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Alberta · Canada

TRAVEL GUIDE

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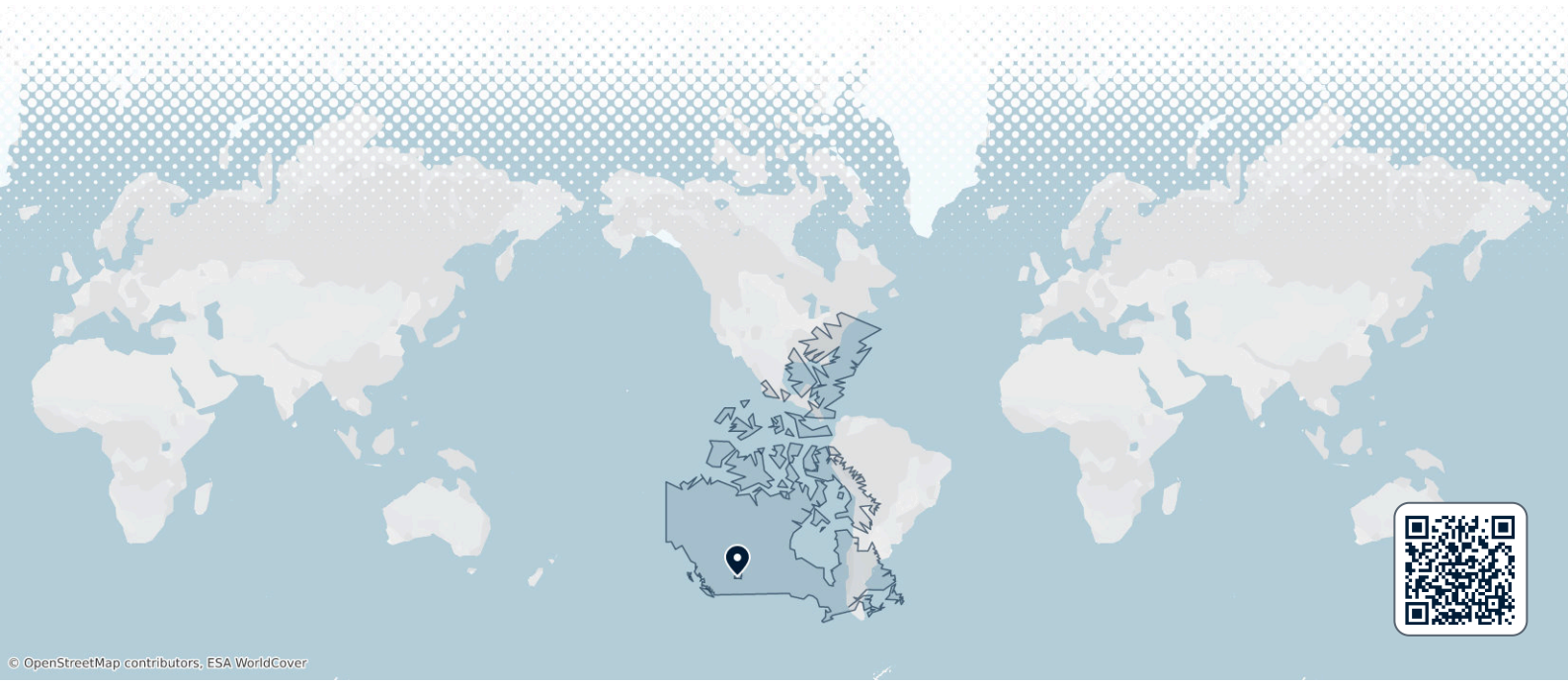

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Overview

Edmonton is the capital of Alberta. It sits on the North Saskatchewan River in the middle of the province. The city is large and spread out. Its river valley is one of the longest stretches of urban parkland in North America.

It suits a stay of two to three days. Visitors come for museums, festivals, a lively arts district and big green spaces. Edmonton is also the main starting point for trips north and for the road west to the Rocky Mountains.

When to visit

Summer is the best time. Days are long and warm, and the parks and patios are busy. Autumn is short and bright. Winters are long, cold and dry, and snow stays on the ground for months. Winter suits visitors who want skating, ice events and indoor sights.

Plan around the Edmonton International Fringe Festival in August. It is a large theatre festival with shows across the Old Strathcona district, and street performers and food stalls fill the area.

