# PARK WEDDING INFORMATION

Baker, Riley, Confederation and Stanley Parks are some of the more popular parks for weddings and wedding photos. Reader Rock Garden is also very popular for smaller ceremonies and photos. Weddings in other parks can also be permitted, but not all activities are suitable in all parks. Weddings are <u>not</u> permitted on Prince's Island Park or at Burns Memorial Rock Garden.

Permits are required for weddings and all other special events held in a park or green space. Photos are permissible without a permit, and are open to the general public on a first come, first serve basis, as long as no other special event has been booked at the site by another group. To acquire a permit for your wedding ceremony, you must fill out the Special Event and Greenspace application form a minimum of 2 weeks in advance of your wedding day to allow for processing time.

#### Hours of Operation:

Most major City Parks are open from 5 a.m. - 11 p.m. each day unless otherwise posted at the park. Park gates will be closed and locked at 11 p.m. and reopen at approximately 5 a.m. the next day. Any vehicles left in the parking lots will remain there until the following day.

#### Washrooms:

Most washroom facilities are available from the May long weekend until Thanksgiving and will be locked in the winter. Washrooms are typically open from 7 am to 9 pm during summer months.

# **BAKER PARK**

9333 Scenic Bow Rd NW

- Located north of Bowness Park, on the north side of the riverbank.
- Access from the 85<sup>th</sup> St Bridge that crosses the railway tracks close to the Bearspaw Dam Rd (there is an off ramp both coming from the north and south) turns onto Scenic Bow Rd (see map on next page).

# Features:

Six Pillar Archway (also known as Eight Pillar Archway) Sun Bowl / Amphitheatre (grass) Wildflower Mount (Four Pillar Archway) Common Area Regional pathways for cycling and walk/ running, picnic tables, benches, disc golf course, arbours and river observation points.

# Washroom Facilities:

Seasonal: Monday through Thursday, 10:00am – 4:30 pm Friday through Sunday, 10:00 am – 9:00 pm

# Parking:

Located off Scenic Bow Rd

### Accessibility:

With minimal assistance

### Wedding pictures only:

• there is no charge or permit required from the City if pictures are not impacting the site (taking photos and leaving)

• there could be a charge and permit required if the following is needed:

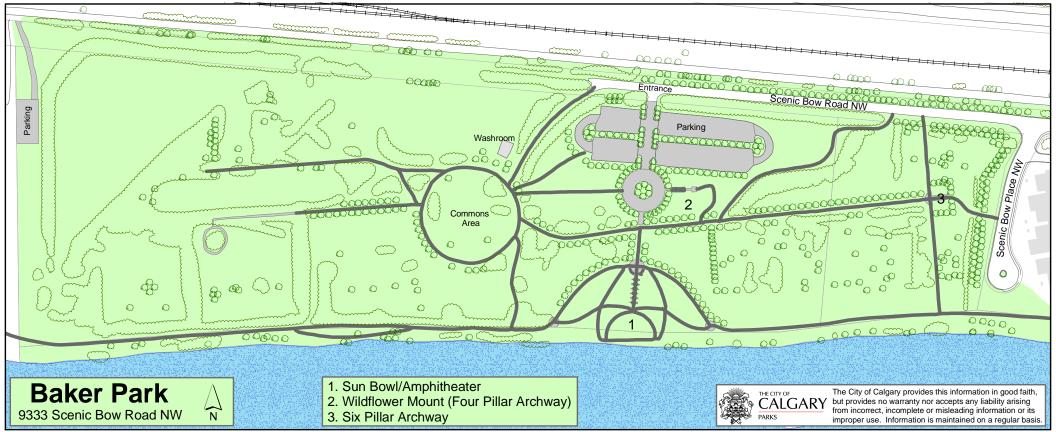
setting up an archway, flowers or banners, risers for larger groups, etc. (anything impacting the site)

### Booking a site:

Complete a Special Event application Applications may take a minimum of 2 weeks to review and process.

Make sure you submit your booking request at least 4 weeks in advance of your desired event date. Requests made for events that are occurring in less than 2 weeks, away may not be processed in time.

<u>Note</u>: Park area will not be blocked off to the public but site supervisor will ensure area is ready (e.g., grass in good condition)



# **RILEY PARK**

800 12 St NW

- Located south of SAIT near the Kensington area.
- Access to the west side of the park from 14 St. Turn onto 5 or 7 Ave and then to 12 St NW. Access to the east side of the park from 10 St NW and 5 Ave (see map on next page).

