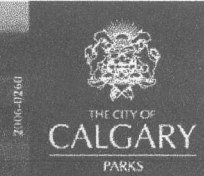


Natural Environment Parks

call 3-1-1 www.calgary.ca/parks



UPDATE – Nose Hill Park SPRING 2008

LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Cross-Park Pathways

Construction of the cross-park pathways was completed in the fall of 2007 when the asphalt pathways were sealed with a chip-seal top-coat. Once the chip-seal surface was installed, crews worked to rehabilitate land directly adjacent to the pathways, which included areas formerly disturbed through heavy informal trail use and access routes used during construction. Park visitors will be encouraged to stay on the pathways, especially this spring, while the native grass seed germinates and becomes established.

The pathway contractor will be returning to the park this summer to inspect the pathways and perform any touch-ups that may be required.

Upper Plateau Trail

Work on the upper plateau trail continued well into late fall, until the cold temperatures and falling snow halted work for 2007. A significant amount of progress was made on this 10 km granular trail, which, when completed, will help define the park's large 350 hectare multi-use zone. The trail contractor will be completing work on the upper plateau trail as soon as weather and site conditions permit this spring.

West Slope Trails

In 2008, Nose Hill Trail & Pathway Plan implementation activities will shift their focus to the park's west slope. Work planned for the west slope includes the construction of a new gravel trail that will link the Brisebois parking lot with the multi-use zone, as well as upgrades and maintenance to approximately 5 km of existing dirt trails.

PARKING LOTS & PARK AMENITIES

Park Signage

Parks is currently completing the design of new signage for Nose Hill Park, which will include trail markers, entry, wayfinding and interpretive signs. Our design team has been busy developing new park signage that fits with the natural character of Nose Hill Park, while also balancing fabrication and operational needs. As part of the sign development process, our design team has been briefed on the various comments and suggestions provided through the NHTPP public engagement process and from more recent public education focus group sessions, and asked to consider these comments when developing the various park signs.

It is anticipated that signage designs will be completed in early summer and that the first series of park signs will be installed by late fall. Additional details regarding the installation of park signage will be shared once the design and fabrication process is completed.

Parking Lots

As recommended in the Nose Hill Trail & Pathway Plan, parking lots will be improved throughout the implementation phase of the project. Improvement plans are currently being finalized for both the Brisebois and Berkley Gate (Beddington) parking lots, and it is anticipated that on-the-ground improvements will be completed by the end of the 2008 construction season.

Updates on parking lot improvements, including temporary closures, will be communicated once this year's construction schedule has been finalized.

For more information on this project, please visit the website at www.calgary.ca/parks