

Dogs in Parks

Where can I take my dog on a leash?

Dogs are allowed in most parks and requirements of the Dog Control Bylaw must be met:

- Dogs must wear a valid Strathcona County licence tag.
- Dogs must be on a leash no longer than eight metres. Dogs defined in the Dog Control Bylaw as Restricted or Vicious are subject to greater restrictions.
- The person holding the leash must be able to control the dog.
- **Scoop it...it's the law!** The owner must pick up the dog's defecation. Don't forget to take a plastic bag along when you go out for a walk.

Visit the website at www.strathcona.ca/recreation or call Strathcona Bylaw Services at 780-449-0170 for more information.

Are there places my dog can't go?

Dogs are not permitted in the following areas:

- playgrounds (meaning the sand or grass base beneath playground equipment)
- tennis courts
- the Strathcona Wilderness Centre
- spray decks
- floral gardens

Is there an off-leash area?

You can exercise your dog off leash at the **Regional Off-leash Site** - Drive 3 km south of Wye Road on Highway 21, turn west onto Township Road 522 and watch for off-leash area signs. The parking lot is on the south side of the road.

Dogs in the off-leash area must be under control at all times - have your leash ready in case you need it. Dogs must wear a valid Strathcona County Licence tag. Your dog must be able to "come", "sit" and "stay" on verbal command. **Owners must clean up after their dogs.**

What's happening with the Site Development at the Off-Leash Park?

The current park site revitalization has been completed. The full development has included the clean-up and removal of the dirt in the pond on the west side of the park, addition of a gravel trail, addition of mulch to internal trails, interpretive signage and park furnishings. The revitalized site is now fully open for you and your dog to enjoy.

Dogs Unleashed Association

Dogs Unleashed Association is a non-profit organization that has been formed for dog enthusiasts who enjoy allowing their dogs the opportunity to run and exercise in a safe and organized off leash area.

Dogs Unleashed is working with Strathcona County to:

- Promote and help maintain off leash areas in Strathcona County.
- Recommend future sites for off leash use.
- Educate both dog owners and the general public about off leash sites, rules and etiquette.
- Partner with various "dog" related services to help meet dog owners' needs.

Why not get involved? Your dog will thank you.

Call 780-416-6729

Warning - Thin Ice!

Winter means colder temperatures and the start of ice forming on ponds and streams. People of all ages are tempted to venture out onto the new ice. All ice at this time of year is dangerous! Early snows make things worse by insulating the thin layer of ice and not allowing it to freeze. Freeze/thaw cycles also weaken the ice. Thin ice signs are posted on the storm water ponds in Sherwood Park when conditions are unsafe. Show your children what the signs look like. When the signs are up, remind your family to be safe and stay OFF the ice.

Remember to stay within public skating areas. Other parts of the ice may be unsafe. The best rule to follow at this time of year is to keep off all ice surfaces.



Thank You

To our Volunteers in Parks!

A big thanks to all of the members of our community who assist with the care and beautification of our parks and the provision of spontaneous outdoor recreation opportunities.

Become a V.I.P.! Our list of registered Volunteers In Parks is growing. It includes individuals, community organizations and schools who participate in a variety of programs and activities. Strathcona in Bloom, Adopt-A-Park, Trail Watch, Dogs in Parks and Spray Deck Operations are all programs made possible by countless hours of volunteer involvement.

Sign-up for our new volunteer e-newsletter at www.strathcona.ca/enews

Sherwood Park Natural Area

Enjoy a walk at the Sherwood Park Natural Area! Volunteer stewards look after this aspen parkland. You are invited to walk through the site and enjoy the peace and beauty of nature on the trails. Please respect all area users. Horses and bicycles are not permitted on the natural area trails, with the exception of the Old Edmonton Trail. Dog owners must ensure that their dog is on a leash at all times and remember to pick up after their pet.

The Sherwood Park Natural Area is located on Range Road 231, between Twp. Rds 520 and 522.

Call Howard or Mary Jane MacPherson 780-464-7072 if you would like to become a Natural Area Steward. Thank you to Colchester & District Agricultural Society, The Strathcona Naturalists, Suncor Energy and Enbridge Pipelines Inc. for funding assistance.

