



Your Complete Community Guide

Welcome to Riverbend — one of Edmonton's most sought-after family communities, nestled along the scenic North Saskatchewan River Valley in the city's southwest quadrant. Established in the early 1970s, Riverbend encompasses nine distinct neighbourhoods united by mature tree-lined streets, exceptional schools, active community leagues, and unmatched access to river valley trails and greenspace.

Whether you're drawn by the prestige of Ogilvie Ridge, the established charm of Rhatigan Ridge, the executive homes of Brookside, or the family-friendly streets of Carter Crest — Riverbend offers a lifestyle that seamlessly blends urban convenience with nature's tranquility.

LOCATION	ESTABLISHED	SAFETY RANKING
SW Edmonton Ward: pihësiwin Quadrant: SW Elevation: 674 m	1972 (District Plan) Area Structure Plan: 1979 9 Neighbourhoods Community League: 1970	Top 10 Safest in Edmonton Ogilvie Ridge: #2 City-Wide Bulyea Heights: Top 5 Rhatigan Ridge: #29

■ THE 9 NEIGHBOURHOODS

Neighbourhood	Character	Est. Era	Highlight
Brander Gardens	Established Family	1970s	Quiet cul-de-sacs, mature trees
Brookside	Executive Estate	1970s	Large lots, Snow Valley access
Bulyea Heights	Modern & Prestigious	1980s	Top-5 safest, park-side living
Carter Crest	Family Community	1989+	NSP community, great schools

Falconer Heights	Family Suburban	1989+	Newer builds, affordable entry
Henderson Estates	Modern Prestige	1980s	#9 safest in Edmonton
Ogilvie Ridge	Luxury River Valley	1981+	#2 safest, ravine-side homes
Ramsay Heights	River View Prestige	Oldest	Panoramic views, mixed housing
Rhatigan Ridge	Established Prestige	1979+	#29 safest, river valley access

■ Each neighbourhood has its own Community League or is served by the Riverbend or Brookview Community League, providing year-round programs, sports facilities, skating rinks, and community events.

■ SCHOOLS & EDUCATION

Riverbend is widely recognized for having some of Edmonton's finest schools at every level. The area is served by **Edmonton Public Schools (EPSB)** and **Edmonton Catholic Schools**, offering French Immersion, English programming, and specialized programs.

School	Level	Board	Address / Notes
Earl Buxton School	Elementary (K–6)	EPSB	Beside Riverbend Community Hall – Rhatigan Road E
Brander Gardens Elementary	Elementary (K–6)	EPSB	Brander Gardens neighbourhood
Riverbend Junior High	Junior High (7–9)	EPSB	14820 53 Ave NW • 780-434-7914 Highly sought after — lottery process
Vernon Barford Junior High	Junior High (7–9)	EPSB	Top-rated • critical thinking focus
D.S. MacKenzie Junior High	Junior High (7–9)	EPSB	Southwest Edmonton
St. Mary Catholic School	Elementary/Jr High	ECSD	Serves Catholic families in Riverbend
Lillian Osborne High School	Senior High (10–12)	EPSB	SW Edmonton – arts & academic programs
Harry Ainlay High School	Senior High (10–12)	EPSB	Large comprehensive high school nearby

■ Riverbend Junior High is a top-performing school with strong academic, athletics, and fine arts programs. Due to extremely high demand, new resident students may be subject to a lottery process. Contact EPSB at 780-429-8000 or visit epsb.ca to confirm your attendance area.

■ PARKS, TRAILS & RECREATION

Riverbend's greatest natural asset is its unmatched access to Edmonton's river valley park system — the **North Saskatchewan River Valley Parks**, also known as the 'Ribbon of Green.' This is one of the largest stretches of urban parkland in North America.