### Features:

Large park areas Ornamental flower gardens Burns Memorial Rock Garden (NE corner of park) Picnic areas and large playground Wading pool and concession Band stage area with shelter Cricket pavilion and pitches

### Washroom Facilities:

Seasonal: Monday through Thursday, 7 am – 9 pm Friday through Sunday, 8 am – 9:00 pm

# Parking:

1 lot at North end of the park off 8 Ave. Also limited parking along 12 St on West side. Parking lots are usually very busy on Saturdays.

# Handicapped Accessibility:

With minimal assistance

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\*Be advised – Foot traffic at Riley Park is busy on Saturdays.



# **STANLEY PARK**

4011 1A St SW

-Located off Macleod Tr turning onto 42 Ave (see map on next page).

# Features:

Picnic Areas with BBQ stands Sports-suitable fields 2 ball diamonds Tennis courts Playground areas Disc golf Course Situated along Elbow River Outdoor pool and concession (admission is charged)

# Washroom Facilities:

Seasonal: daily, 8:00am - 8:00 pm

# Parking:

2 lots -Off 42 Ave SW, or off 4 ST and Riverdale Ave SW. Some residential street parking.

#### Accessibility:

With minimal assistance

#### Wedding pictures only:

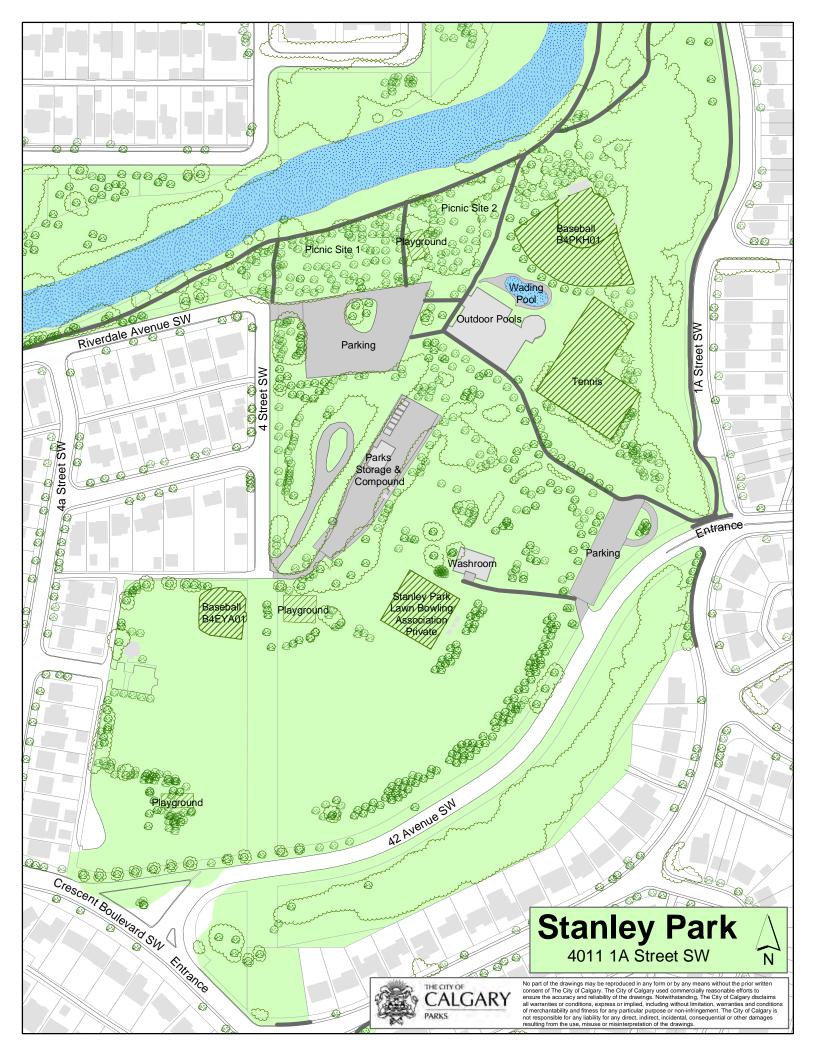
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there could be a charge and permit required if the following is needed: setting up an archway, flowers or banners, risers for larger groups, etc. (anything impacting the site)

# Booking Site:

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Make sure you submit your booking request at least 4 weeks in advance of your desired event date. Requests made for events that are occurring in less than 2 weeks, away may not be processed in time.

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# **CONFEDERATION PARK**

24 Ave and 14 ST NW to 30 Ave and 10 ST NW

This crescent shaped park of over 400 acres was once known as "the North Hill Coulee".

