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Pathways and bikeways map

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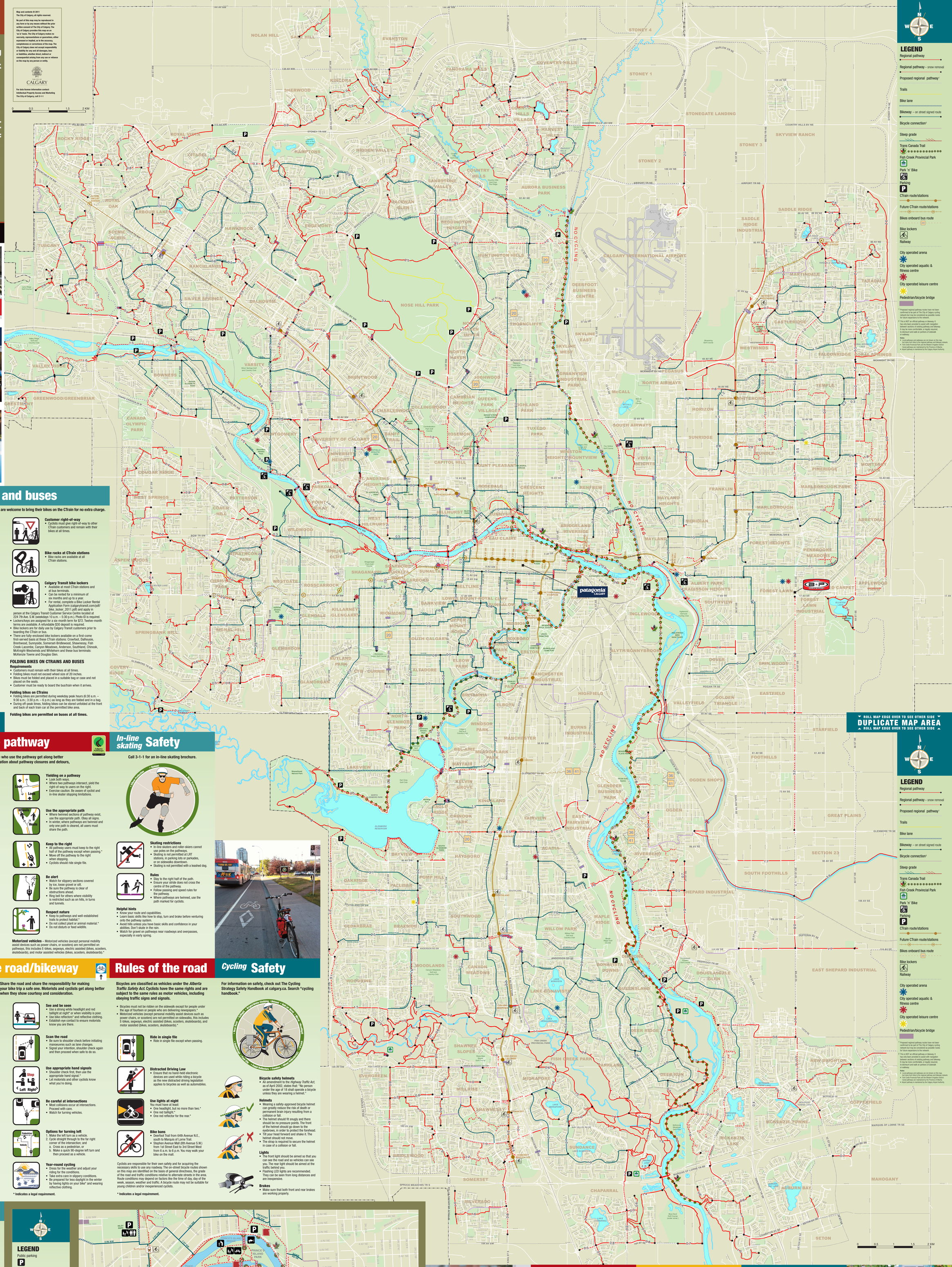

LEGEND

- Regional pathway
- Regional pathway – snow removal
- Proposed regional pathway[1]
- Trails
- Bike lane
- Bikeway – on street signed route
- Bicycle connection[2]
- Steep grade
- Trans Canada Trail
- Fish Creek Provincial Park
- Park 'n' Bike
- Parking
- CTrain route/stations
- Future CTrain route/stations
- Bikes onboard bus route
- Bike lockers
- Railway
- City operated arena
- City operated aquatic & fitness centre
- City operated leisure centre
- Pedestrian/bicycle bridge

[1] Proposed regional pathway routes have not been confirmed to be part of The City of Calgary cycling network but may be considered as possible routes for future expansions to the network.

