

## OTHER STUFF TO DO AROUND CALGARY BEFORE/AFTER THE CONFERENCE IN 2020

**Spruce Meadows** is south of the city (a 30 minute drive) down MacLeod Trail. It is a leading venue for international horse sports with a focus on the organization and hosting of show jumping tournaments of unmatched quality for junior, amateur and professional athletes in a clean, green and welcoming environment that. It is spectacular and if there is an event on we recommend a visit for the evening or afternoon. [www.sprucemeadows.com](http://www.sprucemeadows.com)

The **Royal Tyrrell Museum** is an hour drive northeast of the City into the Badlands to a wonderful dinosaur museum. It worthy of a hike through the Badlands too.  
[www.tyrrellmuseum.com](http://www.tyrrellmuseum.com)

Driving south down Highway 2 there are some smaller towns with main streets and interesting areas to explore. They include **Okotoks** and **High River**.

If you keep driving south to **Waterton** National Park you will be rewarded with the north side of your American Glacier Park. Waterton is best approached driving Highway 22 south through the foothills. It is on the north side of a long lake with wonderful hiking from the town-site and a boat-ride that will take you down the lake and/or drop you off for some never-to-be-forgotten hikes involving ledges and chains etc.  
[www.watertonpark.com](http://www.watertonpark.com)

## OTHER STUFF TO DO INSIDE CALGARY CITY LIMITS IN 2020

The **RiverWalk** along the Bow River is just outside the Simmons Block (our breakfast spot) and it makes for great walks, cycle trips and runs. If you head towards downtown there are multiple bridges that will get you to the other side and bring you back. Keep going west at least once and take the Peach Bridge over to Kensington. This is a Calatrava Bridge that took some “feedback” 5 years ago when it went over budget. It is now featured in a LOT of music videos.

We hope to do a day in the **new Snohetta Central Library** which is 2 blocks away. We also hope to do an event at the newish **Allied Works’ National Music Centre** and St. Louis Hotel. If not then wander over to both spots as they are 5 minutes away and super cool.

**Telus Spark** is a 20 minute walk from the hotel and great for all ages. It is a popular science centre with lots of interactive stuff.

The **Calgary Zoo** is also close to the hotel (15 minute walk) and worth a visit. We have four fairly new giant pandas and the pavilions for the various animals are quite cool.

**Fort Calgary** is a 5 minute walk across the green space. It has a smaller set of exhibits that talk about the settlement of the City. The site of the Fort is the meeting of the Bow River and the Elbow River which is of Indigenous significance as a meeting place long before the arrival of settlers.

The **Glenbow Museum** is a 10 minute walk back into downtown past Olympic Plaza. It has permanent and temporary exhibits and a wonderful gift shop. The kids' creative area is good fun.

**Neighbourhoods** of interesting coffee shops, craft breweries, shops and galleries include: 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Kensington and Inglewood. The latter is the closest and linked by the RiverWalk that will take you there in 10 minutes.

**Heritage Park** is a 10-15 minute car ride south. It's a historic village with a steam train that loops the perimeter, a steam ship that heads out onto the reservoir and lots of old buildings with stories for days. Its really fun for families.

**Cspace** is a favourite of ours. It is a 10 minute car drive. CSpace is a 1913 (?) stone school that has been converted into an artist hub that houses various types of arts groups, the Alberta Crafts Council shop, a coffee shop, has some rentable spaces and hosts events, markets etc. It's a really fun renovation and interesting to wander into studios to speak with the creators. Stuff is always changing there.

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