



# Bowmont Park

2008 update on planned improvements to one of Calgary's largest Natural Environment Parks

## What are the planned improvements at Bowmont Park starting in 2008\*?

- Park amenities**
- ▽ Parking lot upgrades: installation of curb-stops and fencing, surfacing with gravel.
  - ▽ Entrance upgrades: new interpretive, directional and park entrance signs.
  - ▽ Viewpoint Enhancements: benches, platform, and interpretive signs.
  - ▽ Closures: former Fournier parking lot and access road closure.
  - ▽ Interpretive sign enhancements.

\* Refer to map for specific locations.



## Trail and pathway improvements

- ▽ Sustainable multi-use trail network formalization.
- ▽ Formalize 11 km of trails.
- ▽ Informal trail closure and restoration.
- ▽ Close 31 km of trails due to their impact on the natural area.
- ▽ Regional pathway upgrades and additions.
- ▽ Sensitive area closures and rehabilitation.
- ▽ Habitat restoration including planting native trees, shrubs and grasses.
- ▽ Non-native, invasive-plant species control.



## Park use

- ▽ Off-leash Dog Pilot Program continuation.
- ▽ Evaluate off-leash pilot areas over a five-year period to determine if off-leash activities can be managed while maintaining the health of sensitive areas.
- ▽ Recommended off-leash dog river access points implementation.
- ▽ Locations designed to provide river access to dogs while minimizing riverbank disturbance.
- ▽ Signage to highlight the importance of protecting river habitat.

## Park etiquette

- Help us help the park:
- ▽ Stay on trails and pathways to protect vegetation and wildlife.
  - ▽ Share trails and paths with other users.
  - ▽ Keep wildlife wild – maintain your distance from animals.
  - ▽ Take pictures, not flowers. Leave them for all to enjoy.
  - ▽ Pack out garbage or put garbage in its place – in the garbage cans provided.

## Dogs in Bowmont Park

- ▽ All City of Calgary parks, including Bowmont Park, are on-leash except for designated areas.
- ▽ Dogs must be on-leash on paved pathways, even when passing through an off-leash area.
- ▽ Keep your dogs under control at all times and pick up after your pet.



## 2007 park focus

The focus of Parks' restoration efforts in 2007 was at the historical Fournier site, located on the west side of the park.

The Fourniers homesteaded this land starting in the late 1930s. They were intricately tied to their surrounding riverine environment, as they had no electricity or running water. In 2000 the Fourniers donated their land to The City for conservation. This includes an area now designated as a Wildlife Sanctuary within the park.

- Last year crews and volunteers worked to rehabilitate the Fournier site and other areas of the park.
- ▽ Planted 2,000 native trees and shrubs.
  - ▽ Removed 2,500 m<sup>2</sup> of caragana (Asian shrub).
  - ▽ Installed 225 m of fencing.
  - ▽ Created two km of gravel and dirt trails.
  - ▽ Restored an area 5,300m<sup>2</sup>.

## An upcoming volunteer opportunity is the ...

In 2007 more than 400 volunteers contributed over 1,500 hours to weeding, planting, trail-building, workshops, events, nature hikes and more. You can make a difference too. Join the Natural Environment Adopt-a-Park Program.

The Natural Environment Adopt-a-Park Program engages volunteers in activities across The City. Call 3-1-1 or email [naturalaap@calgary.ca](mailto:naturalaap@calgary.ca) for information on how you or your group can help be a part of the improvements at Bowmont Park.

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## Park Trails and Pathways

### Map legend:

-  Parking lot – upgrades
-  Major entrance
-  Secondary entrance
-  Community entrance
-  Viewpoint
-  Parking lot closure
-  Access road closure
-  Regional pathway
-  Designated trail
-  Regional pathway upgrades/new pathway links
-  Interpretive trail
-  Off-leash dog pilot area
-  Off-leash dog pilot area recommended river access points
-  Off-leash area
-  Off-leash area fencing

\* Refer to the Bowmont Park Management Plan for additional information.  
 \* Ongoing habitat restoration including trail closures and trail improvements throughout the park.

