



## Assiniboine Park Duck Pond to Open for Skating December 29

**For immediate release:** Winnipeg, December 28, 2023 – The Assiniboine Park Conservancy is pleased to announce that the Riley Family Duck Pond at Assiniboine Park will open tomorrow (Friday, December 29) for skating.

“Assiniboine Park a great place to enjoy some fresh air, exercise, and a variety of winter activities,” said Sara Wolowich Brown, Communications Coordinator, Assiniboine Park Conservancy. “We encourage Park visitors to embrace the season and discover all we have to offer here at the Park!”

Starting tomorrow, the skating shelter located adjacent to the Duck Pond will be open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., providing washroom access and a place for skaters to warm up. Picnic tables are also available outdoors for use by visitors. Enhanced lighting displays around the Duck Pond will create an inviting atmosphere for evening skating under the stars.

The Cargo Bar pop-up patio, located next to the Duck Pond, will also open for the season on Friday. Visitors can gather around cozy fire pits on the licensed outdoor patio and enjoy a variety of hot and cold beverages including hot chocolate, coffee, cider, and a selection of local craft beers, wine, and specialty cocktails. Cargo Bar will be open Fridays from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Park Café, located in the Qualico Family Centre next to the Duck Pond, is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and offers full menu dine-in service plus a selection of grab-and-go items at the take-out window. The pathway from the Duck Pond is covered with rubber mats so skaters can conveniently access the take-out window without removing their skates.

Visitors are reminded that hockey sticks and pucks are not allowed on the Duck Pond and to stay off the ice when plowing and flooding is underway.

Roads and pathways throughout the Park are cleared of snow regularly, allowing runners, walkers, and cyclists to enjoy the Park all winter long. When snow conditions improve, Park visitors will also be able to enjoy sledding at the toboggan hill located between the Duck Pond and the Nature Playground and cross-country skiing on groomed trails. The opening of the ski trails will be announced when there is enough snow to permit regular grooming.

For more information, please visit our [website](#).

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