The Benefits of Walking

Walking … a healthy journey!

Ranked the number one activity of choice among Canadians, walking is a prescription for improved health and wellness. Walk briskly for 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week, and minimize your risk for cardiovascular disease, stroke, Type 2 diabetes and some types of cancer. Additional benefits include weight management, blood pressure control and boosting good cholesterol (HDLs).

Other benefits of walking:
• Releases the body’s tension and stress.
• Refreshes the mind and body, especially when walking outdoors.
• Allows you to connect with your community.
• Offers an excellent way to socialize with family and/or friends.
• Increases ‘eyes on the street’, enhancing community safety.

Walking is an easy activity to do, costs very little money and the benefits to health, fitness, and mental well-being are priceless!

Here are some tips to keep you on track:
• For starters, take a leisurely walk around your block. Slowly increase your walking time by 5 – 10 minutes a day until you are walking for 30 minutes. A duration of 30 minutes a day is what you’re after but don’t stop there! Once in a while, go for a 45 – 60 minute walk.
• Walking with a buddy can be very motivating.
• Gear up with loose clothing and proper walking shoes. Comfort is key.
• Walking to a destination — grocery store, mailbox, school, etc. — is a way to fill your walking prescription of 30 minutes per day.

There are 1,440 minutes in a day, schedule 30 of them for walking!

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Woodcroft Branch Edmonton Public Library
13420 – 114 Avenue
780-496-1830
www.epil.ca

124th Street Business Association
#202, 10715 – 124 Street
780-413-6503
www.124street.ca

Other Walking Resources
Alberta Centre for Active Living
www.centre4activeliving.ca
780-427-6949

Canada Walks
www.canadawalks.ca
780-468-4940

UWALK
www.UWALK.ca
780-406-8530

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Walkable Edmonton is an initiative bringing Edmontonians together to build a more walkable community by providing grass roots resources and building civic support. Check out our website for links to other walking resources, maps, walking groups and places to walk in Edmonton.

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Shape
(Safe Healthy Active People Everywhere)
www.shapeab.com
Get involved with Walk to School Week and Walk to School Programs
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About the Communities on Foot Map Series
The Communities on Foot series are walking guides, created as a joint project of Walkable Edmonton and local Community Leagues to promote walkable communities.

Contact us to find out if your community has an edition of this map series or to find out more about creating a map.
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