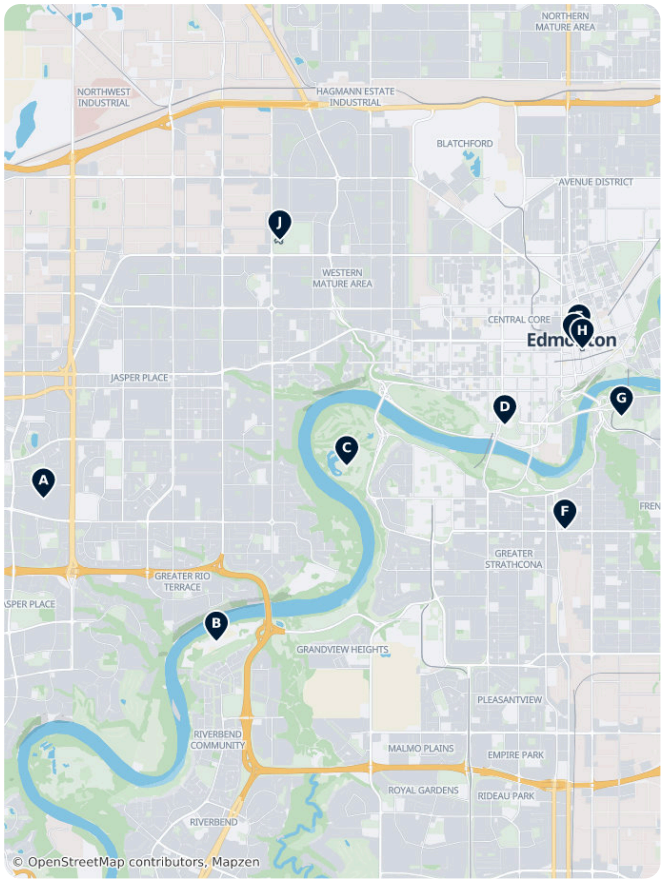
MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for sightseeing	-7° / 3° Feels like -13°	-15° / -32°	Dry air
February	Poor Poor for sightseeing	-4° / 5° Feels like -10°	-14° / -28°	Dry air
March	Poor Poor for sightseeing	2° / 13° Feels like -4°	-8° / -22°	21 sunny days · Dry air
April	Fair Fair for cycling	10° / 20° Feels like 5°	-2° / -9°	Dry air
May	Good Good for cycling	17° / 25° Feels like 12°	4° / -2°	Dry air
June	Good Good for sightseeing	20° / 27° Feels like 17°	9° / 4°	16 rainy days · Dry air
July	Good Good for sightseeing	23° / 30°	12° / 8°	15 rainy days · Dry air
August	Great Great for sightseeing	23° / 30°	11° / 6°	Dry air
September	Great Great for cycling	18° / 27° Feels like 14°	6° / -1°	Dry air
October	Good Good for cycling	10° / 19° Feels like 5°	-1° / -8°	Dry air
November	Poor Poor for sightseeing	0° / 8° Feels like -6°	-7° / -19°	Dry air
December	Poor Poor for sightseeing	-6° / 3° Feels like -13°	-14° / -28°	Dry air

Best months: August

Climate data: NASA POWER (MERRA-2) · 1996–2025

Top sights

- A West Edmonton Mall is one of the biggest malls in North America. It also has an indoor amusement park, a water park and an ice rink, so it works as a rainy-day or winter outing.
- B Fort Edmonton Park is a large living-history park. Its streets show Edmonton in different periods, from the fur trade to the 1920s. It is open mainly in the warm months.
- C William Hawrelak Park lies in the river valley and is a good place to walk, picnic and watch festivals. Paths link it to the wider valley trail network.
- D Legislative Assembly of Alberta is the seat of the provincial government. The building and its grounds are open to visitors.
- E Royal Alberta Museum is the largest museum in western Canada. It covers the natural and human history of Alberta.
- F Old Strathcona District is the historic district around Whyte Avenue. Come for independent shops, theatres, cafés and a busy evening scene.
- G Muttart Conservatory is a conservatory with four glass pyramids. Each one has a different climate, so it is a warm stop on a cold day.
- H Art Gallery of Alberta is a modern art gallery on I Sir Winston Churchill Square, the city's main downtown square.
- J Telus World of Science is a science centre with hands-on exhibits and an observatory. It suits families.



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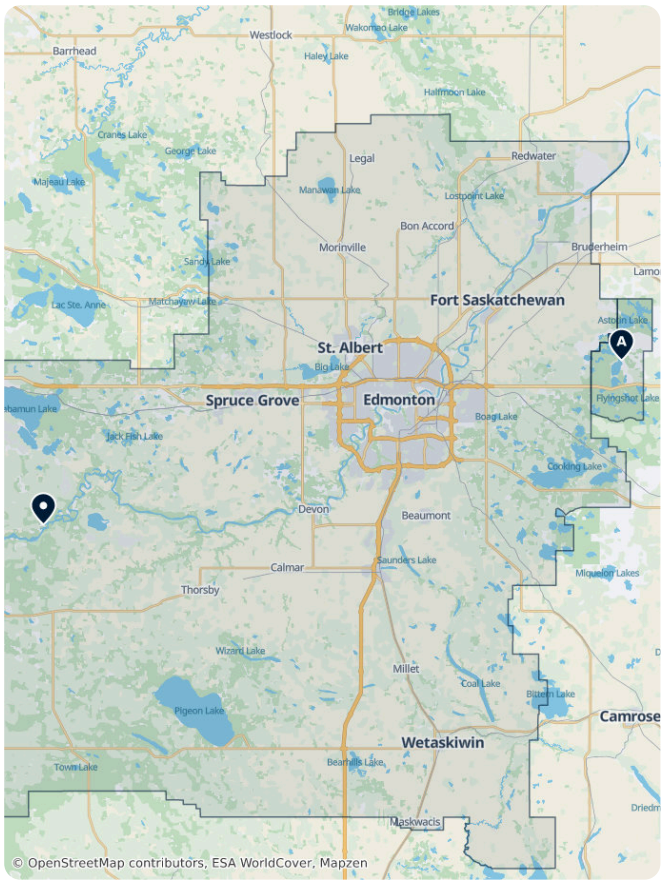
What to experience

