

WEST EDMONTON - PRECIOUS GREEN SPACES



moderate

This challenging hike starting in the southwest Edmonton neighbourhood of Hadow gives the walker a close-up view of the new (2009) Anthony Henday Bridge across the North Saskatchewan River. The bridge is part of Anthony Henday Drive, Edmonton's ring road (also known as Hwy 216).

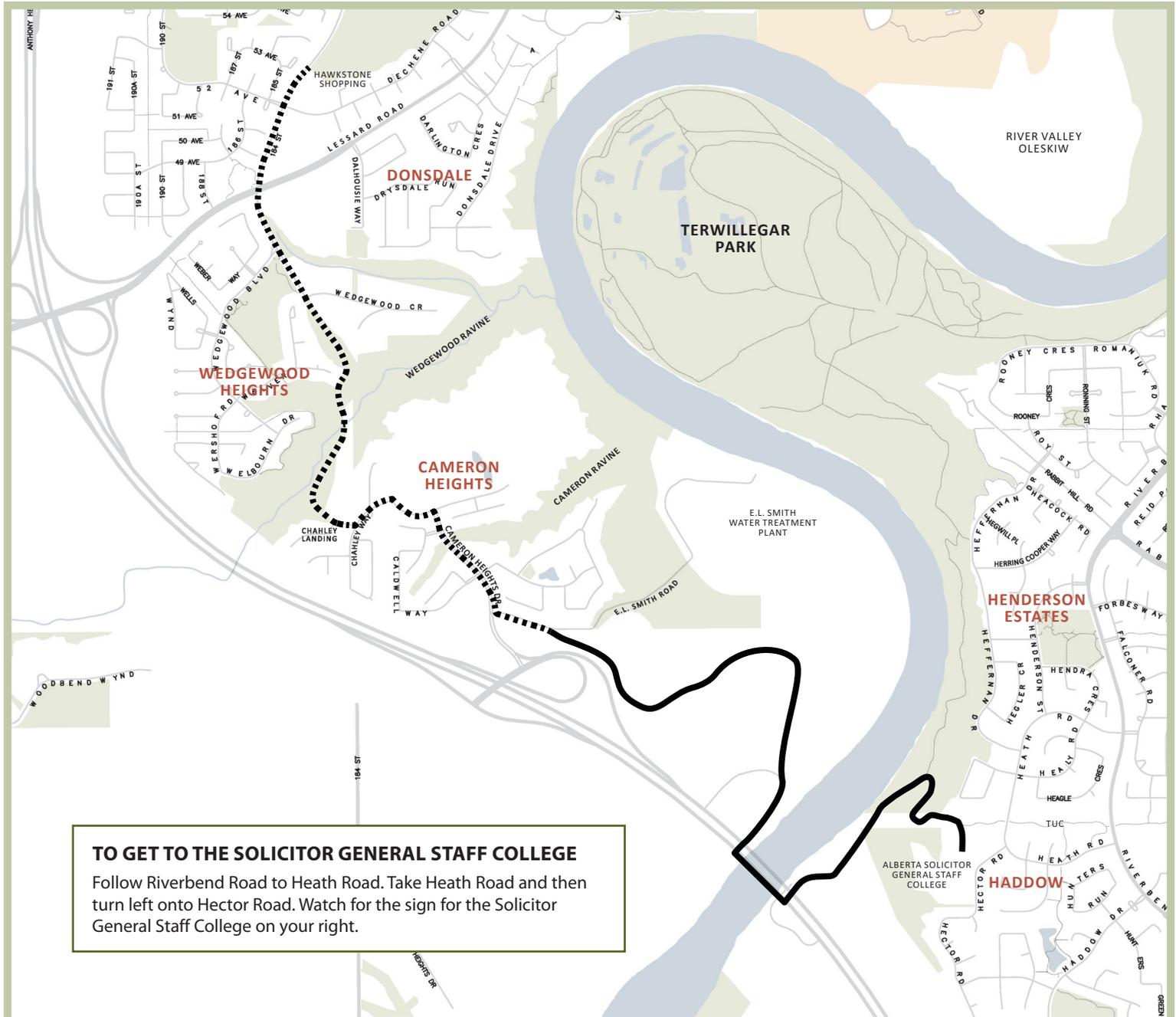
TRAILHEAD: *Solicitor General Staff College, 1568 Hector Road*

Call ahead (780-422-6598) to request permission to park in the College's supervised parking lot, or park on Hector Road.

