

TRAIL WALK TO-GO

YOUR PARTNER FOR ADVENTURE.

LENGTH: 5 km round trip

TIME: 1 to 1.5 hours

TRAIL CONDITION: Moderately flat with some small inclines, paved path and dirt path.

DIFFICULTY: Moderate

BIKES: Allowed

DOGS: Allowed off-leash except where indicated by signage

ACCESS: Dawson Park parking lot



RIVER VALLEY ALLIANCE

rivervalley.ab.ca/trekthetrails

TRAIL MAP DAWSON



ROUTE

1. Follow the trail from the parking lot past the washrooms and picnic sites. You will also see the ramp that leads down to the Dawson boat launch.
2. You will reach a sign that states the off-leash area begins. Follow this paved trail for two kilometres, past the Hoodoos and trails that lead up to Kinnaird Ravine.
3. After two kilometres, you will reach a small park with a few picnic benches and garbage cans. Bear left to continue following the paved trail.
4. You will take this paved trail about 600 m. You will reach a set of stairs that go upwards to Ada Boulevard. Instead of going up, walk past the stairs to continue on the trail. You will reach another set of stairs that take you down back to the trail (signs will say park and trail access only).
5. After the stairs, the trail becomes mostly flat and runs parallel to Wayne Gretzky Drive.
6. Follow the trail past the park and continue walking to the underside of Capilano Bridge. The architecture and bright red colour of this bridge make for a great photo op!
7. Go past the fence at its opening to connect with the lower trail and go right. This is a dirt trail, not paved.
8. If you're paying close attention, you will see the "hidden gem" of the river valley swing hanging over the water just off from this trail.
9. The waterfront trail eventually winds and ascends back to the park where you first split off.
10. Follow the same paved trail back for two kilometres to end up at the parking lot at Dawson Park.