- **Walk or cycle the river valley.** Paths run for many kilometres along the river. In winter, parts are used for skiing and snowshoeing.
- **Go to a summer festival.** The Fringe Festival and the Edmonton Folk Music Festival both take place in August.
- **Skate outdoors in winter.** Several city parks and squares open ice rinks when the weather is cold enough.
- **Watch an Edmonton Oilers game.** The NHL team plays at Rogers Place downtown from autumn to spring. Tickets often sell out.
- **Look for the northern lights.** On clear winter nights, aurora is sometimes visible from the edge of the city. Dark sites outside town give the best chance.

Day trips

All trips are one way from the city, in order from closest to farthest.

- Ⓐ Elk Island National Park: about 35 minutes by car. A park with bison, lakes and walking trails. In winter it is used for skiing and snowshoeing.
- **Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village**: about 50 minutes by car, east of the city. An open-air museum of early Ukrainian settler life. It is open mainly in summer.
- **Pigeon Lake**: about 1 hour by car. A large lake with beaches and cottage towns, popular in summer.



Where to explore

- Elk Island National Park is a protected park east of the city, known for its bison.
- Calgary is Alberta's other big city, about 3 hours south.
- Jasper is a Rocky Mountains park about 4 hours west. It works better as an overnight trip.
- Banff National Park is the most famous Rockies park. It is a long drive of about 5 hours, usually reached through Calgary.

Getting there

- **By air**: Edmonton International Airport (YEG) is about 30 km south of the city. The 747 bus runs to Century Park Transit Centre in about 25 minutes. From there, take the LRT north to downtown. Taxis and ride-hailing are faster.
- **By train**: VIA Rail's long-distance train *The Canadian* stops in Edmonton on its route between Toronto and Vancouver. It does not run daily, so check the schedule. Book on VIA Rail.
- **By bus**: Red Arrow runs coaches between Edmonton and Calgary, and to other Alberta towns.
- **By car**: Calgary is about 3 hours south on Highway 2. Jasper is about 4 hours west.

Getting around

- **Public transit**: Edmonton Transit Service runs buses and the LRT. Tap a contactless bank card or phone on the Arc reader at stations and on buses. Arc cards and cash fares on buses also work. See Edmonton Transit Service.
- **Taxi and ride-hailing**: Both are widely available. They are useful for sights far from the LRT, such as Fort Edmonton Park and the mall.
- **On foot and by bike**: Downtown and Old Strathcona are walkable. Distances between districts are long. Trails in the river valley are good for cycling in summer.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Moderate

Downtown and Old Strathcona are walkable, but the districts are far apart.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

River valley trails are good in summer. Winters are too snowy for most visitors.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?** Not for a short stay in the centre. A car is useful for the mall, Fort Edmonton Park and trips out of town.
- **Parking**: Downtown has paid street parking and garages. Parking at the big malls and many attractions outside the centre is free.
- **Winter**: Snow and ice are common from November to March. Allow extra time and drive slowly.

Food & drink

Alberta beef is a local focus. Edmonton also has a strong Ukrainian heritage, so perogies and cabbage rolls are easy to find. Craft beer and coffee are popular.

Eat in Old Strathcona along Whyte Avenue, where restaurants and cafés line several blocks. Downtown and the streets near Sir Winston Churchill Square also have many options. The Old Strathcona Farmers Market runs on Saturdays. Tipping of 15 to 20 percent is normal in sit-down restaurants.

What to eat & drink

DINNER

Tourtière
A savory meat pie, traditionally made with pork, beef, or game, especially popular in Quebec.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Poutine
Fries topped with cheese curds and hot gravy, originally from Quebec and now popular nationwide.

Bannock
A simple fried or baked bread with roots in Indigenous cooking, found in many regional variations across the country.

Montreal-style Bagel · Bagel montréalais
A smaller, sweeter, denser bagel than the New York style, boiled in honey water and baked in a wood-fired oven.

Maple Syrup · Sirop d'érable
Syrup tapped from maple trees, mainly in Quebec and Ontario, used on pancakes and in baking and savory dishes alike.