DISTANCE/DIFFICULTY: *7.2 km round trip to Cameron Heights; moderate, hilly paved trails*

- Walk north across the open field of the Solicitor General Staff College to the multi-use paved path in the Transportation Utilities Corridor (TUC).
- Follow the paved trail that winds down the hill towards the Anthony Henday Bridge. About two-thirds of the way down, note on your right the path that comes from Terwillegar Park.

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TO GET TO THE SOLICITOR GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE
 Follow Riverbend Road to Heath Road. Take Heath Road and then turn left onto Hector Road. Watch for the sign for the Solicitor General Staff College on your right.

- It is 1.4 km from the trailhead to the start of the 0.3-km walkway for walkers and cyclists that goes under the bridge. Enjoy the spectacular view as you walk to the west end of the walkway. *At this point you may decide to return to the trailhead (Solicitor General Staff College).*
- At the west end of the walkway, a multi-use path curves away from the bridge to a fork in the trail (2 km from the trailhead). Take the fork to the right, which winds up the hill through the trees to Cameron Heights. Here you will see the road to the E.L. Smith Water Treatment Plant and an EPCOR sign (3.6 km from the trailhead).
- Return the way you came.

For a longer walk: About 10 km round trip from the trailhead

- Continue on Cameron Heights Drive and cross the Cameron Ravine.
- Turn left on Cameron Heights Way, left on Chahley Way and go right to Chahley Landing, where you will see the bollards guarding the old road down to Wedgewood Ravine.
- Follow the old road (originally 184 Street) down to Wedgewood Creek in Wedgewood Ravine. Another 2 km round trip north on the old road will take you to Hawkstone Shopping Centre. Wedgewood Creek empties into the North Saskatchewan River across from Terwillegar Park.
- Return the way you came.

AMENITIES

- none on the trail; if you are doing the long hikes, bring water and a snack
- washrooms and restaurants in Hawkstone shopping centre (Lessard Road and 183 Street)

HISTORY

The Solicitor General Staff College is a centre for training peace officers and security guards. The building, constructed in 1960 as Holy Redeemer College, was originally used for the training of priests. The Alberta government bought it in 1983.

Burt Haddow (1884-1958) was a city engineer for 40 years. He planned the city airport, developed Riverside Golf Course and promoted the use of former landfill sites as recreational areas.

William G. Heath (born 1890) was the registrar at Alberta College for 50 years.

Sir James Hector (1834-1907) was a surgeon and geologist on the John Palliser survey expedition to Canada's west, 1857-59. Kicking Horse Pass is named for Hector's horse, which kicked Hector, knocking him unconscious.

Anthony Henday, an employee of the Hudson's Bay Company, volunteered in 1754 to explore the interior of what is now Saskatchewan and Alberta, seeking trade with Aboriginal people. It was a grueling journey. He was one of the first white men to see the Rocky Mountains.

Cameron Heights and Cameron Avenue in Riverdale were named after John Cameron, an early resident who was president of Edmonton's first board of trade, chairman of the Edmonton public school board and a member of the town's first councils in 1892 and 1895.

Leroy Chahley (1935-2007) was Edmonton's police commissioner, and after retiring served three terms as a city councillor.

NOTE: The two large AltaLink transmission lines bring power from the many TransAlta generation plants in the Wabamun Lake area. They are built on rights of way (ROWs) or in transportation and utility corridors (TUCs).