

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

**For immediate release:** Winnipeg, January 7, 2025 – The Assiniboine Park Conservancy is inviting Park visitors to a **We Are Winter Celebration** this weekend with a variety of free, family-friendly outdoor activities taking place on Friday (4 p.m. – 8 p.m.), Saturday (12 p.m. – 8 p.m.), and Sunday (12 p.m. – 8 p.m.)

“Assiniboine Park is the perfect place to discover the wonders of winter,” said Georgia Sigurdson, Communications Coordinator, Assiniboine Park Conservancy. “We hope this event brings our community together in a welcoming way and encourages people to embrace the season, have fun outdoors, and maybe even try something new!”

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

**All events and activities are FREE of charge unless otherwise noted (\$).**

### WINTER ACTIVITIES

- **Ski, Skate, Sled, Slide** – Try out a variety of winter activities with equipment borrowed from Winnipeg Trails. Equipment is available on a first-come, first-served basis and includes cross-country skis, kick sleds, toboggans, skates, snowshoes, and more.
- **Skiing and Skating Lessons** – Bring your own equipment or borrow the free equipment from Winnipeg Trails. Perfect for beginners or anyone who needs a refresher.
- **Guided Snowshoe Tours** – Learn about the natural beauty of the Park on a guided 45-minute tour. A limited supply of snowshoes will be available for use or bring your own.
- **Ice Bikes** – Try a selection of ice-bikes from Spark Rentals on the Riley Family Duck Pond.
- **PLUS...**
  - Get your groove on with DJ GeNie. *Saturday and Sunday only.*
  - Enjoy FREE hot chocolate at Cargo Bar. *Saturday and Sunday only, while supplies last.*

### SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

#### Friday

- **80s Skate & Ski Night** – Enjoy the throwback winter party of the season with DJ Lucky Sharms featuring drag performances by Miss Gender, Edyn Peaches, and Lady Fortuna.

### **Saturday**

- Frozen Sing-Along Outdoor Movie – Join special guests Elsa and Anna for a fun-filled evening of music, singing, and frozen outdoor fun.
- Ivan Flett Memorial Dancers – Get your toes tapping and hands clapping with the Ivan Flett Memorial Dancers. Enjoy jigging, fiddling, and a festive time for the whole family.
- Night Ski for Beginners – Join Winnipeg Trails and other beginners for a night ski through the heart of the Park.

### **Sunday**

- Glow Skate – Wear your brightest neon winter gear and glow in the snow accessories to light up the night and create an illuminated winter wonderland.

### **FOOD & BEVERAGE (\$)**

- **Park Café**
  - Offers indoor dining with beautiful views of the Park. A selection of grab-and-go items are also available at the treats window, which is accessible from the Duck Pond.
  - Open 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. with regular menu and table service.
  - Open 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. with counter service and a special We Are Winter menu.
- **Cargo Bar Winter Pop-up Patio**
  - Gather around a crackling fire at this festive outdoor retreat and enjoy a selection of warm beverages, cocktails, mocktails, wine, craft beer, and s'mores,
  - Open Friday (4 p.m. – 8 p.m.), Saturday and Sunday (12 p.m. – 8 p.m.)

Information about additional programming and a detailed schedule of events and activities can be found on the Assiniboine Park [website](#).

### **For interviews and information requests, please contact:**

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