

Assiniboine Park Conservancy Hosting We Are Winter Celebration this Weekend at Assiniboine Park

For immediate release: Winnipeg, January 7, 2026 – The Assiniboine Park Conservancy is inviting Park visitors to our **We Are Winter celebration** this weekend with a variety of free, family-friendly outdoor activities taking place on Friday (4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.), Saturday (11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.), and Sunday (9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.).

"We are excited to welcome the community to celebrate winter with us at Assiniboine Park," said Laura Cabak, Senior Director of Marketing & Communications, Assiniboine Park Conservancy. "We are looking forward to bringing everyone together to embrace the outdoors, make unforgettable memories, and have some snow-filled fun!"

The event will take place around the beautiful Riley Family Duck Pond, which is the hub for skating, skiing, sledding, and other winter activities at the Park.

Events and activities are FREE unless otherwise noted (\$).

WINTER ACTIVITIES

- **Outdoor Fun for All** – Enjoy a variety of winter activities, including skating on the Riley Family Duck Pond, skiing on groomed cross-country trails, or sliding down our toboggan hill. Play cornhole and box hockey, then gather by cozy bonfires to warm up.
- **Ice Cycles** – Try a selection of ice-bikes from Spark Rentals on the Riley Family Duck Pond. Saturday and Sunday only.
- **Winter Activity Rentals** – Get active outdoors with equipment from the Winnipeg Trails Association. Equipment is available on a first-come, first-served basis and includes kick sleds, toboggans, hockey and figure skates, snowshoes, and more.
- **Cross-Country Skiing and Skating Lessons** – Perfect for beginners or anyone who needs a refresher. Bring your own equipment or borrow some from the Winnipeg Trails Association. Pre-registration is encouraged.
- **Guided Snowshoe Tours** – Learn about the natural beauty of the Park on a guided 45-minute tour. A limited number of snowshoes will be available for use or bring your own.
- **Live Performances from DJ GeNie** – Saturday and Sunday only.

SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

Friday

- Product sampling with FullGeek BrewLab.
- Live fiddle and accordion music with John Racer and Stephen Kiz (sets at 5:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.).
- Performances by the Ivan Flett Memorial Dancers (sets at 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.).
- Kids crafting stations.

Saturday

- *Frozen 2* outdoor movie screening with special guests Elsa and Anna (3:00 p.m.)
- Horse-drawn sleigh rides (12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.) – \$6 per person for all ages three and up, children two and under are free. (\$)

Sunday

- Teepee Storytelling with Ivana Yellowback (10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)
- *Happy Feet* outdoor movie screening (3:00 p.m.).

FOOD & BEVERAGE (\$)

- **Park Café Take-Out Window**
 - Enjoy a special offering of soups and stews from the take-out window.
 - Open Friday (9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.), Saturday (9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.), and Sunday (9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.).
 - The Park Café is also open for indoor dining daily from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. with regular menu and table service.
- **Cargo Bar Winter Pop-up Patio**
 - Gather around bonfires to enjoy s'more kits, local craft beers, hot drinks, and more.
 - Open Friday (4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.), Saturday (11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.), and Sunday (11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.).
- **Red Snack Stand by Duck Pond Shelter**
 - Enjoy hot chocolate and s'more kits.
 - Open regular event hours on Friday (4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.), Saturday (11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.), and Sunday (9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.).
- **Beavertails**
 - Enjoy a sweet or savoury treat.
 - Open regular event hours on Friday (4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.), Saturday (11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.), and Sunday (9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.).

Park visitors are encouraged to check the Assiniboine Park [website](#) for additional programming information and a more detailed schedule of events and activities.

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