

Ralph Klein Legacy Park



Imagine a place where citizens are at liberty to explore their environment. The City of Calgary, in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, is proud to announce the grand opening of Ralph Klein Park on June 18th, 2011. The city's newest legacy park is a 30 hectare park which serves as an island of the much larger 200 hectares that make up the man-made Shepard Wetland. This wetland is Canada's largest engineered stormwater treatment wetland which plays a significant function in maintaining the health of the Bow River Watershed.

Ralph Klein Park is home to the Environmental, Education & Ethics Center a 21,000 sq ft facility that was created to bring citizens of all age groups together to learn about their surrounding environment. This LEEDS Gold-certified building has been recognized as a project that has demonstrated a commitment to sustainability by meeting higher performance standards in environmental responsibility and energy efficiency. Inside this facility you will discover two well-equipped classrooms, an art studio, viewing roof, and meeting and convention facilities. The facility will serve of the hub of the park which also includes learning gardens, wetland viewing and study stations, an outdoor amphitheatre, walking trails, and large picnic and day use areas. Each component of this building was created with an educational purpose to promote environmental stewardship and sustainability.



The City of Calgary Parks Environmental and Education Initiatives Portfolio staff delivers innovative, inquiry-based learning which help citizens recognize environmental issues; promote stewardship and sustainability; and provide citizens with the necessary tools to protect and improve their natural surroundings. In addition, we promote ecological literacy and action through critical analysis and reflection of local and global issues. These learning opportunities will help to

enable citizens to understand their personal importance in the wise conservation of their natural surroundings. We look forward to the opportunity to assist local and international citizens in doing their part to ensure the sustainability of their natural world for generations to come.