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In-Person Program 2021 Program Details & Registration

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Saturday, July 24

10:00 – 11:30 am — Nose Hill Park: Human Use Through the Ages

Human beings have been present on Nose Hill for as long as the hill has been available for use, post glaciation that is. **Laureen Bryant**, Archaeologist with Calgary Parks will take you on a walking tour through the park. Along the way she will discuss some of the interesting archaeological sites found on the hill and discuss the importance of our city parks in site conservation efforts.

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Nose Hill Erratic



Painting of Alfred McKay's house in Parkdale
Artist Bill Brownridge, 1975, courtesy Marcel Hebert

1:00 – 2:30 pm — Walking Tour of Parkdale and Area

Marcel Hebert, a local historian, provides visitors and Calgary residents an overview of the area from the late 1800s to the 1950s. If your Parkdale history interest is peaked, come and learn about the Alexander Brothers irrigation system, market gardening from 1890s, the impact of the Calgary Tram, early golfing, wonderful brick and sandstone homes. Plus much more. Wheelchair friendly route.

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2:00 – 3:30 pm — Okotoks Guided Walking Tour

Kathy Coutts and Nagille Walsh-Besso of the Okotoks Museum & Archives presents a free guided walking tour of downtown Okotoks featuring the properties recently designated municipal historic sites. The Methodist Church, former post office, and a portion of the Macleod Trail are among the stops.

[Register Tour 1](#) – Kathy Coutts

[Register Tour 2](#) – Nagille Walsh-Besso



Former Post Office, Okotoks

Courtesy Okotoks Museum and Archives

6:30 – 8:00 pm — The Landmarks of Midnapore

Midnapore has seen a lot of changes since it was established in the late 1800s. This walk led by **Mark Schmidt** will visit historic sites in the area to discuss landmarks that have been preserved, threatened, or lost, and the contrast between the east and west sides of the old community. Some uneven ground and inclines and we will cross Macleod Trail twice using the pedestrian overpass.

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St. Paul's Anglican Church, Midnapore

9:30 - 11:00 am— 17 Avenue Walking Tour

From its past notoriety as the ‘Red Mile’ during hockey playoffs to the park where Art Walk began, 17th Avenue, the walkable ‘heart of Calgary,’ is the longest continuous avenue in Calgary. Stroll along with Calgary-born writer, **Patricia Paterson**, as you learn about businesses, historic buildings, buffalo bones and the big-name personalities of the Avenue, ending at Jenkins Groceteria.

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Red Gazebo, Tompkins Park, 17 Avenue & 8 Street
Courtesy Patricia Paterson



City of Calgary Archives, CALA CR-92-029-001a

East Village Aerial View – 1974
Courtesy City of Calgary Archives CR-92-029-001a

9:30 – 11:30 am — Digging Into Calgary’s Beginnings

Enjoy a 2-hour walking tour with **Scott Graham** around East Village and Fort Calgary learning about the early prehistory and history of Calgary. Explore the archaeology that exposed this knowledge. Participants will get to see and hold some archaeological recreations of artifacts that were found in the area and throughout Southern Alberta.

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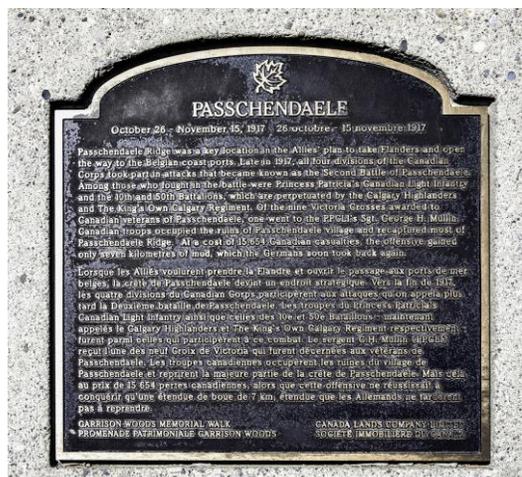
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1:00 – 3:00 pm — Garrison Woods Tour

After opening remarks at The Military Museums, **Dave Holmes** will lead a walking tour through the streets of Garrison Woods with special attention to the memorials of the WWI battles that give the streets their names. This neighbourhood, formerly housing for Canadian Forces Base Calgary, has some very fine architecture. The tour covers 3 km at a leisurely pace.

