

**Discover *Prairie Picnic* this Summer at The Leaf
— Now Open —**

For immediate release: Winnipeg, June 12, 2026 – After a scheduled closure, the biomes at The Leaf are now open, unveiling a vibrant new summer display that has transformed the Babs Asper Display House. *Prairie Picnic* runs from June 12 to September 13 and celebrates the plants that feed the world — physically, culturally, and ceremonially.

“This display is inspired by summer gardens, playful picnics, and the joyful tradition of gathering outside,” said Gerald Dieleman, Senior Director of Horticulture, Assiniboine Park Conservancy. “We’re inviting visitors to celebrate the remarkable role plants play in our lives and their unique ability to connect people across cultures, generations, and traditions.”

This display features picnic tables adorned with unique botanical place settings, where each plate is transformed into a living planter. The installation invites visitors to reflect on the ecosystems that create the flavours and fragrances that we know and love.

Featured plant material includes a vibrant mix of coleus varieties, ipomea, and blooming lilies. An assortment of herbs and other rotating plant materials will be featured in the botanical place settings, adding a fresh, natural fragrance throughout the display. Whimsical touches such as floating hot air balloons and an intimate gazebo with living mosaic cushions complete the scene, creating a playful and inviting garden experience.

Beyond the Babs Asper Display House, visitors can journey through The Leaf’s biomes to discover plants that help feed and flavour the world. In the Hartley and Heather Richardson Tropical Biome, species such as sugarcane, Arabian coffee, allspice, and jackfruit showcase our global connection to plants across cultures.

Prairie Picnic runs from June 12 to September 13 and is included with regular Leaf admission. The biomes at The Leaf are open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. More information can be found at [assiniboinepark.ca](https://www.assiniboinepark.ca).

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