



Inglewood Bike Pump Track Spring and Summer 2021

FAQ

What is a pump track?

Pump tracks are a progressive circuit that use an up and down 'pumping' motion to propel the bicycle forward instead of pedaling. Pump tracks are a perfect structure for practicing balance, learning skills and improving confidence on a bike. Pump tracks can be designed with all ages and abilities in mind. From young beginners, to older more experienced riders, these unique parks offer something for everyone.

Why build a pump track now?

Building on our experience with the South Glenmore Bike Pump Track, we hope the Inglewood Bike Pump Track will be a much-loved new park amenity that promotes health and wellness. The popularity of these amenities has led to the creation of several community-led projects including the existing bike pump track in Fairview and planned parks in Montgomery and Marda Loop.

Previous engagement in the Inglewood area identified a preference for more active, family-friendly outdoor amenities that users could travel to by biking and that also involved biking. The City has received Municipal Stimulus Program (MSP) funding for this project with the prerequisite that it be built and completed in 2021. Parks Foundation is a partner on this project and has also been fundraising for the park.

What is the design of the pump track area?

Parks Foundation, in partnership with the City of Calgary, are planning to build a new bike pump track park in the community of Inglewood. The design of the park will accommodate two custom-designed asphalt tracks for varying skill levels similarly to the tracks in South Glenmore Park; one for beginners and the other for more intermediate riders. The proposed park will also include benches, a picnic table, planting as well as fencing around the track to enhance the amenity for all users. Construction of the bike pump track park is anticipated to begin this summer and be completed in fall 2021.

How was this project funded?

The City was exploring the creation of additional bike pump tracks prior to the project being fast-tracked once provincial Municipal Stimulus Program (MSP) funding was secured. The MSP funding is conditional on the bike pump track being built and completed in 2021. Parks Foundation is a partner on this project and has also been fundraising for the park.

Has the public been consulted about this project?

Feedback on Calgary Parks projects is important to The City of Calgary and the Parks Foundation. The City of Calgary has been engaging the public in a number of ways including having an active engagement process online requesting feedback from the public regarding the future development of the area surrounding the bike pump track park. A What We Heard Report with the collected feedback from Calgarians will be available online soon.

Where will the bike pump track park be located?

The park will be located at 7th Avenue and 20th Street SE and situated on the northeast end of the site.

The track will be nestled next to 17th Avenue SE and will be accessible from 20th Street SE, via 9th Avenue. The southernmost slope of the bike pump track park will be 98 meters from 7th Avenue SE.

What will the track look like and how many bikers can use the track at the same time?

There will be a smaller, beginner track that will accommodate around five to 10 riders at a time and a larger more intermediate track that can accommodate between 20 to 30 riders at the same time.

Why was this location selected?

Calgary Parks reviewed several other locations in Inglewood and other communities. Other sites had constraints such as environmental considerations, flood plains, site sizes, access and other considerations.

This site was chosen due to:

- Central location
- Proximity to an active transportation network/bike systems
- Existing parking available
- Previous engagement in the Inglewood area identified a preference for more active, family-friendly outdoor amenities that involved biking and that users could bike to

Where will bike pump track park users park?

Bike pump track users will have access to an existing gravel parking lot and there is also a parking lot at the Wildlands Park located a couple of blocks away. Parking and traffic patterns will be monitored once the park opens in order to determine if any changes to parking and traffic controls are needed. There are no current plans to make this area a parking permit area.

We anticipate that some pump track users will ride to the park using the nearby pathway system.
