

## Edmonton celebrates National Forest Week

The urban forest is one of Edmonton's most prized possessions. As a part of National Forest Week, the City's Root for Trees team has created a number of activities for all residents to celebrate our love of Canada's forests.



Each day, from Sept. 22 to Sept. 25, the Root for Trees team will be hosting free, fun and engaging activities for all ages. Activities include:

- **Seedling give-away** – Take a free seedling home to start your own backyard forest.
- **Expert advice** – Do you have tree troubles? Ask a City of Edmonton forester.
- **Engage with the online interactive yegTreeMap** – Have you planted a tree within City limits? Plot it on our online tree map. You can also learn interesting facts about Edmonton's trees, where they are and how to use this online database.
- **History sharing** – Did you know that Edmonton has a Princess Diana tree? Find out where it is and hear other stories behind unique and historical trees in Edmonton.
- **Prize draws and contests** – Visit [Edmonton.ca/nationalforestweek](http://Edmonton.ca/nationalforestweek) for more information.

These activities will be taking place in four locations, as follows:

**Tuesday, Sept. 22**, John Janzen Nature Centre, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Wednesday, Sept. 23**, Telus World of Science, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 24**, Government House Park, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 25**, Beaver Hills Park, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Originally named Forest Fire Prevention Week in 1920, it was renamed National Forest Week in 1967. It has evolved to encompass the many and varied human and environmental aspects of Canada's forest resources. Although special activities are promoted across Canada, National Forest Week remains first and foremost a challenge to individual Canadians to learn more about their forest heritage and to support and recognize this most valuable resource.

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### For more information:

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