Register - Call: 403-410-2340, ext. 2604 or 403-249-5539

Use code words “Garrison Tour Registry”



Sunday, July 25

1:30 – 2:30 pm — Canadian Pacific Supply Farm No. 1, Strathmore



Canadian Pacific Supply Farm No. 1
Courtesy Western District Historical Society

Established in 1908, the CPR Demonstration Farm's purpose was two-fold: to attract settlers to sell them irrigable land and to educate them about the best breeds of cattle, hogs, poultry, horses and sheep. The farm helped develop better strains of grains. Up to 350,000 trees were grown and orchards were established to encourage fruit production. Join **Bruce Klaiber** and **Tom Sadler**, Western District Historical Society, in the only surviving building located on the original farm site. A draw for door prizes will be held. After the presentation, partake in the four historical walking tours of Strathmore found on the App "On this Spot."

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Monday, July 26

9:30 – 10:30 am — The Deane House and its Gaspé Lodge Era

The Deane House, built for NWMP Inspector Richard Burton Deane in 1906, was later owned by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway who moved it across the Elbow River to its current location. **Ruth Manning** tells the story of Gaspé Lodge, so named by Alex and Rose Brotherton in 1929, as told by their grandson, Reverend Brotherton. Dandelion Gallery operated from 1973-1978. It then became a teahouse restaurant.

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Deane House and Garden

10:00 am – noon — Historic Glenbow Ranch Park Hiking Tour

This hiking tour with park steward **Alice Fedosoff** covers about 5 km on Yodel Loop and has several very steep elevation changes. During the hike and at scenic viewpoints learn about the history of ranching; the Glenbow quarry, town and school; and the high society of Millionaire Hill. Find out about the Harvie family legacy and today's provincial park and the Glenbow Ranch Park Foundation. Please dress for changing weather and remember hiking shoes, walking poles, a hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, and water. (Tour will be repeated at 2:00 pm.)

[Register](#)



This is not Glenbow Ranch Park (It's Peru)
Courtesy Alice Fedosoff

1:00 – 4:00 pm — First Chance to See the Grain Academy at Irricana

The Grain Academy, which was located at Stampede Park since 1981, has a new home at Pioneer Acres Museum in Irricana. The story of grain spans the history of Canada itself. The Grain Academy records it all, from the modern terminal to farmers arriving at the old elevators with bags of grain in their buggy or wagon. Drop in to revisit your favourite exhibits including the large collection of antique trucks! At 2:00 pm **Shelly McElroy** will tell how the best loved elements of the original Grain Academy inspired the team at Pioneer Acres to create a beautiful new home for it. And yes, the model railway will be running!

[Register](#) or call: 403-935-4357

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Display at Grain Academy



Flowers at Glenbow Ranch Park

2:00 – 4:00 pm — Historic Glenbow Ranch Park Hiking Tour

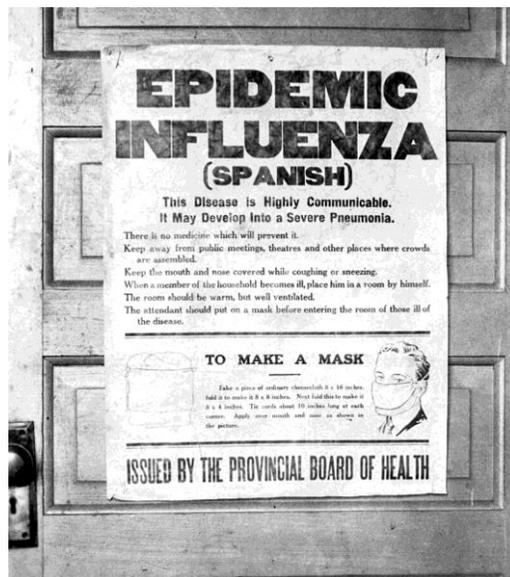
Repeat of the 10:00 am tour

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7:00 - 8:00 pm — Quarantine: Keep Out!

Based on true events during the "Spanish Flu" pandemic of 1918-1920, author **Trudy Cowan** will bring history to life for students in grades 3 to 7. An ill woman's children try to help Papa keep everything going on their dry prairie homestead while Mama is away, isolated in the little synagogue, now in Heritage Park. We'll talk about families, cultures, medicine and pulling together in difficult times. The book "*QUARANTINE: Keep Out!*" by Trudy Cowan will be available for purchase, \$15.00. This program is in co-operation with the Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta and Heritage Park.

