

NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

The area in which Rideau Park lies was annexed to the City of Edmonton in 1959. Rideau Park is a rather compact neighbourhood and is quite diverse in terms of its land use. The neighbourhood is bounded by a collector road to the south, an arterial to the west and freeways to the north and east. Large landscaped boulevards buffer the neighbourhood from these roadways.

The bulk of development in Rideau Park occurred during the 1970s with another significant development period in the late 1990s. Residential structures are mixed within the neighbourhood. Single and semi-detached homes account for approximately one third of all units, while low-rise apartments account for the remaining dwelling units.

The school and park site are located in the neighbourhood's centre and also serve residents in Duggan, the neighbourhood to the south. Residential land use takes up just over a third of the total land area while commercial and institutional space accounts for the remainder. In addition to the commercial amenities available within the community itself, Southgate shopping centre is located just north of Rideau Park across Whitemud Drive. A Light Rail Transit (LRT) station is also located at the mall along 111th Avenue.

The neighbourhood is named after Rideau Hall, the official residence in Ottawa of the Governor General of Canada.