

## Celebrate Canada Day 2016 in Edmonton

June 24, 2016

Celebrate Canada's 149th birthday in Edmonton by joining in on some of the many fun family events taking place around the city. End the day by watching the spectacular Canada Day fireworks finale in the river valley



## **Canada Day Fireworks Finale**

Time: 11 p.m.

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

#### Good viewing locations:

- Alberta Legislature Grounds
- Victoria Park (River Valley Road)
- Government House Park (Groat Road & River Valley Road)
- Edmonton Ballpark Those attending the Edmonton Prospects vs. the Regina Red Sox game on July 1 are welcome to remain at the Edmonton Ballpark to watch the fireworks.

Note: No viewing is available from Kinsmen Park.

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

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

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

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 <u>road closure</u> details visit the Current Traffic Disruptions map



### **Event Parking**

Usual restrictions and increased parking bans will be in effect. The installation of no parking signs and no stopping signs will begin early on July 1st to ensure that these lanes are clear of vehicles during peak traffic times. With minimal parking in the area of many venues, Edmontonians are encouraged to take the bus or LRT. Vehicles illegally parked will be tagged and towed.

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# City Hall Canada Day Celebration

Time: Noon 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 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: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost: Regular admission

Celebrate Canada Day and Lucy the elephant's 41st birthday at the Edmonton Valley Zoo. Visit with the Canadian animals, eat a red and white cupcake, and enjoy a wonderful mix of family activities and entertainment. Be sure to sing 'Happy Birthday' while Lucy is presented with a special birthday surprise!

# Canada Day at the Muttart Conservatory

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m

Cost: Regular admission
Celebrate our nation's 149th birthday with a visit to the Muttart Conservatory. Enjoy live music, Canada Day crafts and face painting. Visit the Muttart's own maple tree in the temperate pyramids. Treats and fun activities will be available throughout the day—a fun event for the whole family!

### **Dominion Day at Fort Edmonton Park**

Time: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m

It's the 149th anniversary of the Confederation of Canada. Celebrate the traditional Edmonton way. watch an authentic parade, toast to the Queen, sing Happy Birthday, and take part in other royal activities. Avoid the line ups; visit the <u>Fort Edmonton Park website</u> to buyyour tickets online.

Spend time soaking up the summer at a City of Edmonton <u>outdoor pool</u> or visit one of the City's <u>Recreation Centres</u>. Regular admission rates apply. Holiday hours will be in effect. Splash away the day at one of the City's free Water Play Features (spray parks).

## 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, live music and more! Children's activities from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Dance and music from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m., with headliner <u>Aaron Goodvin</u>. Fireworks display at 11 p.m. For <u>road</u> closure details, visit the Current Traffic Disruptions map.

### The Works Art & Design Festival at City Hall

Time: Noon to 4 p.m.

Join The Works Art & Design Festival at City Hall. Express your Canadian pride at the free kids' arts crafts workshop in the north breezeway of City Hall.

#### Chinatown Night Market

Time: 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Celebrate Canada Day in front of Wong's Benevolent Association (96 Street, from 102 and 103 Avenues) with cultural performances, craft and trinket sales, and food trucks. (Please note that 96 Street will be closed to vehicles between Jasper Avenue and 103A Avenue.) Visit the <a href="website">website</a> for more information.

#### Canada Day at the Alberta Legislature

Time: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Canada Day at the <u>Alberta Legislature</u> is a celebration that honours Alberta's history and diversity with entertainment and activities for all ages. Enjoy some of the best local Alberta talent in music and dance along with roving performers and interesting exhibits throughout the grounds, the plaza and in the Edmonton Federal Building.

### Celebrate Canada Day at the Art Gallery of Alberta

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

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



## **ETS Canada Day Service**

All ETS bus routes and LRT will operate on a regular Sunday schedule throughout the day. Regular transit fares apply. Find out when the next bus is coming using a mobile device and the ETS Live® real time tools available from takeETS.com or call 311.

#### **Special Fireworks Service**

Late Night Owl Service will be available until 3 a.m. on Routes 1, 4, 8, 9 and 512. Late Night Owl Service schedules are available on takeETS.com/owl.

Extra service from transit centres at West Edmonton Mall (Route 1), Eaux Claires/Northgate (Route 9), Mill Woods (Route 8), Westmount (Route 5) and Southgate (Route 9) will start at approximately 8 p.m. to provide service before the fireworks. Following the fireworks, buses will depart from the Downtown, Southgate and Coliseum areas.

Routes 9 and 52 will be on detour during the closure of Walterdale Hill, Queen Elizabeth Park Road and the High Level Bridge. Detour routing can be found on take ETS.com.

Extra LRT service will start on the Capital Line at 6 p.m., with last trains leaving Clareview and Century Park stations at 1:10 a.m. Metro Line trains will run every 15 minutes from NAIT to Health Sciences Station. Some passengers may need to transfer trains to reach their destination.

Please note: Depending on wind and weather conditions, LRT service over the Menzies Bridge (between University and Grandin Stations) may be suspended during the fireworks, and could remain closed for up to 60 minutes. Should the bridge be closed, trains will continue to operate between Century Park and University Stations on the south side of the river, and between Grandin and Clareview Stations on the north side of the river. If you need to cross the river, please be aware of the potential for delay and adjust your travel plans accordingly.

Pedestrian access to the Menzies Bridge will be closed at 9:45 p.m. and will remain closed until the bridge is re-opened.

To help keep LRT moving on time, please stand clear of doors and allow people to disembark before boarding.

# DATS Service

The DATS Booking Office is closed on **Canada Day and all statutory holidays**. All subscription bookings for July 1 will be cancelled. If you need assistance on a statutory holiday when the DATS Client Service Centre is closed, please call DATS at 780-496-4567, select option 1.

The ETS Customer Services Centre, including Lost & Found is closed on statutory holidays.

## Fireworks Safety

If you are buying <u>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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