Register: Please call 403-268-8500



Quarantine notice 1918-1920

Courtesy U of C NA-4548-5os



Snow Leopard, Calgary Zoo Eurasian Area

9:00 - 10:30 am — A Walk on the Wild Side

Take a stroll through the Eurasian section of the zoo with **Melissa Ledingham**, Coordinator-Special Experiences. She will take you on a journey of zoos - where they started and where they are going now - all while learning about the amazing animals in the zoo's care. Covid safety protocols will be in place to ensure visitors can safely enjoy the experience. Complimentary admission.

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10:30 am - noon — Kiyooka Ohe Arts Centre Tour

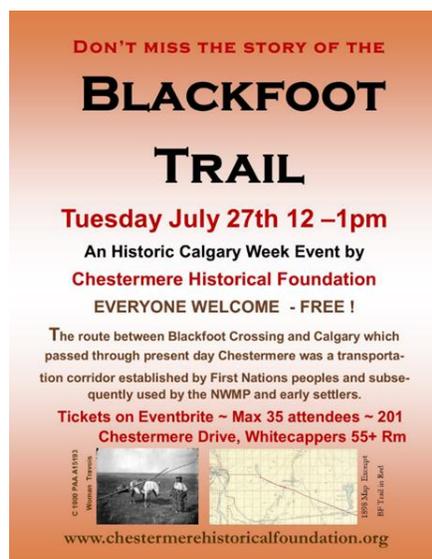
The **Kiyooka Ohe Arts Centre** is a year-round, sustainable, art-in-nature destination dedicated to the research, exhibition, education and documentation of contemporary visual arts. **Heidi Gedlaman** will lead a tour of the Sculpture Park's large abstract welded steel works from the 1960s to present, allowing visitors to experience and celebrate the relationship between sculpture and nature. Some artists included are Ray Arnatt, Roy Leadbeater, Michael Sandle, Charles Robert Boyce, Alex Caldwell and Katie Ohe. Donations gratefully accepted.

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Charles Boyce – Bridge

Courtesy Kiyooka Ohe Arts Centre



12:00 - 1:00 pm — The Historical Blackfoot Trail and the Chestermere District

The route between Blackfoot Crossing and Calgary was a transportation corridor established by First Nations peoples and subsequently used by the NWMP and early settlers. Officially surveyed in 1888, it was the primary road to town for those living east of Calgary well into the early 1900s. Join **Eileen McElroy** in Chestermere to discover some of its stories and the trail remnant that remains within Chestermere.

[Register](#)

Poster courtesy of
Chestermere Historical Foundation

1:00 - 1:30 pm — View the Steam Powered Bicycle in operation in the parking lot

1:30 - 2:30 pm — A Steam Powered Bicycle

In the late 19th Century steam powered the industrial revolution and was finding its way into light transportation. Steam carriages and bicycles were being invented with varying success but the internal combustion engine eventually won the day. This steam powered antique bicycle, built by retired Chestermere engineer, **Todd McBride**, celebrates the age of steam power and the pursuit of steam powered personal transportation. This presentation will appeal to those fabricating historical artifacts and with an interest in steam power. The bicycle will be demonstrated running followed by a slide presentation on early steam bicycles and the design and shop details in the building of this one.

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The Steam Bicycle
Courtesy Chestermere Historical Foundation



Air Show – Opening Renfrew Airport 1929
Courtesy Glenbow Archives NA-3691-32

2:00 - 3:00 pm — Do You Live On An Airport?

Since Calgary's first aviation event at the Stampede in 1906, there have been over a dozen airports and semi-permanent flying fields. Where were they, what happened there and who were some wild characters associated with them? **Richard de Boer**, Calgary Mosquito Aircraft Society, can tell you. In 1919 the first flight across the Rockies ended in Calgary. Where did a world-famous author learn to fly? Have you shopped at Market Mall, strolled through Bowness or attended Mount Royal University? You've set foot on an historic flying field. Are YOU living on what was once an airport?

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10:00 - 11:00 am — Old Banff Cemetery Tour

Banff poet and historian Jon Whyte pronounced it “the nicest cemetery in Canada.” *Bow Valley Crag & Canyon* wrote “no more fitting place could be chosen by an admirer of nature and her handiwork for that long, last sleep that knows no waking.” The tour will be led by **David Peyto** whose grandfather, Walter, arrived in Banff in 1902 to join his older brother Bill Peyto. We will visit the graves of many of the people Walter mentioned in his journals.

