
- TELUS Field is offering a reduced admission price of \$4 per person after the 8th inning of the Edmonton Prospects vs. the Regina Red Sox game for those who wish to view the fireworks. Food concessions will be open until 10:30 p.m.

Note: No viewing is available from Kinsmen Park

Viewing areas accessible on foot only (closed to vehicles):

- River Valley Road
- Queen Elizabeth Park Road
- 109 St. (between Saskatchewan Drive & the High Level Bridge)

Access is restricted in Kinsmen Park, High Level & Menzies Bridges after road closure are in effect. Kinsmen playground and picnic area are closed on Canada Day.

Note: Access to low-lying river valley trails may be closed and open trails should be approached with caution. Before entering the trail system, visit the website for current trail cautions and

Road Closures for Fireworks Finale

Expect traffic delays two hours before the fireworks and 90 minutes after the show. Please be patient and courteous to help to make the trip home from the fireworks safe for everyone. For road closure details visit Road and Traffic updates

Usual restrictions and increased parking bans will be in effect. With minimal parking in the area of many venues, Edmontonians are encouraged to take the bus or LRT. Vehicles illegally parked will be tagged

Celebrate Canada Day in Edmonton

City Hall

Time: 1 to 4 p.m.

Celebrate Canada's birthday with free Canada Day activities at City Hall. The fun kicks off with a Canada Day ceremony at 1 p.m. in the City Room, followed by live music and dancing, kids' crafts, City Hall tours, displays, give-aways and more. Free family fun for all ages!

Canada Day at the Edmonton Valley Zoo

Time: 11a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cost: Regular admission
Celebrate Canada Day and the Edmonton Valley Zoo's 55th birthday! Visit the Canadian animals, make a craft, eat a red and white cupcake, and enjoy a wonderful mix of family activities and entertainment

Canada Day at the Muttart Conservatory

Time: Noon to 4 p.m

Celebrate our nation's 147th birthday with a visit to the Muttart Conservatory. Enjoy live music, Canada Day crafts and face painting. Treats and fun activities will be available throughout the day—a fun event for the whole family!

Dominion Day at Fort Edmonton Park

Celebrate the 147th anniversary of the Confederation of Canada. Witness new Canadians take the oath of citizenship, visit the <u>War of 1812 Parks Canada Travelling Exhibit</u> and bask in the excellence of being Canadian – eh! Avoid the line ups; visit <u>Fort Edmonton Park</u> to buy your tickets online.

Spend time soaking up the summer at a City of Edmonton $\underline{outdoor\ pool}$ or visit one of the City's Recreation Centres. Regular admission rates apply. Holiday hours will be in effect. Splash away the day at one of the City's free Water Play Features (sprayparks).

Mill Woods Celebrates Canada Day

Time: 1 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Come to MII Woods Park (66 St. & 23 Ave.) and join in on the free family activities including hay rides, a petting zoo, carnival games, bouncy castles and an inflatable obstacle course, live music and more! Fireworks display takes place at 11 p.m. For road closure details, visit Road and Traffic updates.

Canada Day Events in Boyle McCauley

Celebrate Canada Day in the heart of downtown Edmonton with two free events:

Boyle Street Community League BBQ

Time: Noon to 4 p.m

Come to the Boyle Street Plaza (9538-103A Ave.) for a free BBQ celebration. Halal food will be available.

Chinatown Night Market

Time: 5 to 10 p.m.

Celebrate Canada Day on Harbin Road (in front of the Chinatown Multicultural Centre, 9540-102 Ave.) with traditional entertainment, arts and gift sales, and food trucks. (Please note that 102 Ave. will be closed to vehicles between 95 St. and 96 St. during this time.)

Canada Day at the Alberta Legislature

Time: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Celebrate our nation's birthday at the <u>Alberta Legislature</u> with live entertainment and a variety of free family activities.

Celebrate Canada Day at the Art Gallery of Alberta

Time: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Celebrate Canada Day at the Art Callery of Alberta. Free admission. Bring the whole family for art activities, a BBQ and a chance to view some exciting exhibitions. Last admission will be at 4:30 p.m.

ETS Canada Day Service

On Tuesday, July 1, all ETS bus routes will operate on their regular Sunday schedules throughout the day. The LRT will operate on a 10 minute frequency after 10 a.m. to the end of the service day. Regular Transit fares apply.

Please note that LRT service over the Menzies Bridge will be suspended for the Light the Bridge display and for the fireworks depending on weather and wind conditions (trains will hold at stations). Please plan your trip accordingly. For route and schedule details, call BusLink at 780-496-1600 or check the online ETS Trip Planner.

Special Fireworks Service

Extra service from transit centres at West Edmonton Mall (along Route 1), Eaux Claires/Northgate (along Route 9), Mill Woods (along Route 8), Westmount (along Route 5) and Southgate (along Route 9) will start at approximately 8 p.m. to provide service before the fireworks display. Following the fireworks, buses will depart from downtown, Southgate and Coliseum areas. Service will be extended later on all routes operating after 10 p.m.

Transit Information

The ETS Customer Services Centre, including Lost & Found, will be closed on July 1. For travel details, call BusLink at 780-496-1600, text 31100, check text 5000, or call 311.

DATS Service

The DATS Customer Care Centre will be closed on Canada Day. **All subscription bookings will be cancelled on July 1.** If you need assistance on Canada Day while the Customer Care Centre is closed, please call DATS at 780-496-4567, Option 1.

Fireworks Safety

If you are <u>buying fireworks in Edmonton</u> for the Canada Dayweekend, be safe and make sure you have a permit to use them. Before you use fireworks, always check to see whether there is a <u>fire ban</u> in effect. For more information contact the Fire Prevention Office at 780-496-3628.

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