[2] This is NOT an official pathway or bikeway. It has only been provided to assist with navigation between sections of existing pathway and bikeway. It may be more comfortable, or legally required, to dismount and walk on portions of sidewalk or walkway.

NOTE:
- Local pathways and walkways are not shown on this map, but many form links to the regional pathway and bikeway network.
- Fish Creek Provincial Park and the Western Irrigation District Canal pathways are maintained by the Province of Alberta.
- Airport pathway is maintained by the Calgary Airport Authority.

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DUPLICATE MAP AREA
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Bikes on CTrains and buses

calgarytransit.com – search "Bikes on Board." Customers are welcome to bring their bikes on the CTrain for no extra charge.

Bikes on CTrains
- Weekdays during non-peak hours (before 6:30 a.m., between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. and after 6 p.m.).
- No restrictions on weekends and statutory holidays.
- Bikes may be prohibited on the train at any time due to crowded or unsafe conditions (i.e. before and after a concert or a football game).

Bike racks on buses
- The following routes have been designated as Bike Rack routes: 20, 36 and 41.
- The bike rack on the front of each bus can store two bikes.
- Customers are responsible for loading and unloading their bikes without assistance from the operator
- There is no extra charge for the use of the bike rack.

Walk your bike
- Cyclists must walk their bikes in CTrain stations, onto CTrains and on the platforms, pedestrian bridges and access ramps.

Enter and exit for cyclists
- Enter and exit the CTrain through the doors at the front and back of each car. Four bikes are allowed on each car: two at either end.

Underage cyclists
- Cyclists under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

Customer right-of-way
- Cyclists must give right-of-way to other CTrain customers and remain with their bikes at all times.

Bike racks at CTrain stations
- Bike racks are available at all CTrain stations.

Calgary Transit bike lockers
- Available at most CTrain stations and at bus terminals.
- Can be rented for a minimum of six months and up to a year.
- For rental, complete a Bike Locker Rental Application Form (calgarytransit.com/pdf/bike_locker_2011.pdf) and apply in person at the Calgary Transit Customer Service Centre located at 224 7th Ave. S.W. (weekdays 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.). Photo ID is required.
- Lockers/keys are assigned for a six-month term for $72. Twelve-month terms are available. A refundable $30 deposit is required.
- Bike lockers are for daily use by Calgary Transit customers prior to boarding the CTrain or bus.
- There are fully-enclosed bike lockers available on a first-come first-served basis at these CTrain stations: Crowfoot, Dalhousie, Brentwood, Sunnyside, Somerset-Bridlewood, Shawnessy, Fish Creek-Lacombe, Canyon Meadows, Anderson, Southland, Chinook, McKnight-Westwinds and Whitehorn and these bus terminals: McKenzie Towne and Douglas Glen.

FOLDING BIKES ON CTRAINS AND BUSES

Requirements
- Customers must remain with their bikes at all times.
- Folding bikes must not exceed wheel size of 20 inches.
- Bikes must be folded and placed in a suitable bag or case and not placed on the seats.
- Customer must be ready to board the bus/train when it arrives.

Folding bikes on CTrains
- Folding bikes are permitted during weekday peak hours (6:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.; 3:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.) as long as they are folded and in a bag.
- During off-peak times, folding bikes can be stored unfolded at the front and back of each train car at the permitted bike area.

Folding bikes are permitted on buses at all times.

Off-street Share the pathway

Calgary Pathways

Share the pathway and share the responsibilities. Those who use the pathway get along better when they show courtesy and consideration. For information about pathway closures and detours, visit calgary.ca and search "pathway closures".

Obey all signs
- The speed limit is 20 km/hr, unless otherwise posted.* Slow down when pathway is busy, on hills, in curves and under/over bridges.
- Cyclists dismount walk bike.*
- Pathway closed.
- Detour closures and detour routes.

Control your pet
- All dogs must be kept on a leash no longer than 2 m while on pathways, even on pathways in off-leash areas.
- Keep to the right half of the pathway with your pet,* and keep your pet to the right of you (working dogs exempt).

Be visible
- Wear light-toned clothing with reflective tape material.
- Outfit your bicycle with a white front light, red rear reflector and a red rear light.*

Signal when passing
- Use your voice, bell or horn to inform others that you are passing.*
- Those being passed should acknowledge with a wave.

Cell phone and earphone dangers
- Avoid using cell phones and other hand-held technology while cycling* on the pathway.
- Be courteous and step off the pathway to use a cell phone, camera, or other hand-held devices.

Peace officers may order unsafe bikes off the pathway and require a cyclist to have their bike repaired.

