

# “Parks connect us to our past”

## BENEFIT #4

### Parks in Lethbridge showcase our community's rich history

Parks and natural spaces play a crucial role in helping to profile our community's heritage. Galt Gardens, Henderson Park (including the Nikka Yuka Japanese Garden) and Indian Battle Park (including the Lethbridge Viaduct bridge and Fort Whoop Up) are among the historically significant parks integrated into the City's park system.

A number of natural park spaces in Lethbridge provide opportunities for residents to interact with water bodies. Water is significant to the history of southern Alberta and the Lethbridge region. Located throughout the Oldman River Valley are numerous heritage sites and interpretive features that provide opportunities for residents to learn about how water has impacted the development of the community, and how water continues to be important to Lethbridge.

Parks also provide valuable space for residents to participate in heritage related events, activities and celebrations. Research conducted for the City's 2013 Recreation and Culture Master Plan found that 59% of responding households in Lethbridge had attended a cultural or heritage event in the previous year. Ninety-one percent (91%) of respondents further indicated that they thought it was important for the City to provide assistance with the staging of heritage and cultural events.



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