Sledding Safety Tips

- Sled on designated hills. Stay away from roads, rivers, railways and parking lots.
- Wear a helmet to reduce the risk of head injury.
- Prevent strangulation by wearing neck warmers instead of scarves and avoiding outer clothing with drawstrings.
- Only sled in the daylight or on well lit hills.
- Go down the hill sitting up or kneeling on the sled. Never slide down headfirst or standing up.
- Be sure your path is clear of obstacles and people all the way down the hill.
- Stay in control of your sled. Avoid inner tubes and snow discs that are difficult to control.
- If you fall off or stop unexpectedly, quickly move out of the way of other sledders.
- Walk back up the side of the hill, away from other sledders.
- If there is an emergency, call 911.

Source: Get the Facts... www.capitalhealth.ca/kidsafe

Sledding Hills

Invite family and friends to enjoy safe sliding at:

Broadmoor Golf Course

2100 Oak Street

Broadmoor Lake Park

2025 Oak Street north of Recreation, Parks and Culture office

Clarkdale Lake

Clarkdale Drive west of Orchid Crescent

Cottonwood Park

Cottonwood Avenue south of Pine Street

Estates of Sherwood Park

North of Estates Drive

Florian Park

Regency Drive

Greengrove Park

199 Georgian Way north of Glen Allan Recreation Complex

McGhan Park

Meadowview Drive

Strathcona Athletic Park

1100 Colwill Blvd (access off Clover Bar Road)

Woodbridge Lake Park

Woodbridge Way north of Parker Drive (south of Woodbridge Lake)

The above sledding hills are inspected weekly. If you notice any hazards please call 780-467-2211 or email recreation@strathcona.ca



Enjoy free skating this winter
at all County outdoor rinks!



Rural areas

Rinks with boards & lights or shelters from dusk to 10 p.m.

Ardrossan

(lights and snowbank) - in the townsite

Colchester School

Highway 14, Township Road 520

Deville/North Cooking Lake

(shelter and lights) - Wye Road Range Road 210 just north of Deville/North Cooking Lake Community

Snowbank rinks only are located at:

Collingwood Cove

South Cooking Lake – beside picnic shelter

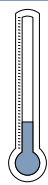
Uncas School – at Uncas School

There are 6 outdoor ice skating locations with 7 ice surfaces maintained by Recreation, Parks and Culture.

Holiday Hours

Christmas Break

December 24	1 - 5 p.m.
December 25	Closed
December 26 to 30	1 - 9 p.m.
December 31	1 - 5 p.m.
January 1 - 6	1 - 9 p.m.
Teachers Convention	
February 9 & 10	1 - 9 p.m.
Family Day	
February 20	1 - 9 p.m.



Rinks are not open at temperatures warmer than +5°C or below -20°C

for

Outdoor rink status call

780-467-5800

or visit www.strathcona.ca/outdoorrinks

Sign-up for the Outdoor rink e-newsletter and get instant updates on closures.

Urban areas

Outdoor rinks with boards, lights, snowbank rinks and heated change facilities for the public.

Brentwood

12 Falcon Drive - next to Brentwood School

Kinsmen/Westboro

1011 Strathcona Drive North of Strathcona Drive and Keith Road

Sherwood Heights

225 Fir Street

Strathcona Athletic Park

1100 Colwill Blvd. east of Bev Facey School, access off Clover Bar Road

The heated change facilities at the above locations are open and supervised during the following hours:

Monday through Friday 4 - 9 p.m.

Saturday, Sunday & Holidays 1 - 9 p.m.

*Ice may be booked from 6 - 7 p.m. Mon - Fri for minor user groups.

Did you know you can rent the above facilities for birthday parties or pick-up hockey games with friends?

Monday - Friday 9 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Saturday, Sunday & Holidays 12 noon - 1 p.m.

9 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Call 780-467-2211 to book

Rinks with boards & lights from dusk to 10 p.m.

Mills Haven - 73 Main Boulevard

Heritage Hills - (boarded and snowbank) – Heritage Drive

McGhan Park - Meadowview Drive

Lake skating with flood lights from dusk to 10 p.m.

Broadmoor Lake Park - Oak Street south of Sherwood Park Arena

Woodbridge Lake - Woodbridge Way

*Lakes will only be maintained for skating if it is safe. Please watch for "unsafe ice" signs and play it safe.

Snow banked rinks will be located at:

Cloverbar Ranch – Jim Common Drive North, south of Cimmaron Way

Davidson Creek - Davenport Drive

McPherson Park - Regency Drive

Rainbow Park - Nottingham Drive

There are 13 outdoor ice skating locations with 18 ice surfaces maintained by Recreation, Parks and Culture.