

Beechmount Cemetery

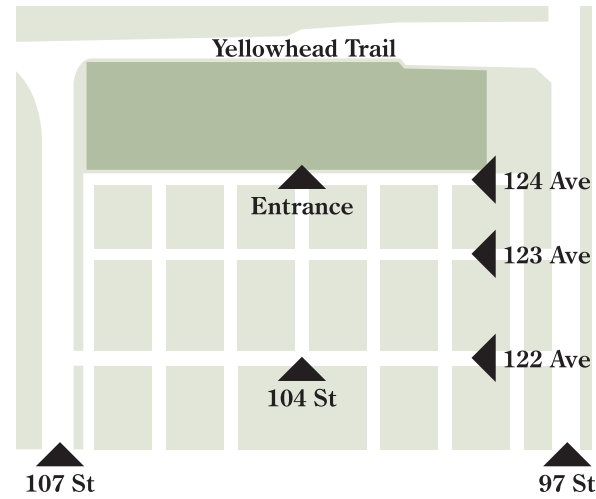
Tree-lined roadways, an impressive salute to veterans, and monuments representing a variety of languages and religious backgrounds, give this cemetery a strong sense of Edmonton's multicultural community. Established in 1914, Beechmount was the first cemetery started by the City rather than by a private company. The oldest section is of the cemetery is the northwest section. Over the years a variety of ethnic groups have requested that sections be set aside for their members and often linguistic, religious and ethnic groups are found together. The stories of their immigration to the West reveal the significant contributions of these settlers who came to find and create a better life in our community.

Locating a grave

If you are looking for a grave at Beechmount Cemetery visit the administration building, weekdays, for staff assistance. For those interred prior to the last twenty-five years, burial information can be found on the cemeteries' database. To access the database, go online to www.edmonton.ca and type "cemeteries" into the site search engine.

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12420-104 Street



Interment Services

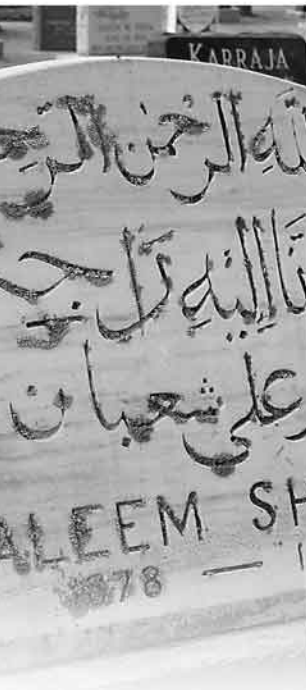
City of Edmonton Cemeteries offer a full array of casket and cremation burial options including headstones, markers, urns and memorial benches. Call for a free information package, or contact our office to book an appointment. Our friendly, no-pressure sales staff will help you make the best choice for your needs. Inquire about the no interest payment plan for pre-need arrangements.

Edmonton Cemeteries Main Office

Beechmount Cemetery
12420 - 104 Street
Phone 496-6983
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Open Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

A walk through time

Beechmount Cemetery Self-guided Walking Tour



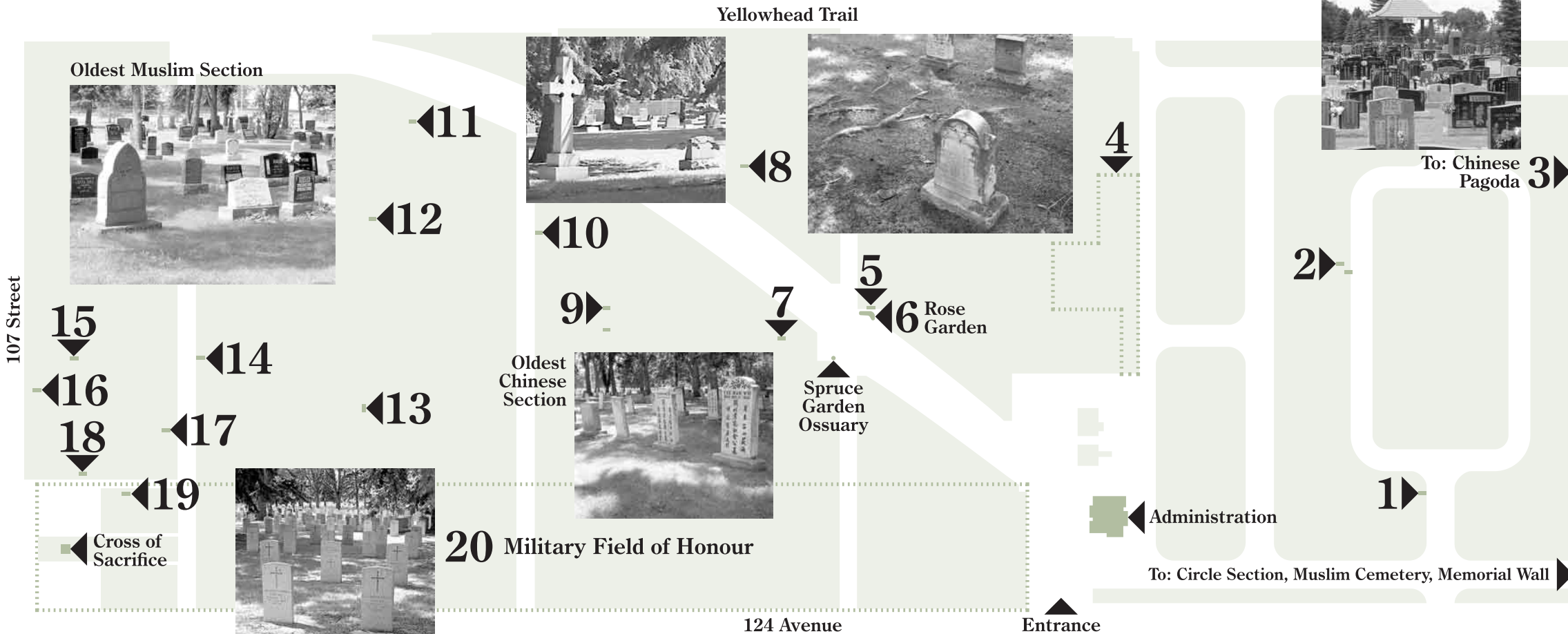
Honouring Edmonton's military contribution to WW2 and a reflection of our immigrant history

