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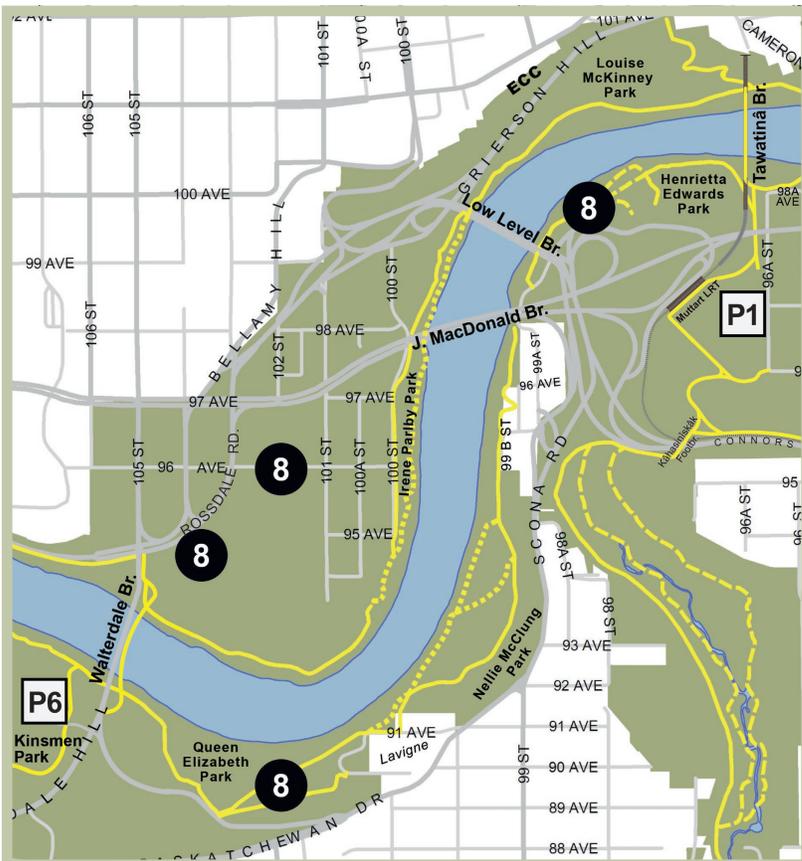
This is an especially lovely long walk with great views of the river valley, and it is easy although there are a couple of hills. It is stunning in the fall when the leaves change colour. It is also a historical walk featuring visits to four of the “Famous Five” parks, which are named after the Alberta women who won the legal fight to have women declared as persons. Choose a nice day for this circle hike, bring a snack and allow three hours or more.

DIRECTIONS FROM THE MUTTART CONSERVATORY PARKING LOT (9626 – 96A STREET)

- Walk north on the multi-use trail over 98 Avenue through **Henrietta Edwards Park**, and turn west.
- Do not cross the Tawatinâ Bridge, but stay south of the river. Note the Edmonton Queen riverboat parked near Rafter’s Landing. Proceed under the Low Level and James MacDonald bridges. Continue south.
- Walk up the hill into the Strathcona community. The views overlooking the river are outstanding. Along 99B Street you may choose a granular trail to the right, above the river, which leads to the Lavigne community.
- When you come to the Cloverdale Park and Mill Creek Ravine Park sign (on the paved trail), you will

have walked 1.8 km. Turn east at the sign and walk up the short hill to the Old Timers Cabin parking lot, 9430 – 99 Street. Just south of the parking lot is **Nellie McClung Park**.

- Walk up Scona Road to 99 Street, with traffic on your left and trees and shrubs on your right.
- Turn right on Saskatchewan Drive. Just past the Laurence Decore Lookout sign, go down the hill to your right on 91 Avenue. A wooden boardwalk and stairs lead down into the Lavigne neighbourhood.
- Continue past the houses and join the multi-use trail above the river, which takes you to Queen Elizabeth Park. Note a small playground and some picnic tables and stoves on your left – great area for a rest and snack.
- Continue west. On your left you will see a large brick building that houses washrooms. The old Queen Elizabeth swimming pool is across Queen Elizabeth Road. Do not cross road, walk down paved path toward river.
- Consider a snack at Kinsmen Sports Centre. Head back by crossing the Walterdale Bridge. Continue past the Aboriginal Memorial Cemetery on Rosssdale Road.
- Turn right on 96 Avenue (John Ducey Way) and continue walking east to the “Mother Earth” sculpture by Stewart Steinhauer and then left into **Irene Parlbay Park**, which extends left to the James MacDonald Bridge and right to the playground.
- Join the multi-use river walk and head north under the James MacDonald and Low Level bridges to **Louise McKinney Waterfront Park** and cross over the Tawatinâ Bridge to the Muttart Conservatory.



