20 Top of Keillor Trail to University of Alberta South Campus

Edmonton Nature Centres Foundation

WEST EDMONTON – PRECIOUS GREEN SPACES

moderate

This walk is mostly on the tablelands of Edmonton, although it can also include the Keillor Trail walks described in this guide. There is a great view overlooking the Equine Centre, and the University of Alberta's South Campus provides many interesting places to visit: the University Farm, Foote Field and the Saville Community Sports Centre. The South Campus Transit Centre is nearby.

TRAILHEAD: *Park on Saskatchewan Drive near 74 Avenue (where Keillor Trail comes up to meet Saskatchewan Drive).*

DISTANCE/DIFFICULTY: *The shorter walk is about 4.5 km round trip. Add another 6 km if leaving from the John Janzen Nature Centre.*

- From Saskatchewan Drive near 74 Avenue, walk south along the dirt path parallel to Saskatchewan Drive. Enjoy the view when you reach the five benches overlooking the Equine Centre.
- Continue southeast along the wide top of the bank (pleasantly treed) to the pedestrian overpass that goes over Belgravia Road. Continue going south, past a former curling rink to Foote Field.
- Turn right (west) to the entrance to the University Farm, which faces the Flyover Road. The paths through the farm are open to the public for walking. (Dogs must be on a leash.) Consider walking south to the Saville Community Sports Centre for coffee.
- Return the way you came or walk through the Saville Centre outside to the Foote Field and north to the pedestrian overpass to 71st Avenue.

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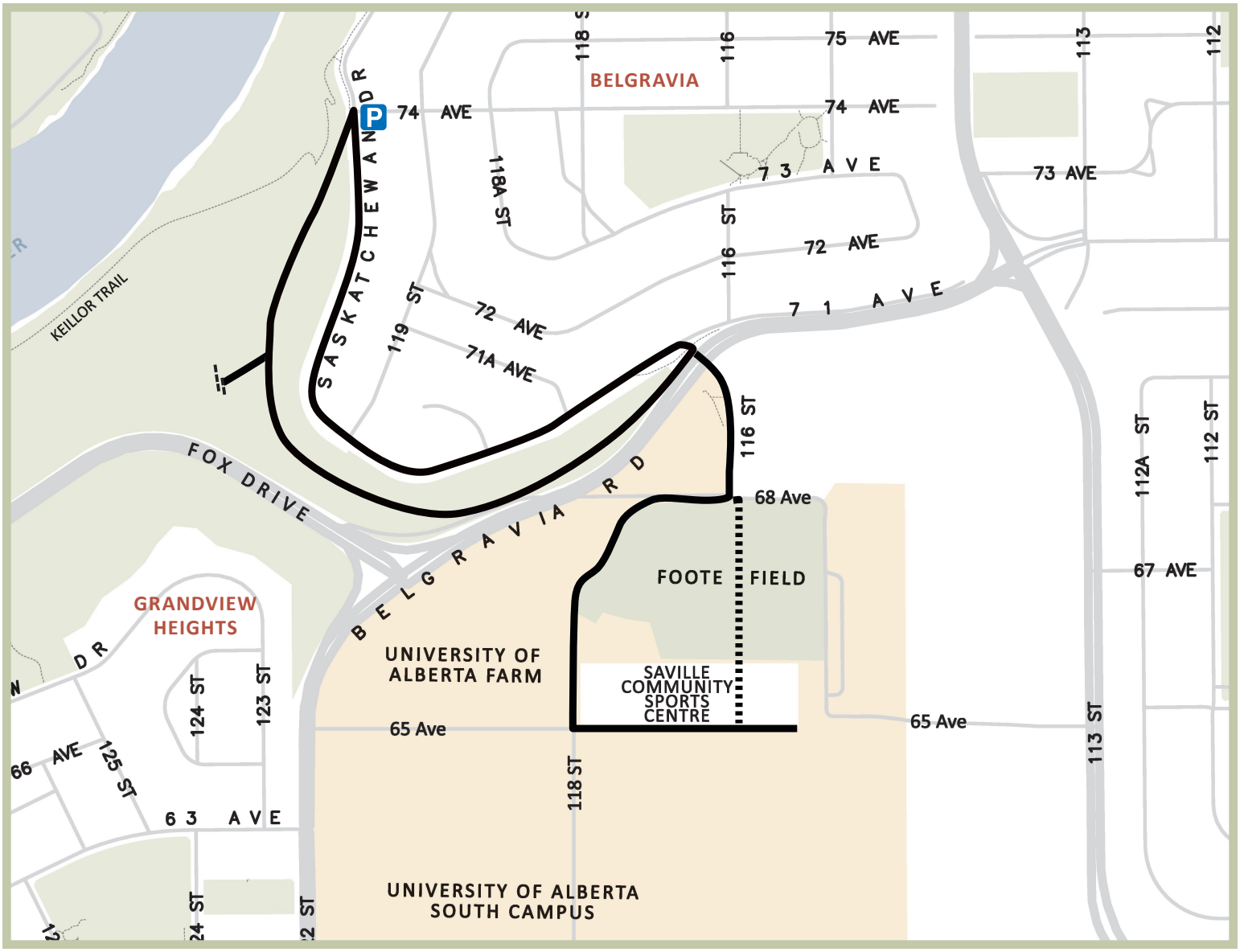

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AMENITIES

- Saville Community Sports Centre: information desk near the entrance; two concessions and snack bar/restaurant; phone and washrooms
- Neil Crawford Centre: restaurants in Infrastructure and O'Donoghue buildings

DESCRIPTION

The University of Alberta's South Campus (designated as such in 2002) houses part of the Faculty of Physical Education and the University Farm.

The University Farm, more formally known as the Edmonton Research Station, is a 150-ha site that has existed since 1920. The farm, which includes several buildings housing swine, dairy cows and poultry, is part of the University of Alberta's Faculty of Agriculture, Life and Environmental Science.

The Saville Community Sports Centre (basketball, volleyball, badminton, curling and tennis) and Foote Field (track and soccer) are part of the university's Faculty of Physical Education. Visitors to the Saville Community Sports Centre may watch sports being played, and memberships are available to the public.

The old Balmoral Curling rink is being replaced to accommodate a cyclotron to make isotopes used in the treatment of cancer. It will be called the Medical Isotope and Cyclotron Facility.

HISTORY

Eldon Foote, who had a great love of track and field, donated $2 million towards the construction of the Foote Field complex. Bruce Saville of Saville Systems was a major contributor to the construction of the Saville Community Sports Centre.

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– National Service Office Tucson, Arizona

As you enjoy the River Valley, please remember to be prepared for the weather and leave only footprints. Please take out your garbage.

Our River Valley will benefit as we reduce our Climate Change inputs.

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