

WEST EDMONTON – PRECIOUS GREEN SPACES

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To help control flooding most new neighbourhoods, including Terwillegar and Mactaggart, have storm water management facilities. Ponds that have a riparian area of cattails and sedges attract all kinds of birds, thereby providing an enjoyable walk.

TRAILHEAD: *South Terwillegar Drive*

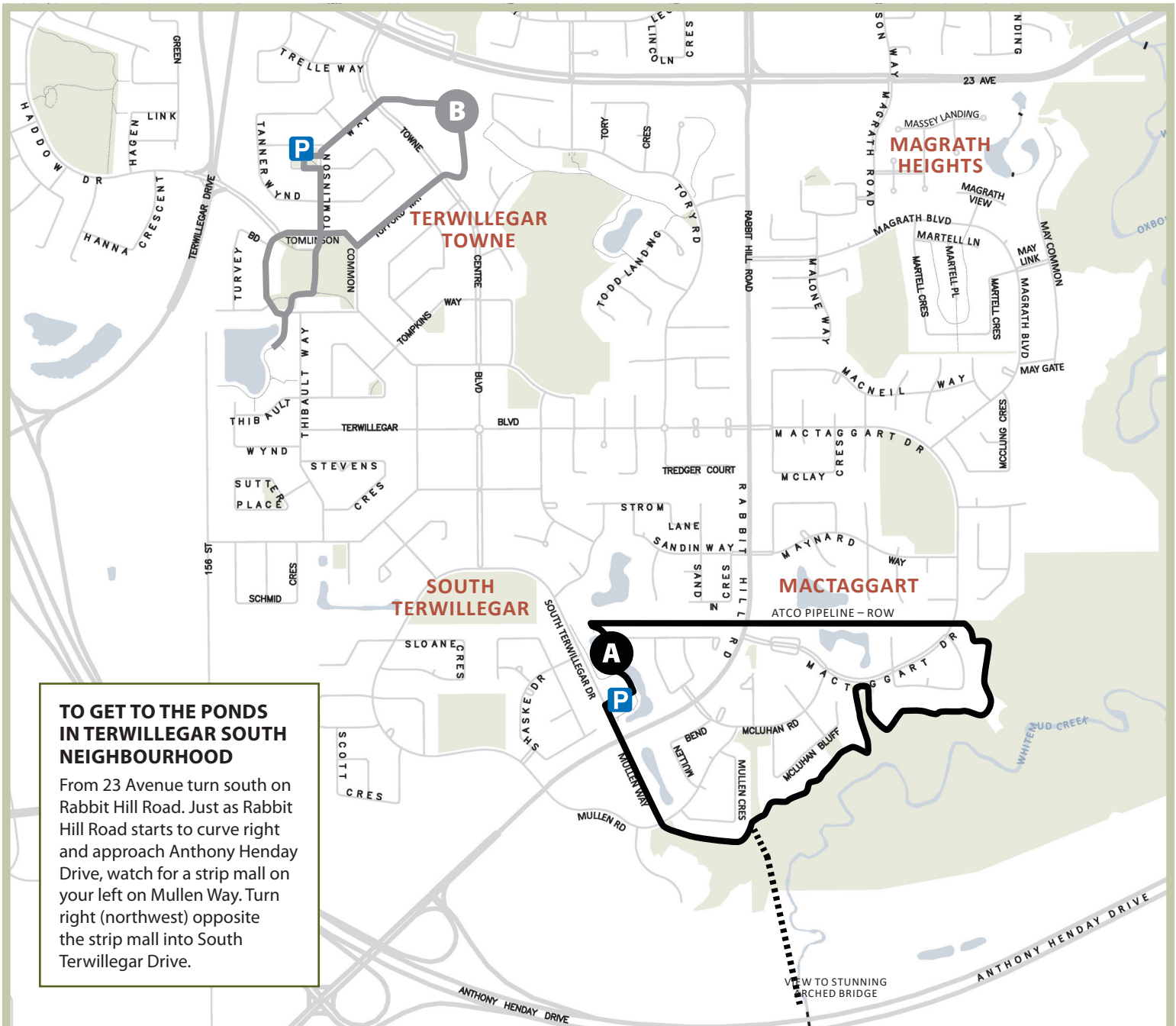
WALK A On the tablelands.

DISTANCE/DIFFICULTY: *3.6 km round trip; easy, mostly asphalt paths, universal access*

- From South Terwillegar Drive, walk right (northeast) to the first of numerous naturalized storm water ponds.

- Follow the wide paved path past giant boulders and over a bridge where the pond narrows. On the opposite side of the bridge proceed up a slight hill.
- Continue to an east-west pedestrian pathway that also serves as the ATCO natural gas pipeline right of way. Turn right and head east on the right of way to the second naturalized storm water pond.

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Pond Walk in Terwillegar and Mactaggart Neighbourhoods

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- Continue to Rabbit Hill Road. Noting that traffic may be exceptionally busy at this location, cross Rabbit Hill Road at the Walk sign to between Waterstone condominiums and Uplands of Mactaggart.
- Walk straight ahead (east) to Mactaggart Drive on the right-of-way path past a storm water pond on your left and another on your right.
- Cross Mactaggart Drive to another paved pathway. (Going straight ahead for a short distance will lead you to the top of Mactaggart Sanctuary; turning left will take you to Larch Park.)
- Turn right to walk along the paved path behind the black ornamental iron fencing that borders the houses and along the edge of the woods to a park pillar with information about the Whitemud Creek Ravine and the Mactaggart Sanctuary.
- Continue west on the top of the bank until you reach an old paved road (formerly called 142 Street, now McLuhan End). Note: This old road, which extends south to Anthony Henday Drive above Mactaggart Sanctuary, provides a good view of the impressive white arched bridge under Henday Drive. Note the turquoise air vent pipe necessary for the Terwillegar storm sewer drop structure on the old road.
- Continue west on the paved path to a small park at the intersection of Mullen Road and Mullen Way.

- Cross Mullen Road to Mullen Way (by the strip mall) and follow along another storm water pond to Rabbit Hill Road. Cross at the traffic light to the trailhead at South Terwillegar Drive.

WALK B To Towne Centre Boulevard in Terwillegar Towne neighbourhood.

DISTANCE/DIFFICULTY: *About 3.5 km round trip; easy*

- Start this walk from the gazebo at Tomlinson Green. Enter Terwillegar Towne from 23 Avenue, go south on Towne Centre Boulevard and then right (west) on Tomlinson Way, down a small hill to the gazebo.
- Walk back up the hill on Tomlinson Way to explore a greenspace (formerly a gravel pit) on the northeast side of Towne Centre Boulevard. This was once part of the same kame as the Magrath Natural Area and has been replanted with trees and grass.
- Walk through the park to come out at Towne Centre Boulevard and cross to Tufford Way. Walk down the hill to a playground to the right on Tomlinson Common and continue southwest through the park to a lovely little storm water pond by Thibault Park.
- Return to the gazebo via Tomlinson Common and north on Tomlinson Way.