* Indicates a legal requirement.

Yielding on a pathway
- Look both ways.
- Where two pathways intersect, yield the right-of-way to users on the right.
- Exercise caution. Be aware of cyclist and in-line skater stopping limitations.

Use the appropriate path
- Where twinned sections of pathway exist, use the appropriate path. Obey all signs.
- In winter, where pathways are twinned and only one path is cleared, all users must share the path.

Keep to the right
- All pathway users must keep to the right half of the pathway except when passing.*
- Move off the pathway to the right when stopping.
- Cyclists should ride single file.

Be alert
- Watch for slippery sections covered by ice, loose gravel or silt.
- Be sure the pathway is clear of obstructions ahead.
- Ring bell for others where visibility is restricted such as on hills, in turns and tunnels.

Respect nature
- Keep to pathways and well-established trails to protect habitat.*
- Do not collect plant or animal material.*
- Do not disturb or feed wildlife.

Motorized vehicles – Motorized vehicles (except personal mobility assist devices such as power chairs, or scooters) are not permitted on pathways, this includes E-bikes, segways, electric assisted (bikes, scooters, skateboards), and motor assisted vehicles (bikes, scooters, skateboards).*

In-line skating Safety

Call 3-1-1 for an in-line skating brochure.

Skating restrictions
- In-line skaters and roller-skiers cannot use poles on the pathways.
- Skating is not permitted at LRT stations, in parking lots or parkades, or on sidewalks downtown.
- Skating is not permitted with a leashed dog.

Rules
- Stay to the right half of the path.
- Ensure your stride does not cross the centre of the pathway.
- Follow passing and speed rules for the pathway.
- Where pathways are twinned, use the path marked for cyclists.

Helpful hints
- Know your route and capabilities.
- Learn basic skills like how to stop, turn and brake before venturing onto the pathway system.
- Avoid hills unless you have basic skills and confidence in your abilities. Don't skate in the rain.
- Watch for gravel on pathways near roadways and overpasses, especially in early spring.

On-street Share the road/bikeway

Share the road and share the responsibility for making your bike trip a safe one. Motorists and cyclists get along better when they show courtesy and consideration.

Plan your route
- Plan your route ahead of time – the best route by car may not be the best route by bike.
- Remember that most streets are cycling streets (with a few exceptions).

Ride in a straight line
- Ride 0.5 m from the gutter to avoid hazards such as grates, glass and manhole covers.
- Do not dodge between parked cars.
- Watch for cars entering from driveways.
- Pass on the left.

Use the appropriate lane
- Do not ride in a right-turn only lane if you are going through. Move into the through lane early.
- In a narrow lane or slow traffic, it may be safer to take the whole lane.

Shared lanes
- On-street traffic lanes for both motorists and bicycles
- Marked by a bicycle symbol and "Share the Road" signs.

Bicycle lanes
- Dedicated on-street traffic lane for the exclusive use of cyclists.
- Marked by bicycle symbols, diamonds, line marking and signs.
- Ride in the bicycle lane at all times unless making a left turn.

Beware of car doors
- Watch out for the doors of parked cars. They can open at any time. Ride with your head up and look several metres ahead.
- Ride with handlebars about a door width away from parked cars.

See and be seen
- Use a strong white headlight and red taillight at night* or when visibility is poor.
- Use bike reflectors* and reflective clothing.
- Establish eye contact to ensure motorists know you are there.

Scan the road
- Be sure to shoulder check before initiating manoeuvres such as lane changes.
- Signal your intention, shoulder check again and then proceed when safe to do so.

Use appropriate hand signals
- Shoulder check first, then use the appropriate hand signal.*
- Let motorists and other cyclists know what you're doing.

Be careful at intersections
- Most collisions occur at intersections. Proceed with care.
- Watch for turning vehicles.

Options for turning left
1. Make the left turn as a vehicle.
2. Cycle straight through to the far right corner of the intersection; and
   a. Cross as a pedestrian, or
   b. Make a quick 90-degree left turn and then proceed as a vehicle.

Year-round cycling
- Dress for the weather and adjust your riding for the conditions.
- Take extra care in slippery conditions.
- Be prepared for less daylight in the winter by having lights on your bike* and wearing reflective clothing.

* Indicates a legal requirement.

Rules of the road

Bicycles are classified as vehicles under the *Alberta Traffic Safety Act*. Cyclists have the same rights and are subject to the same rules as motor vehicles, including obeying traffic signs and signals.

