The Benefits of Walking

Walking... a healthy journey!

Walking is ranked as the number one activity among Canadians, with physical activity being a prescription for improved health and wellness. Walking briskly for 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week, and minimizing your risk for cardiovascular disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes and some types of cancer. Other 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 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!