SWEETS & DESSERTS

Butter Tart
A small pastry shell filled with a sweet, gooey butter, sugar, and egg filling, sometimes with raisins or pecans.

Nanaimo Bar
A no-bake dessert bar from British Columbia with a chocolate-crumb base, custard filling, and chocolate topping.

DRINKS

Caesar
Canada's signature cocktail: vodka, Clamato juice (tomato and clam broth), and spices, served with a celery stalk.

Canadian Whisky
A lighter, smoother style of whisky than Scotch or Bourbon, often blended with rye.

Ice Wine
A sweet dessert wine made from grapes frozen on the vine, produced mainly in Ontario's Niagara region and British Columbia's Okanagan Valley.

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Safety & health

Edmonton is generally safe for visitors. Normal city care is enough. Some areas near the downtown core have street disorder, so stay on busy streets at night and keep valuables out of sight in parked cars.

Winter is the main risk. Temperatures can fall far below freezing. Wear layers, a hat, gloves and boots with good grip, and limit time outside in extreme cold. In summer, bring insect repellent for park walks. Smoke from wildfires can reduce air quality on some summer days.

History

The Edmonton area lies on Treaty 6 land. Cree, Blackfoot, Métis and other Indigenous peoples lived and traded along the North Saskatchewan River for centuries. A fur-trade post called Fort Edmonton was built here in the late 1700s.

The city grew after the railway arrived. Edmonton became the capital of Alberta in 1905. Oil was found nearby at Leduc in 1947, and the discovery shaped the city's growth in the following decades.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Canada at a glance:

CURRENCY
CAD $

EMERGENCY
911

ELECTRICITY



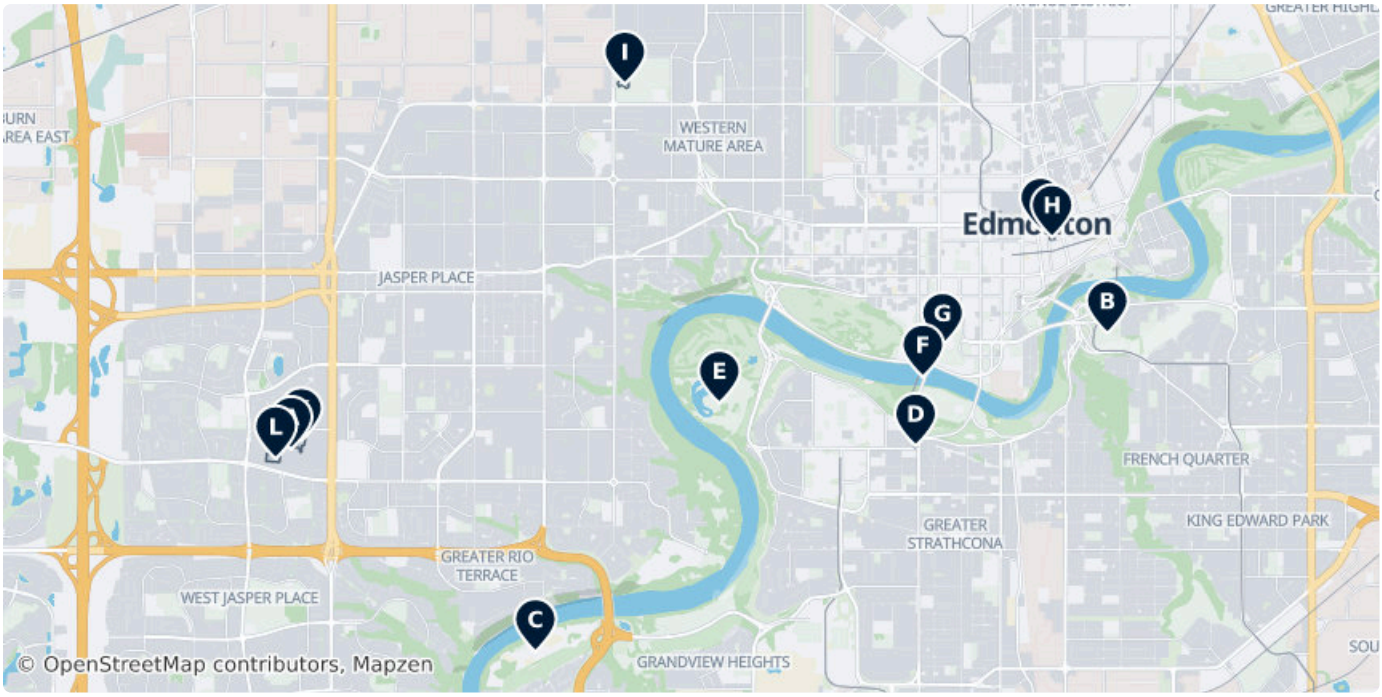
Type A / Type B
120 V · 60 Hz

LANGUAGES
English, French

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Edmonton's Absolute Essentials

Edmonton features diverse landmarks ranging from the massive West Edmonton Mall, housing Galaxyland and World Waterpark, to the botanical collections within the Muttart Conservatory's signature glass pyramids. The city's history is preserved at Fort Edmonton Park and via the High Level Bridge Streetcar, which offers panoramic views of the North Saskatchewan River valley. Cultural highlights include the modernist Art Gallery of Alberta and the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, while the Telus World of Science and Sir Winston Churchill Square serve as central hubs for education and public festivals.





