



Parks

Bowmont Park Naturalization - Update

September 2017

Project Description

Calgary Parks is naturalizing portions of the off-leash area parallel to Silverview Way NW. The goal of this naturalization project is to enhance native grassland habitat that supports wildlife in this important corridor. Activities will focus on reducing invasive weeds (such as Canada thistle and smooth brome) and establishing plants native to this area. Naturalization in this location aligns with the Bowmont Park Management Plan and will improve the overall health of the park. This portion of the park will remain as an open grassland environment and off-leash area.

Upcoming Activities – What to expect

As part of the naturalization work, Calgary Parks will be testing several methods for controlling smooth brome and other invasive weeds present in this portion of Bowmont Park. You will see:

- temporary closure fencing
- staking and flagging
- sod stripping
- herbicide application
- installation of a weed suppressant fiber
- topsoil application
- mowing
- native plantings

Portions of the off-leash area will be temporarily closed from **September 28 – October 6, 2017** (weather dependent) while work is underway. The fenced off-leash area will remain open and a detour route will be provided (see attached map). We ask park users to please respect this temporary closure and obey all posted signs. Please be aware that we will be completing photographic monitoring of the site during site preparation and planting.

Schedule Update

2017 invasive weed control: Complete
 Site preparation: Beginning September 28
 Planting and seeding: October 2017, Spring 2018
 Project Completion: October 2018



The portion of Bowmont Park being naturalized is currently dominated by smooth brome; a non-native, invasive weed.

What is Naturalization?

The naturalization initiative is a city-wide program that will increase the diversity of landscapes within our parks and green spaces by reintroducing native species to open spaces. This practice will create sustainable landscapes that help support plant, animal and insect life ([biodiversity](#)); and also help control invasive weeds and pests.

As outlined in Calgary's [10-year biodiversity strategic plan](#), we aim to restore 20% of Calgary's open space by 2025. Naturalization is one of several actions being used by The City to achieve this target.

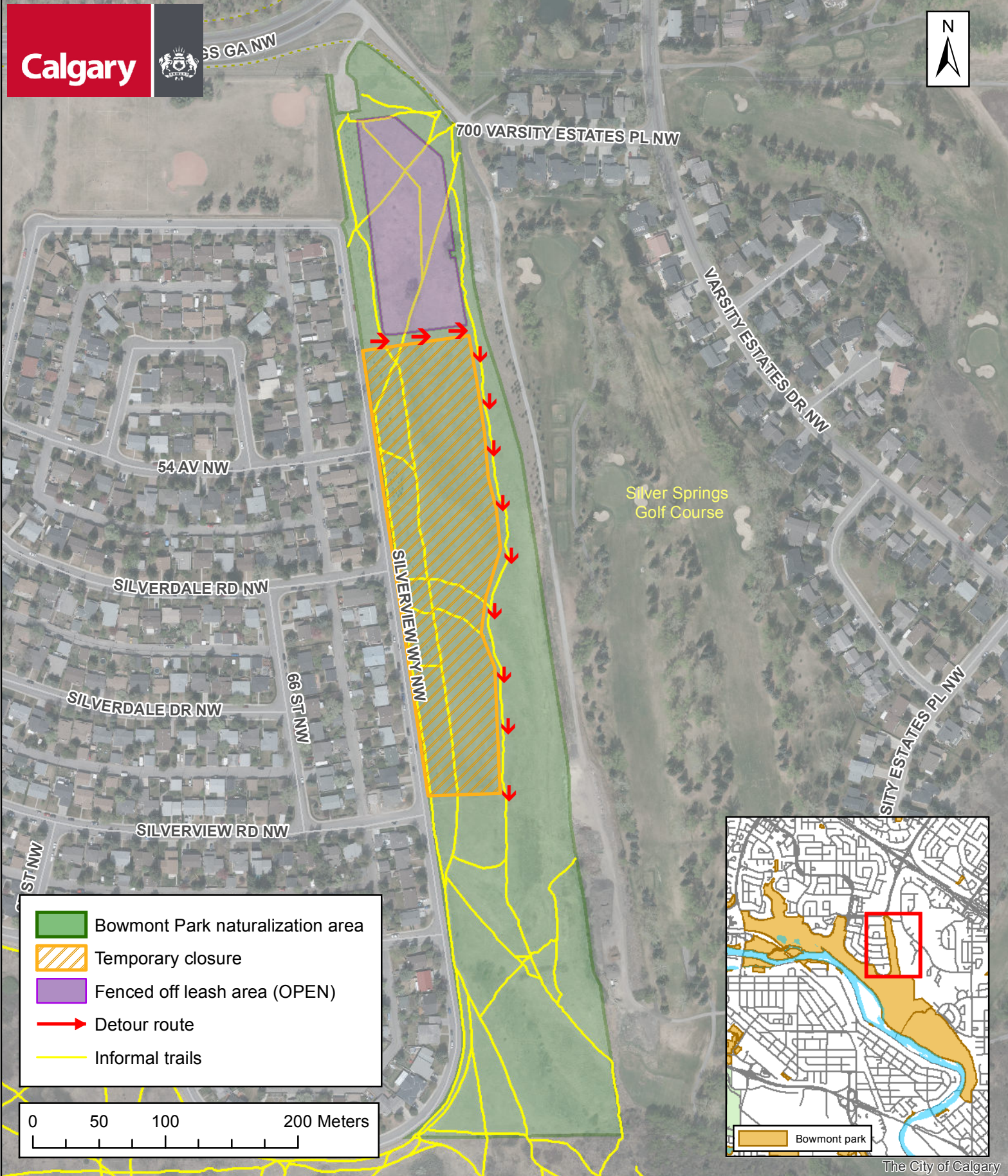
Please visit calgary.ca/biodiversity or contact 311 for more information.

Bowmont Park naturalization work underway

TEMPORARY CLOSURE FOR PLANTING

September 28 - October 6, 2017

Calgary



- Bowmont Park naturalization area
- Temporary closure
- Fenced off leash area (OPEN)
- Detour route
- Informal trails