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Walter Peyto in Banff Park
Courtesy David Peyto

Wednesday, July 28



Canoeing in the lagoon at Bowness Park
Courtesy U of C NA-16-374os

10:00 - 11:30 am — A Walking Tour of Bowness Park

Join tour guides **Judith Barge** and **Inga Pollhaus** of the Bowness Historical Society to learn about the history of Bowness Park, including its origins and its various recreational uses and attractions.

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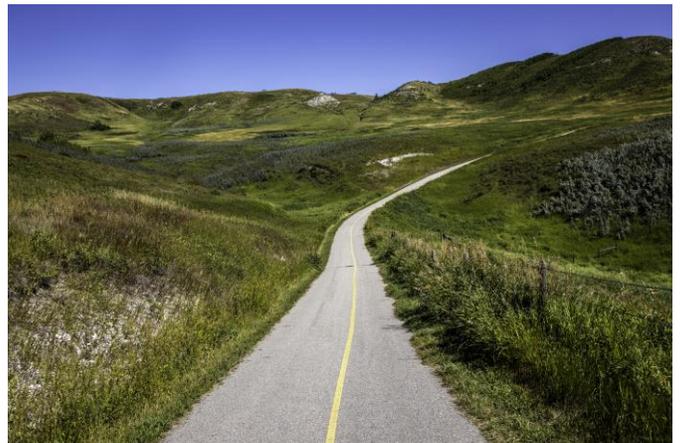
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Thursday, July 29

10:00 am - Noon — 10 Years of Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park – Cycle Tour

Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park opened August 9, 2011. **Sarah Parker**, Executive Director of the Park Foundation loves to tell the stories of the making of Glenbow Ranch Park, from archaeological discoveries and historical town sites to preserving native grasslands. This 15 km cycle tour is open to cyclists of all abilities and will include frequent stops at points of interest. Please dress for changing weather and remember a helmet, sunscreen, water and snacks.

[Register](#)



Glenbow Ranch Park Vista

10:00 - 11:30 am — An Introduction to Oral History: A Practical Demonstration

An oral history interview is more than pressing record and speaking about the past. This powerful research tool has technical and ethical considerations. Know History's experienced historians, **Tom Van Dewark**, **MacKenzie Brash** and **Ashley Henrickson**, introduce the theory and foundational elements of oral history through a mock interview. Learn about crafting an interview plan, informed consent and permission forms, equipment, the interviewer-interviewee relationship, ethical media management, and post-interview best practices.

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Emily Keyes and Tom Van Dewark of Know History
Courtesy Know History

Thursday, July 29

1:00 - 3:00 pm and 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Encounters with Counterculture: CPS meets the Hippie Movement

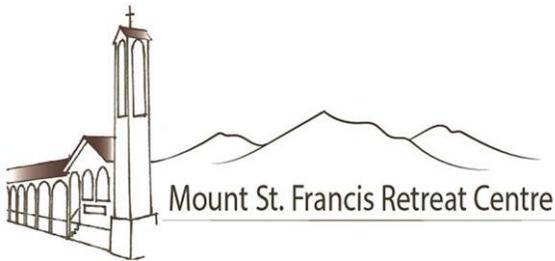
The 1960s brought Calgary a host of social changes spearheaded by a new generation of long-haired, peace-loving anti-authority youths. Parents, older adults and police were often baffled by the actions and attitudes of the hippie generation. **YouthLink** will focus on how the Calgary Police reacted to the hippie movement - the undercover operations, the drug investigations, and keeping the peace at Calgary's very own version of Woodstock. Come get an inside look at a clash of two cultures!

[Register for 1:00 pm](#) or call: 403-428-4530

[Register for 7:00 pm](#) or call: 403-428-4530



Friday, July 30



10:00 – 11:30 am — Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre
Susan Campbell, Director, will host a tour of the Centre that the Franciscan Order has operated since 1949. The original Castle in Cochrane, home of the Fisher Family, built in 1908 is a historic and integral feature on the property. Also, enjoy the beautiful grounds including outdoor Stations of the Cross.

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Saturday, July 31

9:30 - 11:00 am — An Ice Age Tour of Nose Hill

C. W. (Cory) Gross, 2021 Historian in Residence for Calgary Public Library and Heritage Calgary, takes us on a tour of sixty million years of Calgary's history in this walk through Nose Hill Park with spectacular Bow Valley and city skyline views. Learn about Calgary's famous sandstone; hear the Blackfoot story of Napi and the Big Rock. Imagine great sheets of glacial ice once covering this area. Examine wildlife fossils and understand how human activities impacted nature.