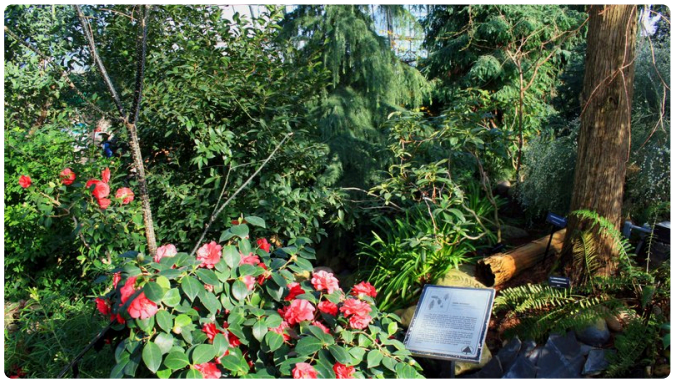
A West Edmonton Mall

West Edmonton Mall is a large shopping mall in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, that is owned, managed, and operated by Triple Five Group.

8882 170 Street Northwest, T5T 4J2, Edmonton, AB, Canada (53.52281, -113.62254)

Mo–Sa	10:00–21:00
Su	11:00–18:00

wem.ca, +1 780 444 5330



B Muttart Conservatory

The Muttart Conservatory () is a botanical garden in the North Saskatchewan river valley, across from the downtown core in Edmonton,...

9626 96A Street Northwest, T6C 3Z8, Edmonton, AB, Canada (53.53495, -113.47881)

edmonton.ca/attractions_recreation/attr... , +178 0496 8755



C Fort Edmonton Park

Fort Edmonton Park is an attraction in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Named for the first enduring European post in the area of modern-day...

7000 143rd Street, T5J 2R7, Edmonton, AB, Canada (53.50164, -113.57953)

+1-780-496-7381



D Garneau Theatre

The Garneau Theatre is a historic movie theatre located on 109 Street in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

109 Street NW 8712, T6G 1E9 Edmonton (53.52314, -113.51256)

metrocinema.org, +1-780-425-9212



E William Hawrelak Park

William Hawrelak Park is a park in Edmonton, Alberta. Formerly known as Mayfair Park, it was initially going to be developed into a 500-lot...

William Hawrelak Park Road NW, Edmonton, AB T5R 5T5, Canada (53.52762, -113.54713)



F High Level Bridge Streetcar

The High Level Bridge Streetcar is a historic streetcar ride over the High Level Bridge in Edmonton, Alberta.

109 St NW, Edmonton T6G, Canada (53.53036, -113.51130)

edmonton-radial-railway.ab.ca/highlevelbridge/

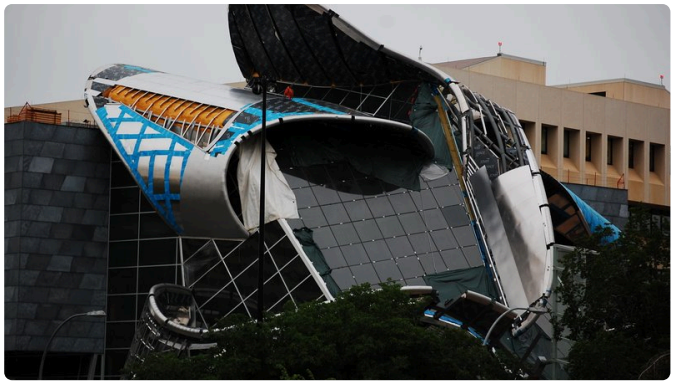


G Legislative Assembly of Alberta

The Legislative Assembly of Alberta is the deliberative assembly of the province of Alberta, Canada.

10800 97 Avenue Northwest, T5K 2B6, Edmonton, AB, Canada (53.53368, -113.50782)

assembly.ab.ca/visitor/tours_info.html, +178 0427 2826



H Art Gallery of Alberta

The Art Gallery of Alberta is an art museum in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Sir Winston Churchill Square NW 2, T5J 2C1 Edmonton (53.54497, -113.48854)

youraga.ca, +178 0422 6223



I Telus World of Science

Telus World of Science Edmonton is a broad-based science centre in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, operated by the Edmonton Space & Science...

