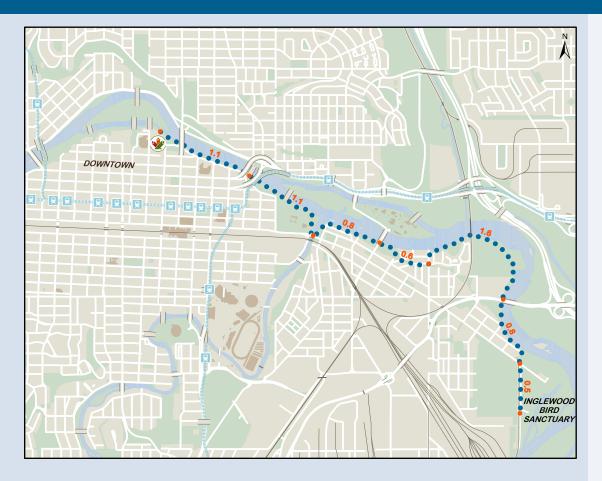
Inglewood Bird Sanctuary and Nature Centre 2425 Ninth Avenue S.E.





A route that's strictly for the birds

Description

In 1929, the son of Calgary settler Colonel James Walker applied to the federal government to have 59 acres on the west side of the Bow River designated a migratory bird sanctuary. His request was granted and the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary has been dedicated to bird conservation ever since. During your visit, you will encounter dozens of different bird species. You might want to bring a pair of binoculars. You can also peek at the live action on the lagoon using the Ducks Unlimited Canada remote control camera.



Duck pond on sanctuary grounds

Worth noting

The Inglewood Bird Sanctuary isn't only a home for birds. This vibrant, protected ecosystem is also home to many types of indigenous mammals such as deer, jack rabbits and many others.



Directions

Weir on the Bow River

Start at the Eau Claire Trans Canada Trail Pavilion. Travel east along the Bow River Pathway (with the river on your left). Go past the Centre Street bridge and a number of other bridges, including both Langevin bridges. Follow the pathway south as it bends along the Elbow River until you reach the Inglewood bridge at Ninth Avenue S.E. Cross the bridge and turn left. Head north on the pathway towards the Bow River. Cross under the 12th Street S.E. bridge before entering Inglewood Village. Turn left at 15th Street S.E. and travel north about one and a half blocks to rejoin the Bow River pathway. Travel east past the Nose Creek rail bridge and the weir at the Sam Livingston Fish Hatchery. The pathway then bends south as the river bends. Pass under the Cushing Bridge at 17th Avenue S.E. You will soon arrive at the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary.



Details:

2425 Ninth Avenue S.E. Call 3-1 1 (or 1-403-268-2489 from outside Calgary).

www.calgary.ca/parks/naturecentre

Recommended mode: cycling or walking.

Distance:

 6.2 km from downtown - one way.

Features/amenities:

- · Professional naturalists available
- 32 hectares of wildlife reserve with 270 bird species and 300 plant species.
- Wooded hiking trails.
- · Group activities and boardroom spaces available.
- Colonel Walker's restored house.

Fees: none.

Hours:

- Spring/summer (May 1 to September 30) 10 a.m. -5 p.m. daily.
- Fall/winter (October 1 to April 30) 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., closed Mondays and holidays.

Nearby attractions/facilities:

- Sam Livingston Fish Hatchery.
- Pierce Estate Park.
- Historic Inglewood.



Main sign at front gates

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