



2007 update on planned improvements to one of Canada's largest natural environment parks.

# Nose Hill



## What's coming in 2007

- 4Asphalt pathways and gravel trails constructed in 2007 will enhance accessibility and mobility through the park.
- 4An east-west asphalt pathway will complete the link between the Beddington and Edgemont entrances; a north-south asphalt pathway will link the Edgemont and Brentwood entrances.
- 4Construction will begin on the trail circling the top of the hill, which will clearly define the 349-hectare multi-use zone.
- 4The Charleswood Drive entrance to Nose Hill Park will be permanently closed as a progressive measure in enhancing park-user safety.
- 4Parks will continue environmental restoration activities.

Information on planned construction activities and closures will be posted at park entrances and on the Parks website at [www.calgary.ca/parks](http://www.calgary.ca/parks).



## Events and Activities

### Back by popular demand!

This summer, you are invited to "Nose Hill Day," a fun and interactive opportunity to learn more about the park's natural history. For more details on this event such as date and time, check out park entrance signs.

### Care to go for a walk?

Parks nature educators will guide you through the remarkable human and natural history of Nose Hill Park on a leisurely, 90-minute walk. Walks have been scheduled for May 20, June 9, July 11, August 15 and September 16. Please call 268-3800 to register. A nominal fee applies.

Further information on these and other park activities are available in the Parks Program Guide at [www.calgary.ca/parks](http://www.calgary.ca/parks) or by calling 3-1-1.

We will do our best to provide the information you need to enjoy Nose Hill Park as planned improvements proceed. Watch for information about ongoing changes at signs located at Nose Hill entrances. To learn more about the plan for Nose Hill and to check for project updates go to [www.calgary.ca/parks](http://www.calgary.ca/parks). You can also call 3-1-1 and speak to an operator.

# What are the planned improvements for Nose Hill?

The City of Calgary Parks will be making improvements to Nose Hill Park based on the Nose Hill Trail and Pathway Plan. Changes include:

## Park Routes

- 460 km of designated trails and pathways, including 52 km of dirt and gravel trails.
- 48 km of asphalt pathways will increase accessibility for all Calgarians.
- Over 200 km of informal trails will be closed and seeded to restore natural plant communities and create large undisturbed areas for wildlife habitat.

## Park Amenities

- New orientation and interpretive signs and rest spots to enhance the visitor's experience.
- Enhancements to the existing parking lots including paving, washrooms, garbage bins and fencing.

## Park Use

- A multi-use zone at the top of the hill, equivalent to over 400 football fields in size, for off-trail and off-leash dog activities.
- The new bylaw will protect sensitive natural plant communities and wildlife habitat by requiring users to stay on designated trails.



## Why make changes at Nose Hill?

- Calgarians want to protect the natural prairie landscape found in Nose Hill — now and for the future.
- The natural prairie landscape of Nose Hill Park has been declining from heavy use of informal trails and unmanaged off-leash dog activities.
- Park activities have contributed to the decline and loss of important wildlife species, such as the Badger and Sharp-tailed Grouse.
- Habitat restoration and clearly marked routes will help protect and improve natural vegetation and wildlife habitat, and offer visitors a variety of enjoyable park experiences.

## What we did in 2006

- Completed background studies to assess and mitigate potential impacts of landscape construction on the park's wildlife, natural plant communities and archaeological sites.
- Committed to spring grass mowing along construction routes. This was one of the mitigation strategies suggested to encourage birds to nest in the lesser disturbed tall grass areas of the park.
- Parks initiated environmental cleanup efforts removing invasive plants and 750 tonnes of debris from the former gravel pit.

For a copy of the background studies, please visit the Parks website at [www.calgary.ca/parks](http://www.calgary.ca/parks).