- 1. Illia Kiriak**
Author of "Sons of the Soil." His was the voice of the Ukrainian immigrants in the Canadian west.
- 2. William and Anastasia Hawrelak**
Founding immigrants in the Wasel settlement, their children took prominent places in Edmonton's community. Their son, William, served three terms as Edmonton's mayor.
- 3. Chinese Pagoda**
Pagoda used by the Chinese community during two annual ceremonies to honour the dead.
*Note also the new Islamic section in the far east portion of the cemetery.
- 4. Children's Section**
Children were often buried in a common section, since many families had yet to arrange for family plots. Special sections were laid out along the edge of the cemetery to accommodate smaller graves.

- 5. Major Andrew Osland**
Major Osland, amateur boxer, first President of the Canadian Amateur Boxing Association.
- 6. Rose Garden**
Nearby is the Rose Garden where ashes may be scattered (rather than stored in a columbarium).
- 7. Jacob Prins**
Belgian settlers, the Prins family settled and farmed in the Beverly area northeast of Edmonton.
- 8. Margaret Hazelwood (Gold) Brine**
Supporter of the Edmonton Art Gallery, the Edmonton Symphony, and various theatre groups in the city.
- 9. Joseph and Martha Haire**
The Haire Brothers Woodland Dairy provided milk and butter to the city for many years. Joseph took his first airplane ride at 103. At the time of his death, Joseph was considered the oldest man in Canada at 105 years.

- 10. James Bond Steele**
One of the first trained educators in the west. Brother of the famous Major Sam Steele.
- 11. Thomas and Margaret Henderson**
Thomas - adventurer and an innovative farmer, see a replica of his round barn at Fort Edmonton. Margaret - one of the first white women to traverse the Yellowhead Pass in 1880.
- 12. Edgar Millen**
RCMP officer shot by the Mad Trapper of Rat River, Millen's death launched the largest man hunt in Canadian history.
- 13. David Kootook**
An Inuk 14-year-old, who helped the pilot of their crashed plane survive for twenty days by fishing and finding food to eat.

- 14. Carl E. Berg and Daphan Lucy Berg**
An active labour couple - Carl served as the President of the Edmonton Trades and Labour Organization, Lucy represented women workers at GWG.
- 15. George Frederick Haswell**
Like many English immigrants to Canada, Haswell, returned to England as a Canadian soldier in WWI and was active in veteran organizations.
- 16. Ananastios and Demetrius Barootes**
These Greek brothers ran a restaurant, candy and pastry shop opposite the Selkirk Hotel on Jasper Avenue between 1921-1940.
- 17. Ali Mohammed Tarrabain**
Syrian immigrant who opened a general store on Whyte Avenue. A founder of the Al Rashid Mosque, the first mosque in North America.



This Muslim section of the cemetery holds 108 graves and represents people of 62 cultures. Tarrabain was the first interment here.

- 18. Esmail (Sam) Jamha**
Lebanese immigrant who worked for fifty years in the fur trade business. A founder of the Al Rashid Mosque.
- 19. Leonard Huff**
An American soldier who helped to construct the Alaska Highway and the AICan pipeline in the 1940's. Edmonton experienced an "American Invasion" when the thousands of military personnel and civilian workers used the city as their base for northern operations.
- 20. Military Field of Honour**
Set aside in 1940, with over 1300 graves of identical stone markers, the field honours veterans of all conflicts after WWI. Stone inscriptions bear the military ensignia, rank, birth and death dates.