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Windermere Estates, in the southwest part of the city, had rich soil that produced good crops but this farmland is now being prepared for new housing. Fortunately, the top-of-the-bank setback required by the city has provided for a lovely public path above the Windermere and River Ridge golf courses.

**TRAILHEAD:** *Keyhole crescent at A.J. Cressy Place. Look for two wooden fences that mark a concrete and grassy path going north to the River Ridge clubhouse.*

**DISTANCE/DIFFICULTY:** *2 km one way; easy granular path Windermere Boulevard is paved down to the River Ridge golf course.*

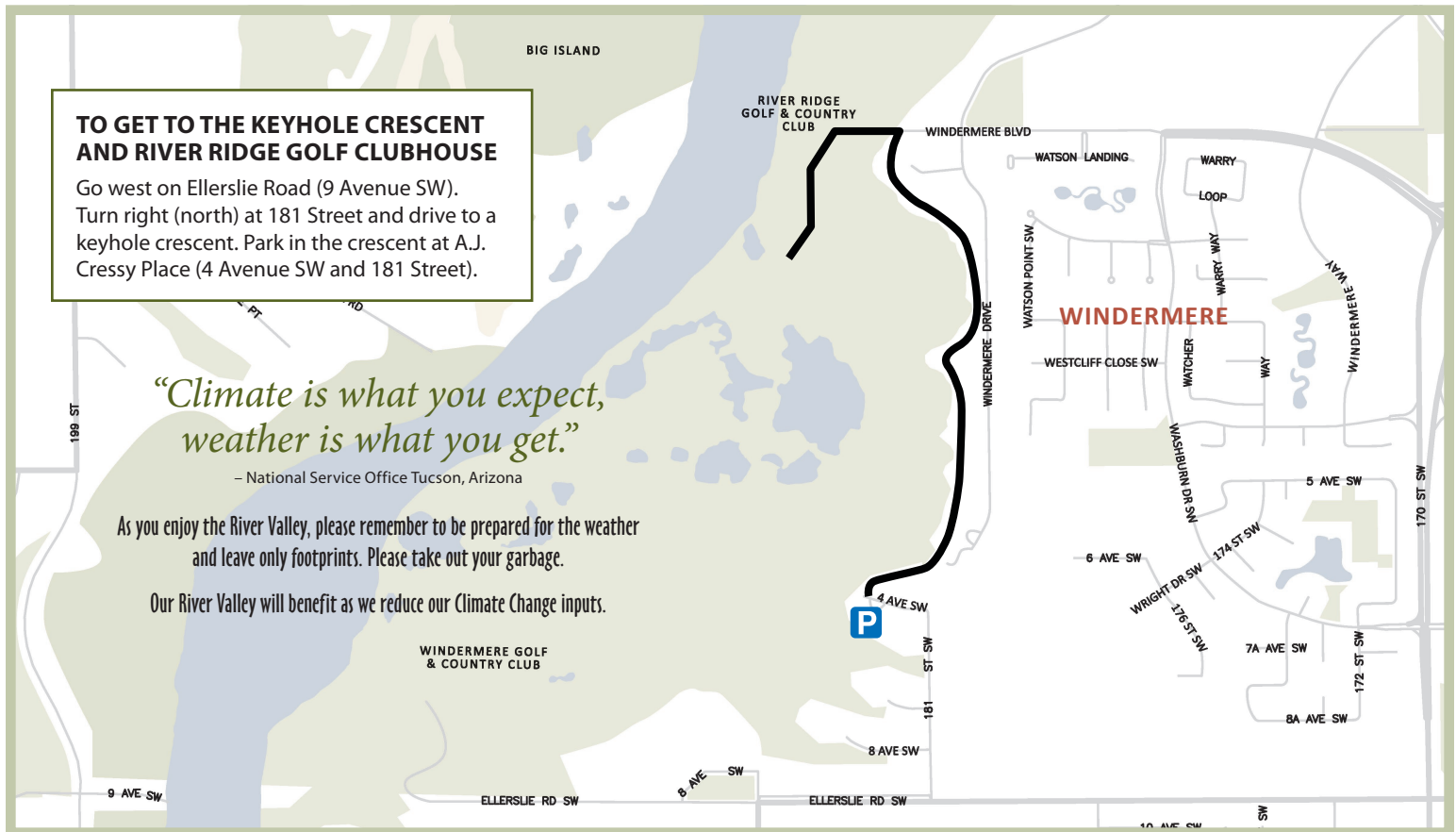
- From the keyhole crescent at A.J. Cressy Place, follow the grassy public path that meanders along the top of the bank behind some impressive houses and overlooks the treed bank down to the river valley.
- Continue to Windermere Boulevard and head down the hill to River Ridge Golf and Country Club. Be alert and walk on the left to face the cars that are using the hill.

## AMENITIES

- lunch available at the public River Ridge clubhouse; call ahead for a reservation

## HISTORY

The city of Edmonton annexed Windermere Estates from the County of Strathcona in 1982. As of 2010 Windermere still had crops in the fields and a few barns remaining. Big Island, on the west side of the river opposite the River Ridge golf course, is a 28-ha natural area that belongs to the province. Big Island was a popular spot for picnics in the early 1900s; John Walter's ferry, "The City of Edmonton," transported people there on weekends and holidays.



### TO GET TO THE KEYHOLE CRESCENT AND RIVER RIDGE GOLF CLUBHOUSE

Go west on Ellerslie Road (9 Avenue SW). Turn right (north) at 181 Street and drive to a keyhole crescent. Park in the crescent at A.J. Cressy Place (4 Avenue SW and 181 Street).

*"Climate is what you expect,  
weather is what you get."*

– 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.

WINDERMERE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB