Booking a Guided Experience with Eagle Point-Blue Rapids Parks Council

For more information on our programs, contact Eagle Point-Blue Rapids Parks Council at 780-898-7275 or email our Education & Outreach Coordinator at <u>outreach@epbrparkscouncil.org</u>

Disclaimer and Guidelines

Before completing the booking form, please read the booking information below. Upon submitting your booking request, Parks Council staff will contact to confirm your booking within 3 business days. Programs must be booked a minimum of one week in advance, however we highly recommend booking months in advance as we fill up our programming schedule quickly. Full payment is required in advance of program date. Group sizes for our guided experiences are small to create a quality, more intimate experience with our staff.

- Eagle Point-Blue Rapids Parks Council reserves the right to cancel programs due to high winds, imminent thunderstorms, cold weather, extreme heat or other natural hazards, in order to keep participants safe.
- Transportation for programs within the Parks System is the responsibility of the group/individual booking the program.
- Outdoor programs including ours have inherent risks due to hazards present in natural settings. Participants may experience exposure to elements, unpredictable weather (which may cause injury due to extremes of heat or cold), terrain where falls may cause injury, scrapes, bruises or fractures. Activities we include in our programs also include a risk of burns, cuts or other injuries that may be sustained in an outdoor/indoor setting. Our programs include exploring natural areas where there is a risk of encounters with wildlife. Although injury or death caused by wildlife encounters is rare, there is a risk whenever humans explore wilderness areas. We explore areas which may be unfamiliar to our participants, creating a risk that participants may be separated from the group and get lost.Our staff work hard to keep all participants safe. In return, we ask that all participants follow specific rules and guidelines set out below and at each program orientation. EPBR Parks Council reserves the right to remove participants who do not follow field trip guidelines or intentionally cause harm to other participants, Parks Council staff, facilities or natural areas.

Please communicate the following information to fellow participants before your experience.

- 1. Many of the Parks Council's programs include visits to forests and/or wetlands. Please dress appropriately layered clothing, closed toe shoes or rubber boots for spring to fall, winter boots for winter months. We highly recommend long pants for any forest excursions.
- 2. Depending on the program, participants may wish to bring a notebook and pencil. Discuss items required with Parks Council staff.
- 3. Please be considerate of the plants and animals you may encounter in our parks. We are visiting their home and need to be respectful and gentle. We do not intentionally harm ANY plants, animals(including insects) or fungi. Picking flowers or damaging living trees in provincial parks is prohibited.
- 4. Please plan to pack your litter out with you. Occasionally, we will have a garbage can and recycle bin available, but not every site has facilities. Litter is harmful to wild animals.
- 5. Please do not bring pets with you. They can be distractions for participants and can be a danger to people and wildlife. Guide Dogs and Assisted –Living Dogs are the only animals permitted in Park buildings.
- 6. Many of our programs require participants to work in groups or teams. Please stay with your group at all times to keep everyone safe.
- 7. Please ensure that insect spray is applied away from other participants, staff and food.

For more information on Alberta Parks Regulations visit: <u>https://www.albertaparks.ca/albertaparksca/visit-our-parks/regulations/</u>