142 Street NW 11211, T5M 4A1 Edmonton (53.56099, -113.56378)

Mo–Th	09:00–17:00
Fr–Sa	09:00–20:00
Su	09:00–17:00

telusworldofscienceedmonton.ca, +178 0451 3344



J Sir Winston Churchill Square

Churchill Square is the main downtown square in Edmonton, Alberta, which plays host to a large number of festivals and events including:...

10306 100 St NW, Edmonton T5J0R3, Canada (53.54571, -113.49055)

edmonton.ca/attractions_recreation/attractions/sir-winst...

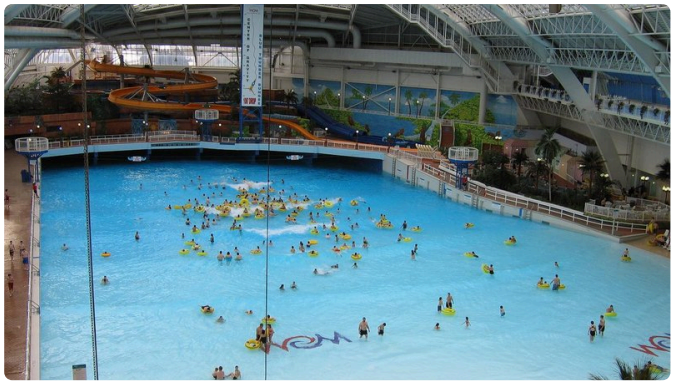


K Galaxyland Powered by Hasbro

Galaxyland, previously known as Fantasyland, is an indoor amusement park.

Edmonton T5T, Canada (53.52371, -113.62073)

wem.ca/play/attractions/galaxyland



L World Waterpark

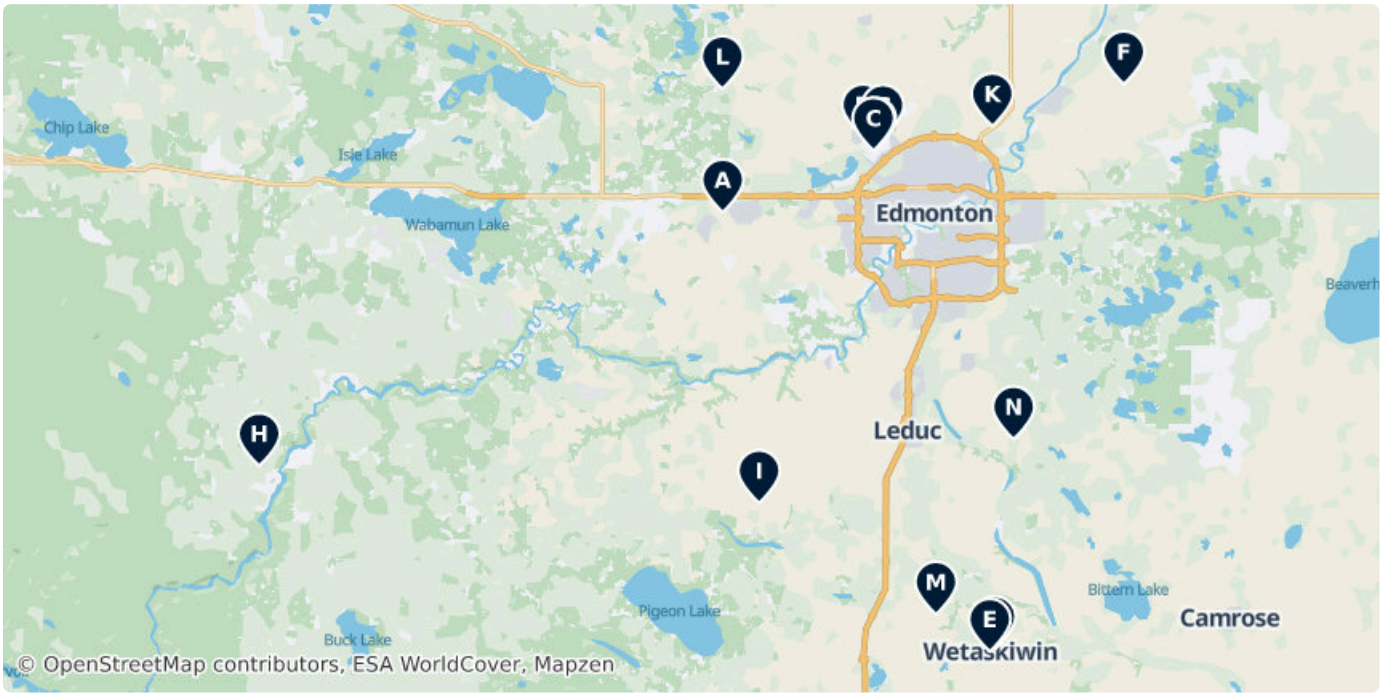
World Waterpark is a water park located within the West Edmonton Mall in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

1755, 8882 170 Street, Edmonton, AB T5T 4J2, Canada (53.52183, -113.62527)

wem.ca/play/attractions/world-waterpark

Notable Places of Worship

This collection showcases the architectural and denominational diversity across the Edmonton Metropolitan Region and surrounding rural communities. From the traditional white architecture of the Nanaksar Gurudwara to historic rural parishes in Josephburg and Calahoo, the list represents Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, and Baptist traditions. These sites serve as community hubs and offer insights into the religious heritage of Central Alberta, ranging from modern urban structures to quiet country churches established by early settlers.



A Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Modern Roman Catholic parish serving the Spruce Grove community.

(53.54883, -113.95749)

trinitycatholic.net, +1-780-960-0135

B St. Matthew's Anglican Church

Anglican parish located in the heart of St. Albert.

(53.64709, -113.64854)

stmatt.ca

C St. Albert Evangelical Lutheran Church

Established Lutheran congregation in St. Albert offering traditional services.

11 Glenview Cres, St Albert T8N, Canada
(53.62945, -113.62527)

saelc.org

D St. Albert United Church

Community-focused United Church of Canada congregation in St. Albert.

20 Green Grove Dr, St Albert T8N, Canada
(53.62961, -113.62203)

stalbertunited.ca

E Ebenezer Baptist Church

Baptist place of worship located south of Edmonton near Wetaskiwin.

(52.97026, -113.36920)

ebcwetaskiwin.ca, +1-780-352-2576

F Josephburg Community Church

A historic community church in Josephburg, originally founded by German-speaking settlers in the late 19th century.

21380 Township Road 550, T8L, Canada
(53.71624, -113.07397)

Tu–Th 09:00–14:00

josephburgcommunitychurch.com, +1-780-998-9331

G Sturgeon Valley Baptish Church

Baptist church located on the northern edge of St. Albert.

51 Woodlands Rd, St Albert T8N, Canada
(53.64628, -113.60465)

svbc.ab.ca

H The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Local meetinghouse for the Drayton Valley area congregation.

4309 52 St, Drayton Valley T7A, Canada
(53.21561, -114.97886)

I Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses

Kingdom Hall facility for the local Jehovah's Witnesses congregation.

(53.16684, -113.87767)

J Wetaskiwin Church of God

Pentecostal congregation located in the city of Wetaskiwin.

(52.97379, -113.35812)

wetaskiwinchurchofgod.com, +1-780-352-5944

K Nanaksar Gurudwara

A prominent Sikh temple featuring traditional white architecture and offering community meals.

(53.66126, -113.36360)

+1-780-472-6335

L St. Catherine Catholic Parish

Roman Catholic parish serving the rural community of Calahoo.

15 Main St, T0G, Canada (53.71002, -113.95844)

M Peace Hills Zions

Lutheran place of worship situated in the Peace Hills area near Wetaskiwin.

