





## Pioneer Lodge – 1339 Wolseley Ave

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Entering Omand's Park off Raglan Road, take note of 1339 Wolseley Avenue (Pioneer Lodge), which was built in 1894 and owned by T.F Salter and Frederick Salter (relation unknown) A skilled gardener, Salter owned the 2 lots east of Omand's Creek and kept 26 greenhouses which supplied the CPR trains from Montreal to Vancouver. Raglan Road was originally his private lane until the Wolseley area was subdivided in 1910.

### Omand Park / Raglan Road Trail Features

- Parking:** Free parking along Raglan Road.
- Distance:** ~1 km worth of trails within Omand Park
- Surface Type:** Limestone, Asphalt, City sidewalks
- Suitable For:** Walking, cycling. Some steep slopes.
- Seasons:** Open year around. Omand's Creek foot bridge may be impassable in spring due to flooding. Walk up to Portage Ave and cross the creek there.
- Amenities:** Benches, picnic table, washrooms.



## Bluestem Nature Park / Omand's Creek Greenway



Omand's Creek is an oasis for wildlife in the heart of Winnipeg. The creek and the lands beside its bank provide habitat for plants and animals that otherwise would not survive in the midst of a large city. Mallards, great blue herons, muskrats, jack rabbits, painted turtles, and others use Omand's Creek. In 1987, work was done on a seven acre piece of land encompassing a portion of Omand's Creek on the east side of Empress St. opposite the Polo Park Shopping Centre. This was a cooperative project with Manitoba Urban Affairs, the Manitoba Naturalists Society, interested residents of the neighborhood, and the City of Winnipeg. Reestablishing a natural prairie steam ecosystem was the major goal in the development of Bluestem Nature Park. Only plants native to the Winnipeg region were selected for the park. Native prairie sods were saved and transplanted from a construction site near the airport. Native trees and shrubs were either transplanted or purchased from local nurseries. A large portion of the park was seeded with prairie grasses and wildflowers. The seeds were hand collected from prairie sites around Winnipeg. Wetland vegetation was collected from other areas along the creek and transplanted into two specially prepared sites.

The trail system that runs through Bluestem Nature Park is known as "Omand's Creek Greenway". You can follow it all the way to Westview Park, which is an old landfill site that has been converted into a greenspace. Climb the large hill for a great view of downtown Winnipeg. Also, the entire park is an off-leash dog area.

## Bluestem Nature Park Features

- Parking:** Parking to access the footpath can be found on many neighborhood streets such as Riddle Ave and Denson PL, and in the parking lots of nearby stores to the north such as Chapters.
- Distance:** ~ 1.5 km worth of trail within the greenway and park
- Surface Type:** limestone
- Suitable For:** Walking, cycling
- Seasons:** Open year around, regular trail users' compact snow in winter.
- Amenities:** Many stores nearby, including Polo Park Shopping Centre

## St. James Anglican Church



Continue west through Omand Park across the rail tracks on a well maintained path that follows the river behind the old church yard to Wolseley West. Here you'll find St. James Anglican Church at 540 Tylehurst St. It is the oldest wooden church left standing in western Canada. It was completed in 1853 at the cost of \$1620 and still has services during summer months. From this point, you can backtrack to the Railway Foot Bridge which will take you to Wellington Crescent and Assiniboine Park, walk up to Portage Ave for restaurants and shopping at Polo Park Mall, or continue west along the North Assiniboine Parkway.

### Trail Features

- Parking:** Free Parking along Raglan Road
- Distance:** 0.5 km from train tracks to church
- Surface Type:** Asphalt, city sidewalks, mowed grass
- Suitable For:** Walking, cycling
- Seasons:** Open year around,
- Amenities:** Benches, food / shopping.