River Valley Trail System

- Direct access from most neighbourhoods
- Kilometres of walking, cycling & jogging trails
- Year-round use including cross-country skiing

Terwillegar Park

- Off-leash dog area & open green space
- Accessible via neighbourhood walkways
- Family-favourite for picnics & sports

Snow Valley Ski Club

- Located near Whitemud Freeway & 119 St
- Downhill skiing & snowboarding
- Especially popular with Brookside residents

Rainbow Valley Park

- Wooded natural park with river access
- Trails through the ravine system
- Adjacent to Brookside neighbourhood

Whitemud Creek Ravine

- Natural ravine bordering Ogilvie Ridge
- Wildlife habitat & scenic walking
- Connects to greater ravine trail network

Neighbourhood Parks & Playgrounds

- Parks at the centre of each neighbourhood
- Sports fields, tennis courts, splash pads
- Tobogganing hills & skating rinks (winter)

Facility	Distance	Highlights
Terwillegar Community Recreation Centre	~5 min drive	Pool, fitness, skating, programs
West Edmonton Mall Ice Palace	~10 min drive	NHL-size rink, skating & entertainment
South Edmonton Common	~10 min drive	Shopping, dining, fitness centres
Fort Edmonton Park	~10 min drive	Historic park, seasonal events
Riverbend Community League Hall	In-community	Sports leagues, skating, events

■ COMMUNITY SAFETY

Riverbend consistently ranks among Edmonton's safest residential areas. A 3-year weighted crime analysis using Edmonton Police Service (EPS) data confirms the Riverbend cluster as one of the top safe zones in the city.

SAFETY METRIC	RIVERBEND AREA	EDMONTON AVERAGE
Ogilvie Ridge Crime Ranking	#2 Safest in Edmonton	City avg. CSI: 109.3
Bulyea Heights Ranking	Consistently Top 5	
Henderson Estates Ranking	#9 Safest	
Rhatigan Ridge Ranking	#29 Safest	
2024 City-Wide Crime Trend	-6% year-over-year	Lowest in nearly a decade
Violent Crime (Edmonton avg.)	Riverbend area: well below avg.	1 in 82 city-wide
Property Crime (Edmonton avg.)	Riverbend area: below avg.	1 in 20 city-wide

■ For the most current neighbourhood-level crime data, visit the Edmonton Police Service Crime Map at edmontonpolice.ca/CrimeFiles/NeighbourhoodCrimeMapping or call EPS non-emergency at 780-423-4567.

■ WASTE COLLECTION & RECYCLING

Riverbend residents are served by the **City of Edmonton's curbside waste collection program**. All collection uses a cart-based system at your curb or alley.

Waste Type	Container	Collection Frequency	Notes
Garbage	Black Cart (120L or 240L)	Every 2 weeks	Food wrappers, worn clothing, diapers
Recycling	Blue Cart	Weekly	Bottles, cans, paper, cardboard
Food Scraps	Green Cart	Weekly (spring–fall) Every 2 weeks (winter)	All food waste; paper/plastic liners OK
Yard Waste	Paper/clear plastic bags	Seasonal Mondays	Set out by 7:00 AM on collection day
Bulk/Hazardous	Eco Station drop-off	Year-round	Electronics, scrap metal, chemicals

Key Collection Tips:

- Set out all carts and bags by **7:00 AM** on your collection day
- Collection continues on statutory holidays except Christmas Day (Dec 25) & New Year's Day (Jan 1)
- Use the free **WasteWise App** (iOS & Android) for your personalized schedule and sorting tips
- Big Bin Events run throughout summer/fall — free drop-off for bulky items
- To find your specific collection day: visit edmonton.ca → Garbage & Recycling → Waste Collection Calendar
- Call **311** to report a missed collection or request a cart repair

■ TRANSPORTATION & COMMUTING

By Road

- Whitemud Drive (Hwy 14) — major east-west artery
- Terwillegar Drive — direct south access
- Anthony Henday Drive — ring road access
- Calgary Trail — north to downtown, south to airport
- 20–25 min drive to downtown Edmonton
- 15 min to Edmonton International Airport

Transit (ETS)

- Multiple ETS bus routes serve Riverbend
- Route connections to Century Park LRT Station
- Century Park Station offers park-and-ride
- LRT to downtown from Century Park: ~30 min

Active Transportation

- Extensive network of neighbourhood walking paths
- River valley trail system for cycling & jogging
- Many parks accessible without crossing major roads