### Features:

10 different site areas, all named after 10 of Canada's provinces 3 Ball diamonds Tennis courts Playgrounds Picnic Areas, pathways, promenades, creeks, hillsides and flatspace, brick water fountain, bridges, Confederation monument and flags. Flower/ rock garden Wetland area (8 hectares) Permanent orienteering track (contact AB Orienteering Assoc for maps)

# Washroom Facilities:

Usually 7 am - 8:30 pm year-round, weather pending

# Parking:

3 lots – one on west side of 10 ST NW, one on East side of, one off of 30 AV and 7 ST NW. Residential street parking.

### Accessibility:

Paved pathways exist throughout the park, but certain areas off of pathways may not be accessible or may require some assistance.

### Wedding pictures only:

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### **Booking Site:**

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#### **Confederation Park Site Descriptions**

**Site 1/Newfoundland**: Permit is for use of greenspace at Confederation Park (section between 30 Av. and 10 St NW), Newfoundland site is South of ball diamond and South of creek, between arch bridge at 30 Av. parking lot at East end of site and flat bridge at CP2 marker at West end of site. Site is outlined by South Confederation Park pathway and creek.

**Site 2/Prince Edward Island**: Permit is for use of greenspace at Confederation Park (section of park between 30 Ave and 10 St. NW). Prince Edward Island site is South of creek, between flat bridge at CP2 marker at East end of site and North South line at CP5 marker and West end of site. Site is outlined by South Confederation Park pathway and creek. Greenspace includes two picnic tables.

**Site 3/Nova Scotia**: Permit is for use of greenspace at Confederation Park (section of park between 30 Av. and 10 St NW). Nova Scotia site is North of creek, between storm water outfall at CP4 marker at East end of site and arch bridge at CP6 marker at West end of site. Site is outlined by grass pathway at base of hill and creek. Greenspace includes 1 picnic table and 1 bench.

**Site 4/New Brunswick**: Permit is for use of greenspace at Confederation Park (section of park between 30 Av. and 10 St NW). New Brunswick site is East of 10 St NW, between grass pathway at base of hill at East end of site and 10 St NW at West end of site. Site is outlined by grass pathway, paved pathway and 10 St NW. Greenspace includes Confederation monument, flags, two picnic tables and one bench.

**Site 5/Quebec**: Permit is for use of greenspace at Confederation Park (section of park between 10 St and 14 St NW). Quebec site is South of ball diamond and South of creek, between North South line at CP7 marker at East end of site and arch bridge numbered 5102B at West end of site. Site is outlined by Confederation Park South pathway and creek. Greenspace includes one bench.

**Site 6/Ontario**: Permit is for use of greenspace at Confederation Park (section of park between 10 St and 14 St NW). Ontario site is South West of ball diamond and North West of creek, between bottom of slope behind ball diamond backstop and East end of site, the arch bridge numbered 5102B at South end of site and the North Confederation Park pathway at West end of site. Site is outlined by North Confederation Park pathway, bottom of slope behind ball diamond backstop, creek, treeline and fencing of residential housing.

**Site 7/Manitoba**: Permit is for use of greenspace at Confederation Park (section of park between 10 St and 14 St NW). Manitoba site is South of creek, between East West line at arch bridge numbered 5102B at East end of site, fencing of residential housing at South end of site and South Confederation Park pathway at North end of site. Site is outlined by fencing of residential housing and South Confederation Park pathway. Greenspace includes five benches. Greenspace is hill and flatspace.

**Site 8/Saskatchewan**: Permit is for greenspace at Confederation Park (section of park between 10 St and 14 St NW). Saskatchewan site is South of creek, between brick water fountain at East end of site and North South line at cement dam at West end of site. Site is outlined by creek and South Confederation Park pathway. Greenspace includes four picnic tables. Greenspace is sloped.

**Site 9/Alberta**: Permit is for greenspace at Confederation Park (section of park between 10 St and 14 St NW). Alberta site is North of creek, between the bench dedicated to Charlene Marie Nixon at East end of site and the North South running irrigation ditch at West end of site. Site is outlined by North South running irrigation ditch, creek, tree line and North Confederation Park pathway. Greenspace includes three benches.

**Site 10/British Columbia**: Permit is for greenspace at Confederation Park (section of park between 10 St and 14 St NW). British Columbia site is North of creek, between arch bridge numbered 5102A at East end of site and 14 St NW at West end of site. Site is outlined by creek, North Confederation Park pathway and 14 St NW. Greenspace includes one table.