47010 Range Road 245, T0C, Canada
(53.01960, -113.48787)

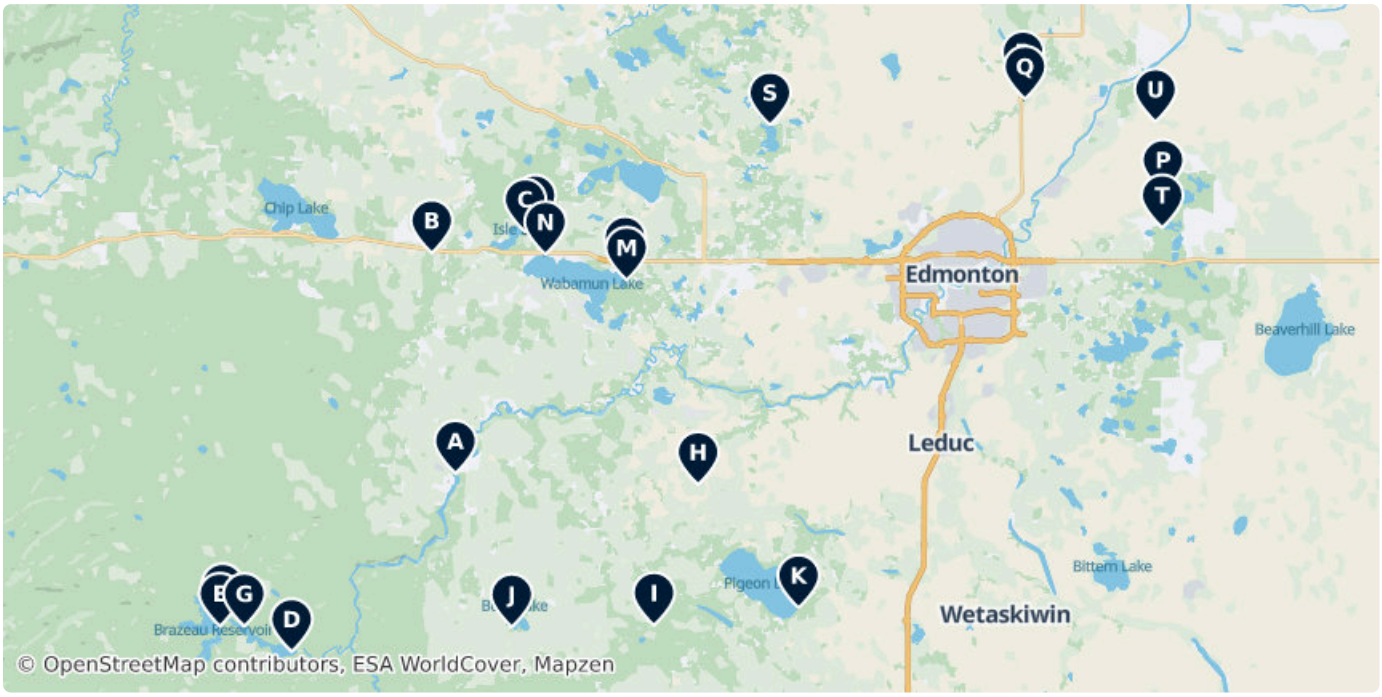
N St Paul's Lutheran Church

Historic Lutheran church serving the Rolly View rural community since 1894.

(53.25090, -113.31653)

Campsite & Caravan Havens

This collection features diverse camping destinations surrounding Edmonton, from the rugged banks of the North Saskatchewan River at Willey West to the serene shores of Lake Isle and Buck Lake. Options range from full-service RV resorts and private farm stays to specialized facilities like the barrier-free Camp He Ho Ha and the glamping yurts of Elk Island Retreat. Visitors can find sites near the Brazeau Reservoir for fishing or the backcountry tent spots at Oster Lake within Elk Island National Park.



A Willey West

Located on the banks of the North Saskatchewan River near Drayton Valley, this site offers full-service RV hookups and cabin rentals.

T0C, Canada (53.21109, -114.92927)

albertaparks.ca/parks/central/eagle-point-pp/informatio...

B Entwistle RV Campground

RV-focused campground near the Pembina River offering full hookups, Wi-Fi, and accessible facilities.

(53.58410, -114.99651)

C Sunset Shores RV Resort

A gated resort on the shores of Lake Isle featuring a private beach and boat launch.

(53.61962, -114.73131)

D East Canal Group

Group camping area located near the Brazeau Reservoir and its hydroelectric canal system.

(52.90731, -115.39442)

E Brazeau Reservoir Group

Large group camping facility situated on the shores of the Brazeau Reservoir.

(52.95098, -115.59796)

F Brazeau Reservoir

Public camping area on the Brazeau Reservoir shoreline, known for pike and walleye fishing.

(52.96736, -115.59029)

G West Canal

Camping area located adjacent to the Brazeau Reservoir canal.

(52.95080, -115.52902)

H Sunnybrook Creek Park Campground

Rural campground located southwest of Edmonton near Sunnybrook.

(53.19196, -114.24039)

I Twin Lake Campground

Features a deep, spring-fed lake used for scuba diving, swimming, and fishing.

(52.95216, -114.36552)

J Buck Lake Campground

Situated on the north shore of Buck Lake, providing boat access and waterfront camping.

(52.94949, -114.76909)

K Bell Camping

Private campground located near the village of Hay Lakes.

(Unnamed Road), T0C, Canada (52.98208, -113.95488)

L Moonlight Bay Camp

Summer camp and retreat center located on the shores of Lake Isle.

T0E, Canada (53.55642, -114.44797)

M Free campground

Basic camping area located near the shores of Lake Isle.

(53.53823, -114.44332)

N Solara at Waters Edge

Ukrainian Catholic summer camp on Lake Isle offering youth programs and facility rentals.

(53.58168, -114.67392)

solarawatersedge.com

O Camp He Ho Ha

Barrier-free facility on Lake Isle designed specifically for individuals with physical and mental disabilities.

(53.62623, -114.70349)

P Elk Island Retreat

Private site near Elk Island National Park offering yurts, tipis, and trapper cabins.

T8L, Canada (53.68561, -112.92033)

Q Longriders Edmonton RV Park

Full-service RV park located north of Edmonton near the town of Gibbons.

T0A, Canada (53.84260, -113.31205)

R McLeod Creek Farm and Campground

Farm-based campground featuring animal interactions and rural campsites.

(53.86738, -113.31746)

S Sandy Beach Campground

Located on the shores of Sandy Beach Lake with a playground and swimming area.

Lakeshore Dr, T0E, Canada (53.79869, -114.03623)

T Oster Lake Group Camp

Backcountry group site within Elk Island National Park, restricted to tent camping only.

T0B, Canada (53.62661, -112.92245)

U Bruderheim Starlight Campground

Campground located within the town of Bruderheim, offering powered sites.

(Unnamed Road), T0B, Canada (53.80441, -112.94166)

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