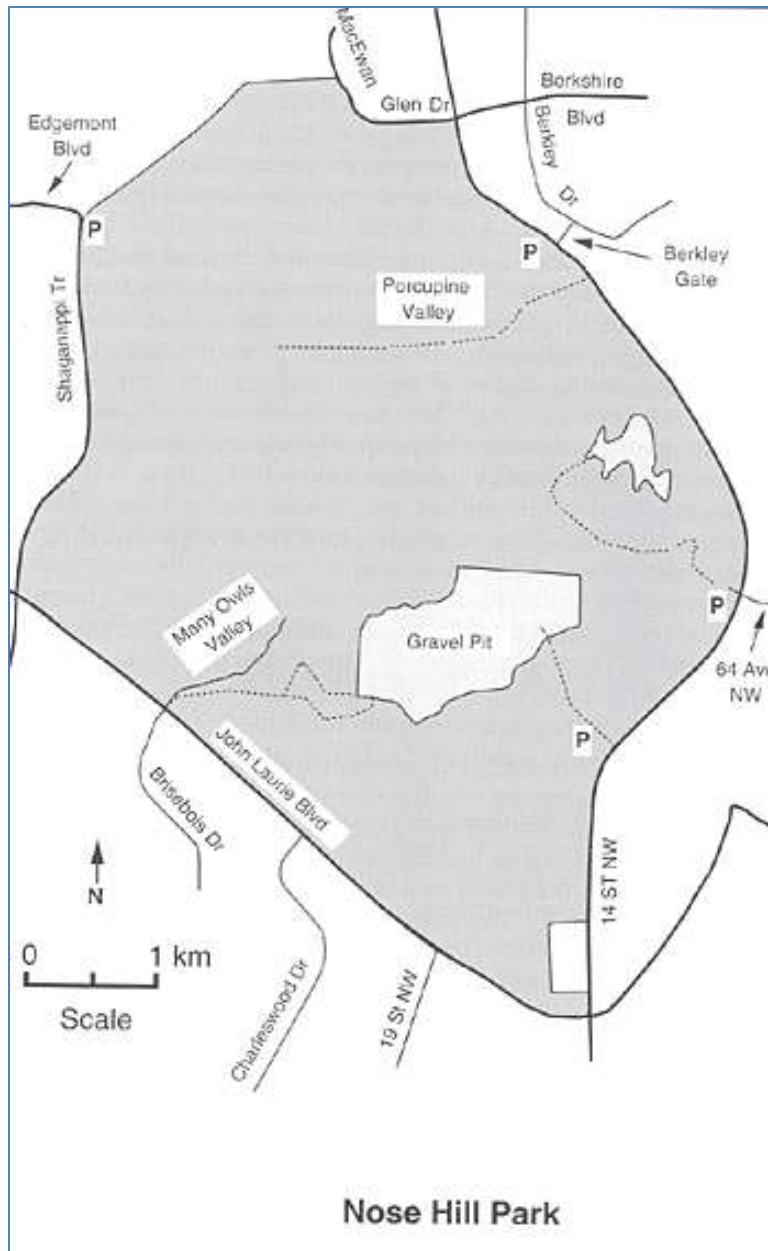


Nose Hill Park by Terry Korolyk (1993); revised Sep/2012

Nose Hill Park is part of a broad prairie plateau located in the northwest corner of Calgary and which is visible from some distance away. It is comprised primarily of mixed grassland, with numerous ravines radiating outward from the central plateau.

There are Aspen groves and dense shrubby thickets as well as an abandoned gravel pit.



Access is relatively easy. On the eastern side there are parking areas off 14 St. NW at 64 Ave. and Berkley Gate. The parking area on the western side is located at the intersection of Shaganappi Trail and Edgemont Blvd. To enter the park on the south side, park just off John Laurie Blvd. in the vicinity of Brisebois Drive, Charleswood Drive or 19 St. NW. In this case it will be necessary to cross John Laurie on foot. There is a new footbridge across John Laurie at

Brisebrois Drive, and also a new parking area there.

The groves and thickets in Many Owls and Porcupine valleys are the best places to look for owls; early morning or late evening are the best times.

In summer, Nose Hill's prairie habitat has proved attractive to 14 species of sparrow. It is an extremely accessible area for finding native grassland species, but many species (such as Sprague's Pipit and Sharp-tailed Grouse) formerly found there are no longer present due to changing vegetation, human and dog impact, and the overall decline in grasslands species. Nose Hill is a productive winter birding location for certain species, particularly raptors.

[Trail map](#) and [Park information](#) on the City of Calgary website.