



Welcome to the John Janzen Nature Centre

A gateway to the heart of Edmonton's River Valley, the newly-renovated John Janzen Nature Centre takes visitors for a walk on the wild side with programs, events and interactive exhibits designed to promote awareness and engagement with nature in an urban setting.

Nature Centre Etiquette

- Food and beverages are not permitted in the Tegler Discovery Zone or Exhibit Room. You are welcome to eat outside at the picnic tables or at the tables at the top of the stairs.
- There are no indoor eating facilities available for large groups.
- The classrooms and fire pit are rentable spaces. If interested, please call/email prior to your visit to inquire about availability (780-496-2601, specialmoments@edmonton.ca)
- Service animals only please.

Tegler Discovery Zone Guidelines

This new indoor play space re-creates local wildlife habitat in a way that allows children to learn about nature through play. Crawling and climbing structures are designed for children aged 3 to 10, although all ages are welcome to explore the rest of the Tegler Discovery Zone.

- Area is for ages 10 years and younger. Crawling and climbing structures are designed for children ages 3 to 10.
- The Tegler Discovery Zone is not staffed. Adults are required to stay in the play area with their child/children.
- Food and beverages are not permitted in the play space.
- Please remove all footwear and wear socks. Socks are available for purchase at the front desk.
- Please be aware that there are multiple ages in the play space.
- Based on attendance, staff may limit access to the play space.
- In case of emergency please contact the front desk for assistance.

Outside the Nature Centre

- Pond: Please respect the water and wildlife. If you are using dip nets at the pond please remember to release all animals including insects back into the water afterwards. Please do not touch tadpoles or frogs with your hands as this will injure them.
- Trails: Feel free to explore the trails. Please respect the wildlife and stay on the trails



Self-Guided Activities for Groups

Please check the daily program schedule for drop-in guided activities offered by an interpreter. Options for self-guided activities are listed below.

Scavenger Hunt – Participants find various items in nature. Activity can last 15-20 minutes. Scavenger hunt sheets are available from Exhibit Room interpreter.

Pond Dipping – Use nets to search for animals in the pond. Activity can last for as long as participants are interested. See Exhibit Room interpreter or the front desk for pond dipping kit and instructions.

- Please stay on the sand/gravel shore. Please do not walk on the opposite side of the pond (grassy shore) as there is risk of falling in to the water on that side.
- Please respect the water and wildlife.
- Please remember to release all animals including insects back into the water afterwards.
- Please do not touch tadpoles or frogs with your hands as this will injure them.

Geocaching – Use GPS units to find hidden containers around the Nature Centre. Best suited to groups ages 10 and up for as long as the participants are interested. GPS units and instructions are available from the front desk.

Nature Walks – Explore the trails around the Nature Centre and Fort Edmonton Park. Trails are accessible for all ages. Walks last from 15 minutes to 1 hour. Visit the Exhibit Room or front desk for maps and information.

- Hazards you may encounter off the trails include wasp/hornet nests, holes and fallen logs.
- Please respect plants and animals you encounter on the trails.

Nature Backpacks – Choose an adventure backpack that contains a variety of fun and educational self-guided activities. Backpacks are best suited for families or small groups and can be signed out at the front desk.

Wildflowers of Edmonton and Area Guidebooks – These can be signed out at the front desk, and can be taken with you on a nature walk to help you identify plants you see along the way.

Enjoy your visit!