



Assiniboine Park to Host Family-Friendly Canada Day Celebration

For immediate release: Winnipeg, June 24, 2024 – It will be all hands on deck this week as the Assiniboine Park Conservancy prepares to host free, family-friendly entertainment and activities at the Park on Canada Day, Monday, July 1.

“Canada Day gives us an opportunity to learn, celebrate, and grow together as a community,” said Bruce Keats, Chief Operating Officer, Assiniboine Park Conservancy. “We are looking forward to a beautiful day at the Park filled with family-friendly activities, live music, and fun, while also acknowledging Canada’s history and celebrating our cultural diversity.”

Canada Day will open with a citizenship ceremony at 11:00 am at the Lyric Theatre. The following events and activities will take place between 11:00 am and 5:00 pm.

Activities at the Lyric Theatre:

- Entertainment featuring: Viva Brazil Canada, Andrina Turenne, Son of Dave, School of Rock, and Zrada.
- Food trucks, bouncy castles, and activities for kids.
- Pavilion pop-up patio presented by Manitoba Liquor Mart.

Activities at The Gardens at The Leaf:

- Entertainment featuring: Coast-to-Coast Canada Day Drumming Presented by the Winnipeg Chinese Cultural and Community Centre, Jace Bodner, Dom Adams, and Onna Lou.
- Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS) Workshops at the Tannis M. Richardson Classroom in The Leaf.
- Fire teachings with Cree Crowchild at the Fire Node in the Indigenous Peoples Garden.
- Happy Solstice Market presented by diary sessions.
- Food trucks.
- Cake and fortune cookies presented by the Winnipeg Chinese Cultural and Community Centre in the Kitchen Garden.

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. A park and ride will be available from the Canadian Mennonite University (CMU) parking lot located at 500 Shaftesbury Blvd. A shuttle will transport visitors from CMU to the Park and back from 11:00 am – 6:00 pm.

A FREE Winnipeg 150 shuttle bus will travel between The Forks and Assiniboine Park from 11 am – 6:00 pm (every 30 minutes). The Park drop-off and pick-up location will be on Portage Avenue near the Assiniboine River footbridge.

The Canada Day Celebration is part of the Assiniboine Park's 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.

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.

Long weekend hours of operation

- The Assiniboine Park Zoo is open daily from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.
- The Pavilion art galleries are open daily from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.
- The Park Café restaurant is open daily from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.
- The biomes at The Leaf are open daily from 9:00 am – 9:00 pm.
- Gather Craft Kitchen & Bar at The Leaf is open daily from 11:00 am – 11:00 pm.

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Interviews will not be available on Canada Day, but media are welcome to attend the event and speak to guests in the Park.