- Bicycles must not be ridden on the sidewalk except for people under the age of fourteen or people who are delivering newspapers.*
- Motorized vehicles (except personal mobility assist devices such as power chairs, or scooters) are not permitted on sidewalks, this includes E-bikes, segways, electric assisted (bikes, scooters, skateboards), and motor assisted (bikes, scooters, skateboards).*

Ride in single file
- Ride in single file except when passing.

Distracted Driving Law
- Ensure that no hand-held electronic devices are used while riding a bicycle as the *new* distracted driving legislation applies to bicycles as well as automobiles.

Use lights at night
You must have at least:
- One headlight, but no more than two.*
- One red taillight.*
- One red reflector for the rear.*

Bike bans
- Deerfoot Trail from 64th Avenue N.E., south to Marquis of Lorne Trail.
- Stephen Avenue Mall (8th Avenue S.W.) from 1st Street East to 3rd Street West from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. You may walk your bike on the mall.

Cyclists are responsible for their own safety and for acquiring the necessary skills to use any roadway. The on-street bicycle routes shown on this map are identified on the basis of general directness, the grade of the road and traffic conditions relative to alternate streets in the area. Route conditions may depend on factors like the time of day, day of the week, season, weather and traffic. A bicycle route may not be suitable for young children and/or inexperienced cyclists.

* Indicates a legal requirement.

Cycling Safety

For information on safety, check out The Cycling Strategy Safety Handbook at calgary.ca. Search "cycling handbook."

Bicycle safety helmets
- An amendment to the *Highway Traffic Act*, as of April 2002, states that: "No person under the age of 18 shall operate a bicycle unless they are wearing a helmet."

Helmets
- Wearing a safety-approved bicycle helmet can greatly reduce the risk of death or permanent brain injury resulting from a collision or fall.
- The helmet should fit snugly and there should be no pressure points. The front of the helmet should go down to the eyebrows, in order to protect the forehead.
- Tilt your head forward and shake it. The helmet should not move.
- The strap is required to secure the helmet in case of a collision or fall.

Lights
- The front light should be aimed so that you can see the road and so vehicles can see you. The rear light should be aimed at the traffic behind you.
- Flashing LED lights are recommended. They can be seen from long distances and are inexpensive.

Brakes
- Make sure that both front and rear brakes are working properly.

Did you know?

Pathwatch Survey 2010
- Observations and interviews of pathway users assist in the planning, development and operations of Calgary's pathway system, which is a popular City service.
- Parks is responsible for the operation and maintenance of The City's pathway system, as well as for future planning and development. As such, information is required on how the pathways are used, who is using them, what times and locations are most used, etc.
- This information is collected on a regular basis, with the most recent research collected in 2010. Research included observations and intercept surveys at 15 sites on the pathway system, as well as telephone surveys and online surveys. Visit calgary.ca and search "Pathwatch Survey."

Commuter Cyclist Survey 2006
- Visit calgary.ca and search "Cyclist Survey." More than 3,000 cyclists and in-line skaters counted at 16 locations over three weeks. Over 1,400 surveys completed.

Cycling Strategy
- Council passed the Cycling Strategy in June 2011. The strategy includes 50 actions to make Calgary more bicycle friendly. Visit calgary.ca and search "Cycling Strategy" for more information.

Bicycle and pedestrian facts
- Up to 5,000 bicycles enter the downtown area per day.
- The number one entrance for bicycles into the downtown area is the pathway on the south bank of the Bow River, where 1,300 are counted approaching 11th Street S.W. per day.
- Up to 32,000 pedestrians enter the downtown area per day.
- The number one entrance for pedestrians into the downtown area is the First Street S.W. rail underpass, where up to 5,200 people per day are counted approaching Ninth Avenue S.W.

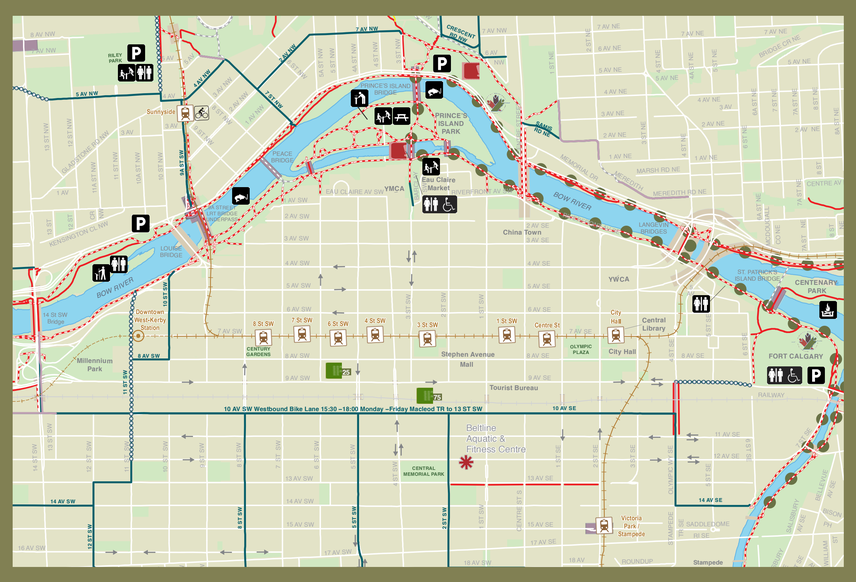
Enclosed bike parking
Enjoy the enclosed, access-controlled bicycle facilities at City Centre Parkade on 10th Avenue and 2nd Street S.W., and Centennial Parkade on 9th Avenue and 5th Street S.W. For further information, call the Calgary Parking Authority at 403-537-7000.

