



## River access temporarily closing near Walterdale Bridge

Starting at 9 a.m. on Monday, October 26, the North Saskatchewan River near the Walterdale Bridge construction site will be closed to river traffic. The closure is necessary to allow the bridge contractor to make preparations prior to floating the 950 tonne steel arches across the river.

The closure is expected to last until Monday, November 30, 2015. During the month-long closure, the contractor will prepare equipment, perform a test manoeuvre and then float the arches so that they [span the north and south banks of the river.](#)

Although disruption to river users this time of year should be minimal, closure signage has been placed at all boat launches 20 kilometres upstream and downstream from the bridge site, as well as at the main boat launches in Devon and Fort Saskatchewan. Security boats will also be in place upstream and downstream to make sure river users maintain a safe distance during the closure.

River users are encouraged to enjoy other areas of the river by using [access points upstream and downstream of the construction site](#), such as the Laurier Park boat launch (13221 Buena Vista Rd NW) and the Capilano Park boat launch (south side of river at the end of 50 Street).

**View:** [Walterdale Bridge Replacement - Downstream/Upstream River Access Points](#)

The \$155 million Walterdale Bridge project is anticipated to open to traffic by late 2016, with demolition of the existing bridge in 2017.

The City thanks commuters and river users for their patience as we continue work on this essential infrastructure.

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