[Register](#)



Okotoks Big Rock



Macleod Trail, High River ca. 1902
Courtesy Museum of the Highwood Collection

11:00 am - 1:00 pm — Marking Macleod Trail

Join **Irene Kerr** and **Olivia Cotton Cornwall** of the Museum of the Highwood for a mild meander down the peaceful Macleod Trail in High River. From the Highwood River crossing down to the former location of the Smith and French Stopping House, the route and surrounding area represents thousands of years of fascinating, important Southern Alberta history. We will be sharing some great stories during this two-kilometre stroll. Surprises are in store!

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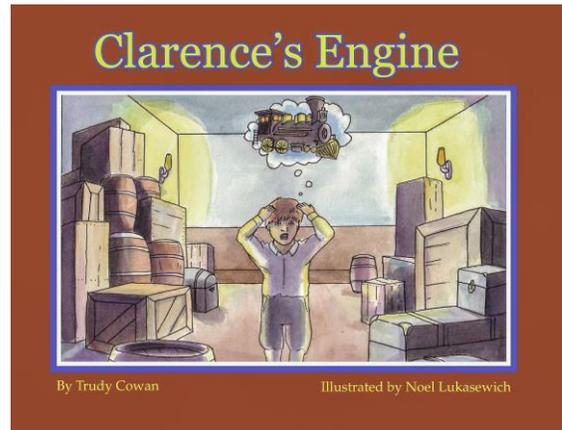
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Sunday, August 1

11:00 am - Noon — Clarence's Engine

Did you ever lose a toy that you really liked? Clarence Lougheed was 6 when his family moved to their big, new, sandstone home in 1891. While everything was being packed, his favourite toy train engine went missing. Come with Clarence to the historic Lougheed House where author **Trudy Cowan** will tell you the story and, if possible, lead a Lougheed House art activity. Program designed for children, KG to grade 2.

[Register](#)



Cover of Trudy Cowan's Book
Courtesy Trudy Cowan



WW I Memorial, Union Cemetery

2:00 – 3:30 pm — Union Cemetery Tour

Mounties and ministers, cowboys and cooks, prohibitionists and politicians. Join **volunteer tour guides** on a walk through time to learn about the people, personalities and events that shaped the vibrant city Calgary is today. Learn about these fascinating stories through free guided walking tours of Calgary's historic Union Cemetery.

[Register](#)

12:00 - 4:00 pm — Heritage Day at the McDougall Memorial United Church – Open House

Drop in and view the newly restored McDougall Memorial United Church. The church suffered a devastating fire in 2017. Thanks to generous donations from **McDougall Stoney Mission Society** members and interested people, and the tireless work from Chalmers Heritage Restoration, workers and volunteers, both indigenous and non-indigenous, the McDougall Church has now been fully restored.

View the church, walk the grounds and immerse yourself in over 146 years of history. Open house will follow all Covid protocols.

Registration not required – a drop-in event

Location: 26 km west of Cochrane on the 1A highway



McDougall Memorial United Church

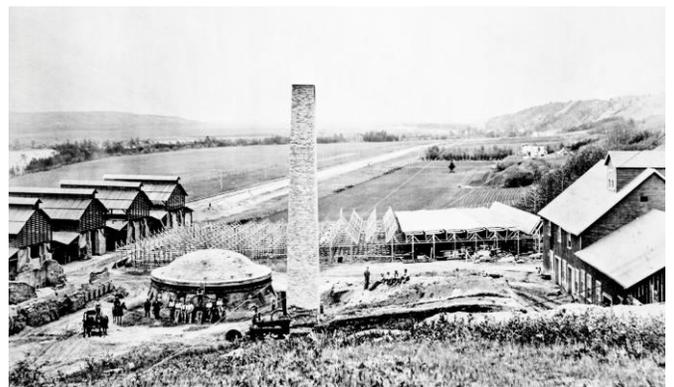
1:00 - 3:30 pm — Ramble Through the Ages in Edworthy Park

Frankie-Lou Nelligan leads this fun, informative tour that reveals some of the fascinating geological, archaeological and historic features of one of Calgary’s recreational gems. This is a moderate hike including a bit of bush walking and a steep downhill section so hiking poles are recommended. We will explore the region’s significant past regarding Glacial Lakes, stone circles and sandstone use. A highlight will be visiting Brickburn, the location of the Calgary Pressed Brick and Sand Company that produced 80,000 bricks each day during its heyday and contributed sandstone and brick to many Calgary buildings.

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Canada Pressed Brick and Sand Company Plant
Courtesy Glenbow Archives NA-5392-5

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