



Assiniboine Park to Host Free Family-Friendly Canada Day Festivities

For immediate release: Winnipeg, June 24, 2026 – Excitement is building as the Assiniboine Park Conservancy prepares to welcome thousands of visitors to the annual Canada Day celebration at Assiniboine Park on Wednesday, July 1. Free entertainment, live performances, and family-friendly activities will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Lyric Theatre and outdoor Gardens at The Leaf.

“Every year, families and friends gather at Assiniboine Park to celebrate Canada Day, and we’re thrilled to continue that tradition. Whether it’s your first visit or an annual outing, there will be something for everyone to enjoy,” said Lindsay Hughes, Manager of Communications, Assiniboine Park Conservancy. “This year’s celebration is especially meaningful, as we have an opportunity to share the beauty of Assiniboine Park and Manitoba’s pride and community spirit with Canadians from coast to coast.”

This year’s celebration will include a spotlight on Assiniboine Park as part of the National evening show – Celebrating our Canada! Programming at the Lyric Theatre will conclude with special performances by Andrina Turenne and Begonia from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. These performances will be featured as part of the national evening broadcast airing live from Ottawa on ICI Télé, ICI TOU.TV, Radio-Canada.ca, the Radio-Canada YouTube channel, CBC Television, CBC Gem, CBC Music, and the CBC YouTube channel.

Activities at the Lyric Field and Theatre:

- Entertainment featuring: Andrina Turenne, Begonia, Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, The Winnipeg Steel Orchestra, Tommyphyll, Ivan Flett Memorial Dancers, and Wackydoodle Dance Party for Kids.
- Food trucks, face painting, bouncy castles, community partner activations, and other activities for kids.
- Pop-up Patio at the Pavilion presented by Manitoba Liquor Mart.

Activities at the Gardens at The Leaf:

- Citizenship ceremony
- Food trucks, fire teachings, teepee teachings, and salsa and bachata dancing featuring Dance World.

A more detailed schedule of activities can be found on the Assiniboine Park [website](#).

Parking in Assiniboine Park is limited and can be difficult to find during large events. Visitors are encouraged to carpool, take public transit, or choose active transportation.

Please note:

- Picnic sites cannot be booked on Canada Day and will be available on a first come, first served basis.
- There will be no fireworks at Assiniboine Park. There have not been fireworks at the Park on Canada Day since 2017.

Canada Day hours of operation

- Assiniboine Park Zoo: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- The Pavilion art galleries: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- The Park Café: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- The biomes at The Leaf: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Gather Craft Kitchen & Bar at The Leaf: 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

The Canada Day Celebration is part of Assiniboine Park's 2026 Summer Entertainment Series presented by Casinos of Winnipeg, which has been made possible with the support from our sponsors, donors, and the Government of Canada.

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Staff availability for interviews will be limited on Canada Day, but media are welcome to attend the event and speak to Park visitors.