Nearby Key Destinations

- Downtown Edmonton: ~20 km (25 min)
- University of Alberta: ~12 km (15 min)
- South Edmonton Common: ~8 km (10 min)
- West Edmonton Mall: ~15 km (15–20 min)
- Edmonton Intl. Airport: ~25 km (20 min)
- Calgary Trail corridor: 5 min drive

■ SHOPPING, DINING & SERVICES

Riverbend Square is the neighbourhood's main commercial hub, offering everyday essentials, dining options including **Oliveto Trattoria** for authentic Italian, coffee shops, and local pubs. Larger retail needs are met by nearby centres:

Centre / Area	Distance	What You'll Find
Riverbend Square	In-community	Groceries, restaurants, coffee, services
South Edmonton Common	~10 min	Big-box retail, restaurants, Cineplex, IKEA
Currents of Windermere	~8 min	Boutique shopping, restaurants, services
Southgate Centre (Mall)	~12 min	Enclosed mall, Nordstrom, dining, services
Calgary Trail Corridor	~5 min	Auto services, fast food, specialty stores
Terwillegar Town Centre	~7 min	Groceries, pharmacy, medical, banks
West Edmonton Mall	~15 min	Entertainment, shopping, hotels, aquapark

■ HEALTHCARE & MEDICAL SERVICES

Facility	Distance	Services
Grey Nuns Community Hospital	~8 min	Full emergency, maternity, surgery
University of Alberta Hospital	~15 min	Major trauma, research, specialist care
Misericordia Community Hospital	~15 min	Emergency, day surgery, ophthalmology
South Edmonton Common Medical	~10 min	Walk-in clinic, family medicine
Terwillegar Medical Clinic	~7 min	Family physicians, walk-in, lab
Multiple pharmacies	5–10 min	Shoppers, London Drugs, Safeway Pharmacy

■ COMMUNITY LIFE & LIFESTYLE

Community League

- Riverbend Community League (est. 1970)
- Brookview Community League (Bulyea Heights)
- Terwillegar-Riverbend Advisory Council (TRAC)
- Seasonal skating rinks in each neighbourhood
- Soccer fields, baseball diamonds, tennis courts
- Annual community festivals & family events
- Programs for all ages — youth to seniors

Faith & Worship

- Edmonton Alberta Temple (LDS) — in area
- Multiple Christian churches nearby
- Diverse faith communities within 10 min

Real Estate Overview

- Single-family homes: mid-\$400Ks to \$1M+
- Executive river-view homes: \$800K–\$1.5M+
- Townhouses & condos also available
- Average: ~\$259/sq ft (varies by sub-area)
- High owner-occupancy rate — stable community

Demographics & Feel

- Predominantly family-oriented households
- Mix of established professionals & young families
- Low resident mobility — strong roots
- Active, outdoor-focused lifestyle
- Highly engaged community associations
- Dog-friendly with off-leash areas nearby

■ KEY CONTACTS & RESOURCES

Service	Contact	Website / Notes
City of Edmonton (General)	311	edmonton.ca
Edmonton Police (Non-Emergency)	780-423-4567	edmontonpolice.ca
Edmonton Public Schools (EPSB)	780-429-8000	epsb.ca
Edmonton Catholic Schools (ECSD)	780-441-6000	ecsd.net
Riverbend Community League	riverbendonline.ca	Programs, skating, events
Brookview Community League	brookviewonline.ca	Bulyea Heights area
TRAC (Terwillegar-Riverbend Advisory)	yegtrac.ca	Crime stats, community info
Waste Collection / WasteWise App	311 or edmonton.ca	iOS & Android app available
Edmonton Transit (ETS)	780-496-1600	edmonton.ca/ets
Alberta Health Services	811 (Health Link)	albertahealthservices.ca
Edmonton Public Library	780-496-7000	epl.ca — 18 locations

Riverbend — Where Nature Meets Community

This guide has been prepared as a general community overview for prospective buyers. For the most current school boundaries, waste collection schedules, and community programs, please verify directly with the City of Edmonton (311) or the respective organizations listed above. All information is subject to change.