FOR A SHORTER WALK

- Park at the southern end of the Old Timers Cabin (Northern Alberta Pioneer and Descendants Association), 9430 – 99 Street. About a dozen parking spaces for the public are located at the south end of the lot; other parking spaces are reserved for catered functions held at the facility. It may be wise to call 780-465-2139 to get clearance for parking.

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Queen Elizabeth Park and the Famous Five Parks

CENTRAL EDMONTON – THE HEART OF THE CITY

- Walk up the hill on Scona Road, turn right on Saskatchewan Drive and just past the Laurence Decore Lookout sign on 91 Avenue, walk down the hill to your right into the Lavigne community and Queen Elizabeth Park.
- Go back east on the multi-use path to the junction of Cloverdale and Mill Creek parks, then up to the parking lot by the Old Timers Cabin.

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

There is a fairly steep hill up to the Cloverdale and Mill Creek Ravine sign. The wooden stairs and paved road down into the Lavigne neighborhood are steep and not wheelchair-friendly. The rest of the trail is easy but moderately challenging because of the length. Beware of cyclists – keep to right.

LENGTH OF WALK

The walk from Muttart is about 7.4 km round trip, including the side trip to the Kinsmen Sports Centre. Allow about 3½ hours or more. The shorter walk from the Old Timers Cabin to Queen Elizabeth Park is approximately 1.4 km round trip.

AMENITIES

- Muttart Conservatory: pay phones and washrooms.
- Kinsmen Sports Centre: cafeteria and washrooms.
- Blufone (City of Edmonton emergency phone) at the junction sign of Cloverdale and Mill Creek parks.
- Queen Elizabeth Park: public washrooms (open from 9 am until dusk) and a Blufone near Queen Elizabeth Park Road; benches, picnic tables and stoves in the park.

DESCRIPTION

The areas of the Famous Five parks are: Henrietta Edwards, 12 ha; Nellie McClung, 9.3 ha; Irene Parlby, 3.7 ha; Louise McKinney, 14.5 ha; and Emily Murphy, 11 ha. The areas of the two larger parks are: Queen Elizabeth, 31.5 ha; and Kinsmen, 21.5 ha.

This walk has some choice views of the river valley. The path has a beautiful canopy of trees on both sides on the approach to Queen Elizabeth Park and throughout the park.

Lavigne (originally known as Skunk Hollow) has an area of only 91.4 m²! This tiny neighbourhood is quite sheltered from the city's noise and bustle.

The focus of Kinsmen Park is the busy Kinsmen Sports Centre at 9100 Walterdale Hill Road.

The John Walter Museum is a gem located north of the Kinsmen Sports Centre parking lot. It celebrates the life and times of John and Annie Walter using the original houses that John Walter built. (For information about John Walter, see Walk 9, Rosedale to Kinsmen Sports Centre.)

HISTORY

The Famous Five. These remarkable Alberta women, who were devoted to improving the lives of women and children, won the legal fight to have women declared as persons by taking the “Persons Case” all the way to the Privy Council in London. The 1929 ruling cleared the way for women to hold any public office, particularly to serve in the senate. It is fitting that the City of Edmonton has named a park after each of them.

Emily Murphy (1868-1933), who was born in Ontario and came to Edmonton in 1907, became the first female police magistrate in the British Empire in 1916. When challenged on her first day on the bench that women were not persons in the eyes of British law, she began a campaign to change the law. She invited Henrietta Edwards, Nellie McClung, Louise McKinney and Irene Parlby to join her in the fight. Although the park that honours Emily Murphy (near Groat Road) is not included in this walk, it is an easy 2 km walk west of the Kinsmen Sports Centre.

Henrietta Edwards (1849-1932) was passionate about women's rights and did much of the legal work on the Persons Case. She also helped establish the National Council of Women and co-founded the Victorian Order of Nurses. She came from Montreal to Fort Macleod, Alberta, in 1903.

Nellie McClung (1873-1951) was a teacher, activist, author and temperance supporter. She served as MLA for Fort Macleod from 1921 to 1926.

Louise McKinney (1868-1931) was the first woman elected to any legislature in Canada or the British Empire! Born in Ontario, she became a teacher and later worked for the Women's Christian Temperance Union. She came west and homesteaded near Claresholm, Alberta, and was elected as an independent MLA in 1917. (See Walk 5, Louise McKinney Riverfront Park.)

Kinsmen Sports Centre. The Kinsmen Club of Canada leased this land from the City of Edmonton in 1953 and opened the Kinsmen Field House in 1968. The aquatic centre was added in time for the Commonwealth Games in 1978. The centre received the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association Facility of Excellence Award in 1994.