



## Transcona Trail

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Transcona Trail's official opening is May 27, 2006. A trailhead, benches, picnic table and native prairie garden will be installed. The Transcona Trail runs alongside a rail line providing excellent opportunities for train spotting. Transcona Trail is a connecting link to the Bradley Tall Grass Prairie and the Bio Reserve offering hikers approx. 5 km of trail in total.

### Transcona Trail Features

**Parking:** North of Ravelston Ave W & Bradley ST

**Distance:** 2 km

**Surface Type:** Mowed grass, compacted soil, wood chip

**Suitable For:** Walking, mountain biking.

**Seasons:** Open year around.

**Amenities:** Washrooms available at Park City West Community Centre (115 Sandford Fleming Rd) and at Oxford Heights Community Centre (359 Dowling Ave E). There are park benches to rest at located at Thomas F. Copeland Memorial Park (Winona St + Larche Ave W).

## Bradley Tall Grass Prairie



The Bradley Tall Grass Prairie protects 5 hectares of "best quality" tall-grass prairie from development in the area. The Transcona Rotary Club oversee the maintenance of the Prairie Nature Park and have installed a system of fence posts for protection of the grounds from pedestrian and bicycle traffic. The tall grass prairie is a wet prairie restoration project, so trails can be wet in the spring.

### Bradley Tall Grass Prairie Features

**Parking:** Parking to access the Tall Grass Prairie can be found along Bradley Street.

**Distance:** 0.7 km of trails within park

**Surface Type:** Limestone

**Suitable For:** Walking

**Seasons:** Open year around, regular trail users compact snow in winter.

**Amenities:** Nature information signs, bench.

## Steam Engine #2747



Steam Engine #2747 is parked beside the trail in Kiwanis Park just east of Plessis Rd. During the late 1920's Canadian National Railways embarked on a very limited programme of home shop locomotive building, and during the period between 1926 and 1931 constructed a total of 72 engines of which 33 were fabricated at Transcona Shops. Transcona Shops were originally erected by the National Transcontinental Railway. Canadian National locomotive #2747 was the first steam locomotive to be built in western Canada and was out shopped in April, 1926.

## Transcona Community Bio Reserve

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This bio reserve is managed by Fort Whyte Nature Centre. Domtar, the third largest producer of paper in North America and a manufacturer of lumber and wood products used this site as a processing plant for the better part of the last century. Over time, the site became contaminated with hazardous wastes. In 1998 Domtar removed all the polluted soil, contained it on site in a cell and covered it with a large berm. The remainder of the property is being rehabilitated as a natural park using plant species native to Manitoba.

### Transcona Community Bio Reserve Trail Features

- Parking:** Park along Devonshire Drive  
**Distance:** 2 km of trails within park – which connect into Transcona Trail at the south end of the bio reserve.
- Surface Type:** Limestone  
**Suitable For:** Walking, cycling  
**Seasons:** Open year around, regular trail users compact snow in winter.
- Amenities:** Nearby Morely Kare Park on Devonshire Drive has ponds, benches, a short trail and hundreds of Canada geese in the summer.

## George Olive Park



This nature park is located at the eastern end of Transcona and has ponds, waterfowl and its own trails. It contains 16 acres of land formerly known as the “Transcona Horsepond”. The area was chosen to be preserved as a park because it contains plant and animal species that make it an excellent example of a natural southern Manitoba marsh ecosystem. It is named after a former mayor of Transcona.

### Trail Features

- Parking:** Park on any of the many side streets  
**Distance:** 1 km  
**Surface Type:** Limestone  
**Suitable For:** Walking, cycling  
**Seasons:** Open year around.

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Cordite Ditch (just below the diagonal green line on the accompanying map, shows the proposed Cordite Trail) is populated by many wetland birds in the spring, summer and fall. The Transcona Trails Association is developing a trail alongside the ditch, the 'Cordite Trail' which will link into with Kildonan Estates, and connect to Kil-cona Park, Douglas Corridor and Bunn's Creek and beyond.



Rotary Park alongside Kiwanas Park and #2747 Steam Engine



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Departing Bio Reserve and entering Transcona Trail at Thomas F. Copeland Memorial Park