

# ELMA GROVES PARK

## HISTORY

The Elma Groves Park is found in the Legacy Ridge subdivision. Legacy Ridge was developed in 2006 and includes the area from 26 Avenue North to 44 Avenue North. In 2005 all streets and parks in Legacy Ridge were named for southern Alberta women of historical interest, as part of Lethbridge's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of incorporation as a city.



View of Elma Groves Park from the roadway, 2013. Photo: T. Purkis

Elma Groves was born in Champion, Alberta and received an education degree from the University of Alberta. She began teaching in the Lethbridge public school system in 1951, at Central and Allan Watson schools until she was appointed Assistant Supervisor of Physical Education in 1954. She became Supervisor in 1962 and remained in that position until 1968 when she was appointed principal of Lakeview School. Elma retired from the school system in 1980.

## PHYSICAL LAYOUT



View of the lake in Elma Groves Park, 2013. Photo: T. Purkis

Access to the park is from the roadway on Jessie Robinson Close North. There are two access points between residences into the small park. There is asphalt walkway leading towards the playground area. A red shale pathway circles the circumference of the small, kidney-shaped lake. Cattails are found at both ends of the lake.

## BUILDINGS/STRUCTURES

There are no buildings in this park and the only structure is the playground equipment.

## ACTIVITIES

The playground area has swings, a slide and climbing apparatus for the young and there is ample open space for tossing a ball, and running. To the south and west of the park, nature lovers can study the natural prairie, plant and wildlife. There are also benches for the parents to watch their children at play.



The playground at Elma Groves Park, 2013.  
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