

Riley Family Duck Pond at Assiniboine Park Opens Tomorrow for Skating – Cargo Bar Returns for Winter –

For immediate release: Winnipeg, January 5, 2023 – The Assiniboine Park Conservancy is pleased to announce that the Riley Family Duck Pond at Assiniboine Park will open tomorrow, January 6, for skating.

The 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. The Duck Pond is surrounded by beautiful light displays, permitting skating under the stars.

The Cargo Bar pop-up patio will also return to the Park this winter and open for the season on Friday afternoon. This winter, Cargo Bar will operate out of portion of the skating shelter with seating areas and service available indoors or around fire pits on the licensed patio overlooking the Duck Pond. Visitors can enjoy a variety of hot and cold beverages including a selection of local craft beers, wine, and hot and cold specialty cocktails. Non-alcoholic beverages will also be available. 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.

“Assiniboine Park is a great place to enjoy a variety of outdoor winter activities,” said Sara Wolowich Brown, Communications Coordinator, Assiniboine Park Conservancy. “We invite visitors to embrace the season and head outside for some fresh air and exercise.”

Park visitors can also enjoy sledding at the toboggan hill located between the Duck Pond and the Nature Playground or skiing on the Park’s designated cross-country ski trails. Roads and pathways throughout the Park are cleared of snow regularly, allowing runners, walkers and cyclists to enjoy the Park all winter long.

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. offering 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 asked to stay off the ice when plowing and flooding is underway.

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

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