Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

FISH CREEK PROVINCIAL PARK

Central Corridor Pathway – Phases 2 and 3

What is the Central Corridor Pathway?		The Central Corridor Pathway is 19 kilometres long and is the primary artery of the trail system in Fish Creek Provincial Park. This pathway connects all of the day use areas and key points of interest in the park, and it is used for a range of recreational activities, such as walking, hiking, biking, and bird watching. Portions of the Central Corridor Pathway are also segments of the Rotary-Mattamy Greenway and the Trans Canada Trail. For more information about these segments, please visit: • The Rotary Mattamy Greenway — Parks Foundation Calgary (parksfdn.com) • Trans Canada Trail | Explore the Map (tctrail.ca)
Why is the Central Corridor Pathway being refurbished?		These upgrades were identified as priority work through public and stakeholder engagement that will enhance the trail experience and overall sustainability of the park.
What is involved in the refurbishment, and how will the pathway change?		Refurbishment will improve and widen the trail to respond to increased visitation and accommodate different types of users including cyclists and people with strollers. It will also improve rest areas and signage. The design process considered factors such as accessibility, wayfinding, visitor experience, public safety, and environmental stewardship.

Where and when will each phase of construction occur?		The overall Central Corridor Pathway project is occurring in three phases of construction with anticipated completion in 2028. • Phase 1, from Mallard Point day use area to Bow Bottom Trail southeast, was completed in 2025. • Phase 2 and Phase 3 are scheduled to proceed over two years (2026 and 2027), and will impact the central, western and southern segments of the trail. • Bebo Grove day use area to Bow Valley Ranch day use area as well as Bebo Grove to Sikome Aquatic Facility will be impacted from August – December 2026. This excludes Glennfield day use area as well as a pathway segment directly west of Votier's Flats day use area. • Bebo Grove day use area to Shannon Terrace day use area will be impacted in 2027. Anticipated timelines are subject to change.
Why is Glennfied Day Use Area excluded?		Refurbishment of the central corridor pathway through the Glennfield day use area requires additional utility work to be completed in the area before pathway work can begin.
Will areas of the pathway and park be closed?		Fish Creek Provincial Park will remain open during construction. However, certain facilities or areas of the park will not be available for bookings or special permitted events. For information regarding day use areas and group use areas, please visit: https://www.albertaparks.ca/parks/kananaskis/fish-creek-pp/information-facilities/ For information about Special Events and Weddings, please visit: Special Events and Weddings | Alberta Parks. For information about trail alternatives, please call the Alberta Parks Information Line at 1-877-537-2757 or visit the Bow Valley Ranch Visitor Centre: Bow Valley Ranch Visitor Centre - Fish Creek Provincial Park | Alberta Parks

How will pathway use be impacted during Phases 2 and 3 of the project?		Visitors can anticipate temporary detours and short delays along the central, west and south segments of the central corridor pathway. To safely accommodate construction activities, please be aware: • Heavy equipment will be present. • Construction areas along the pathway will not be fenced. • Construction flaggers will direct temporary delays (with no through traffic being permitted) and/or temporary detours, as needed. Please abide by all signage, and do not approach construction equipment or cross construction barriers. Temporary delays and detours are necessary for public safety and to support construction efficiency.
What measures are in place to minimize environmental impact?		A qualified ecologist, with knowledge of the park's flora and fauna, was involved in the project's design process. They reviewed construction plans and provided recommendations for minimizing environmental impact. In addition, wildlife and migratory bird sweeps occur prior to construction to ensure that wildlife and critical habitats are not impacted.
Are tree removals planned?		Tree removals are planned where conflicts with pathway widening and select pathway realignments are required, and are minimized where possible.

Will new trees be planted?	After construction, new trees will be planted in facility zones, day use areas, and newly constructed resting nodes along the pathway. Alberta Parks will also monitor areas where hazardous trees have been removed to determine whether additional tree planting is necessary to supplement natural forest succession.