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.

Walk Edmonton

Walk 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.

edmonton.ca/walkedmonton 780-944-5339

Other Walking Resources

Alberta Centre for Active Living
centre4activeliving.ca 780-427-6949
Canada Walks
canadawalks.ca

UWALK
UWALK.ca

Shape
(Safe Healthy Active People Everywhere)
shapeab.com

Get involved with Walk to School Week and Walking School Bus Programs
edmonton@shapeab.com 780-406-8530

Walking with your Dog

Edmonton has over 40 locations where you can enjoy your walk while your dog is off-leash. Please remember that all sites where dogs are permitted to be off-leash are multi-use areas used by all. Your dog must be leashed when not in a designated off-leash area. The dog icons shown on this map are placed in the approximate location of each off-leash area, but do not show the precise boundaries. For more information, including details on off-leash boundaries, check the Parks for Paws Brochure or go to edmonton.ca (keyword off-leash).

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