



# Features of Haskayne Legacy Park

---

The City of Calgary will be opening Haskayne Legacy Park, our newest regional park in northwest Calgary on September 16, 2023. Nestled along the banks of the Bearspaw Reservoir, Haskayne Legacy Park is a celebration of natural preservation. The park, spanning across 126-hectares of land, promises to be a sanctuary for nature enthusiasts, families, and those who love to explore.

The following is a brief description of the key features located in Haskayne Legacy Park.

## **PARK FEATURES**

### **Pavilion building**

Calgary's first net-zero 2,400 square-foot pavilion building – a ground-breaking achievement in sustainable development as the first in the city's building portfolio. The building is designed to promote a shared educational experience of the site, as well as opportunities for quiet contemplation within a stretch of culturally significant Bow Valley landscape.

By using natural finishes for both the wood and weathering steel elements, the built form of the pavilion building visually references the historic agricultural use of the site. The building was designed to achieve a net-zero energy performance and it includes washrooms, water bottle refill stations, programmable space, and expansive views of the surrounding grasslands.





# Features of Haskayne Legacy Park

## Pavilion pergola and patio

This sheltered outdoor space connects the main pavilion building to the surrounding landscape. A spacious covered patio features large harvest tables for group events, seating nooks with moveable furniture, and a double-sided gas fireplace. All elements are sheltered under exposed sculptural Douglas Fir rafters, providing the ideal backdrop for both public and private events.



## Ecologically sensitive area/Native grassland

South of the Canadian Pacific Railway, there are protected grasslands - with hectares of native fescue grassland. Only 16% of historical fescue grassland – untilled and in its original state – remains in Alberta and even less of this is in healthy condition. This area includes unique ecosystems of plant species and habitat for local wildlife. Here visitors can observe many bird species that call this area home, including the Yellow-rumped Warbler and long-eared owl, who both use the site as a rest-stop while migrating.





# Features of Haskayne Legacy Park

---

## Seasonal Cattle Grazing

In partnership with local ranchers and Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park, seasonal cattle grazing occurs on limited sections of the Haskayne Park site. While the protected ecologically sensitive area/native grassland remains cattle-free for the time being, the upper half of the site (adjacent to the pavilion building) benefits from seasonal grazing. Visitors can watch from a safe distance as cattle and calves frolic in the warmer months. Targeted grazing assists in the maintenance of plant diversity, provides weed control, and minimize the spread of potential grassland fires.



## Other Park features include:

### Regional pathway

The existing paved pathway through Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park now connects to 1.8 kilometers of paved new regional pathway in Haskayne Legacy Park. This allows visitors to walk and ride on the pathway to see beautiful native grasslands on the north bank of the Bow River.

### Granular Nature Trails and rest areas

There are 1.5 kilometers of granular nature trails northeast of the pavilion building that offer visitors a walking loop and the chance to meander through scenic expanses of grasslands with spectacular views of the Bow River and Rocky Mountains to the west.

### Bearspaw Reservoir

The southwest boundary of Haskayne Legacy Park is bounded by the Bearspaw Reservoir. The Bearspaw Reservoir is a section of the Bow River created by river damming. The reservoir supports efforts to reduce the possibility of winter flooding impacts on developed areas downstream, as well as providing electricity during periods of peak electrical demand. The development was named after Chief Bear's Paw, one of the chiefs who signed the treaty at Blackfoot Crossing in 1877. Visitors can walk or cycle in the park on the regional pathway while viewing spectacular views of the reservoir.

There are also other amenities on the regional park that include, day use areas, bike parking racks and free vehicular parking near the pavilion building. Once this regional park opens, it will connect to Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park.

For more information, please visit [Calgary.ca/hlp](http://Calgary.ca/hlp).