Park 'n' Bike
Avoid downtown parking fees, exercise regularly, bypass traffic congestion and discover Calgary's river pathways and bikeways. Seven Park 'n' Bike sites are located 5 to 8 km from downtown Calgary. They feature direct access from major roads, and great connections to river pathways.

Park 'n' Bike sites are ideal for those who want a shorter route with few or no hills, and for those who live far from downtown. Park 'n' Bike sites are great for walkers, skaters, boarders, joggers and all other users all week long. Call 3-1-1 for more information, or visit calgary.ca and search "Park 'n' Bike."

LEGEND

- Public parking
- Playground
- Washrooms (summer only)
- Interpretive plaque
- Picnic tables
- Fishing area
- Water fountain
- Accessible washrooms
- Barbeque pit
- CTrain station
- Enclosed bike parking
- Use caution



Discover Calgary

Discover Calgary from a whole new perspective
Calgary has the most extensive pathway and bikeway network in North America. This map provides information for everyone on Calgary's pathways and bikeways. Explore the 712 km of pathways and 382 km of on-street bike routes. Snow is cleared on 157 km of the pathway system in the winter months to ensure all-season access for Calgarians. The recreational and commuting opportunities are endless.

Our vision
The City of Calgary is committed to being a healthy place to work and live.

The City of Calgary recognizes the importance of walking, running, cycling, wheelchair use, skateboarding, in-line skating and other non-motorized modes of movement. These modes have inherent value as viable, efficient and environmentally friendly means of transportation and recreation. They facilitate healthy living and contribute to overall community vitality.

Emergency: (Police, Fire, Ambulance) call 911

City services: call 3-1-1 (outside Calgary: 403-268-2489)

Police (non-emergency): 403-266-1234

SmartMove Calgary

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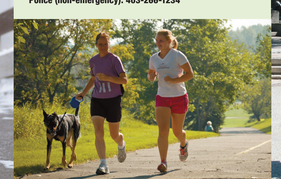
Every day you have choices on how you will travel. Do you know what your options are to choose the best travel plan for your needs? Do you know what benefits you can enjoy and the positive impacts those choices can make?

You can make a SmartMove – leave the car at home and ride the CTrain or bus. You could walk, jog, cycle or travel during off-peak hours. You could work from home or carpool one day a week. The choice is yours to have a pleasant trip that saves you money too. You could even get healthier.

Make the SmartMove Calgary! For more information call 3-1-1, go to calgary.ca/SmartMove, or email SmartMove@calgary.ca.



Questions?

This map is on the web: calgary.ca/bikeandpathmap

iPhone app (free download)
- The pathways and bikeways app is designed to provide alternative transportation options to keep Calgarians on the move. Calgarians and visitors can connect with Calgary pathway, bikeway and CTrain routes using "people-powered" options.

Pathways – calgary.ca (search "pathways")
- Pathway concerns.
- Pathway openings, closures and detours: calgary.ca (search "pathway closures").
- Pathway loop distances.
- User education.
- Pathway snow clearing.
- Pathway planning, design and construction.
- Safety tips.
- Parks and pathways bylaw: calgary.ca (search "park bylaws").

Bikeways – calgary.ca (search "cycling")
- Signs and route planning.
- Information on cycling safety: Email 3-1-1Contactlts@calgary.ca.
- Traffic Bylaw: calgary.ca (search "traffic bylaws").

Calgary Pathways and Bikeways Advisory Council (CPAC)
- Call 3-1-1.
- Citizen advisory group on pathway and on-street bikeway issues and policies.

Bicycle Advocacy Group
- For information and advice from Calgary cyclists visit bikecalgary.org.

Fish Creek Provincial Park 403-297-5293
- Pathways, recreational facilities and interpretive programs.
- www.fish-creek.org.