

# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

## FISH CREEK PROVINCIAL PARK

### Master Trails Strategy Implementation – Phase 1 (Central Corridor Pathway)

#### *Arborist Work – Tree Pruning and Removal*

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Where is the work occurring?

Work is occurring along the 19km length of the Central Corridor Pathway. This pathway is the primary route connecting all day-use areas throughout the park.

Please refer to the enclosed map for where you may encounter short-term delays along the pathway.

Will the pathway be closed?

No. The Central Corridor Pathway will remain open. However, please anticipate short-term delays to safely accommodate tree pruning and removal activities. Please abide by all signage and do not cross construction barriers.

Why are trees along the Central Corridor Pathway being removed/ pruned?

Trees are being pruned and removed along the Central Corridor Pathway to address public safety hazards and to prepare for pathway renovations in 2024.

How long will the arborist work occur in the park?

It is anticipated that arborist work will occur from February to April 2024.

What is an arborist?

An arborist is a skilled professional that specializes in tree care services, such as improving the health of trees and removing hazardous trees.

What measures are in place to minimize impacts to the environment?

A qualified ecologist has reviewed the planned arborist work. Actions such as wildlife sweeps will occur prior to work beginning, to ensure wildlife in the park and critical habitats are not impacted.

As well, this work will occur outside of the restricted activity period for migratory birds.

What is considered a hazardous tree or branch?

A hazardous tree may have a significant lean, an observed disease or be partially deceased. Hazardous branches have the potential to fall in the near future.

How many trees are estimated to be removed or prune?

The exact number of trees is dependent on site conditions. However, it is estimated that approximately 900 trees of varying sizes will be removed to facilitate trail development and 300 trees will be pruned to reduce identified hazards over the 19km length of trail.