



Media advisory

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Arbor Day, Winnipeg's Largest Trees Celebration, this Saturday

Annual public event offers tree climbing, ziplining, activities, expert advice, tree planting

Winnipeg, MB – Trees Winnipeg, the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Prairie Chapter, partners and sponsors are pleased to host the **16th annual Arbor Day celebration** on Saturday, June 1 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at St. Vital Park. **Arbor Day is a free, one-day event that takes Winnipeg's beloved urban canopy to new heights with the city's largest public event dedicated to trees.**

People of all ages can take "tree rides" such as climbing, ziplining through the canopy, and rising above the tree canopy in a bucket. Many of the region's best tree experts, including ISA-certified arborists, will be on hand to give free tree advice and offer career information. On-the-ground activities include children's crafts, wood-carving demonstrations, tree planting at 11:00 a.m., and honouring the winner of the 2019 Arbor Day poster contest, Grade 3 James Nesbitt Community School student Jaezelle.

In the spirit of Arbor Days celebrated around the world each spring, **Trees Winnipeg encourages all Winnipeggers to plant a tree over the weekend.** The organization recommends all newly planted trees be resilient species such as maple, linden, mountain ash and crab apple.

WHAT: Arbor Day

WHEN: Saturday, June 1 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: St. Vital Park [adjacent to the Duck Pond](#)

WHO: Open to the public

COST: Free admission

Trees Winnipeg is a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to protecting, preserving and educating the public on the urban forests and urban environments in Winnipeg and surrounding communities. We accomplish this by offering events and programs that raise public awareness about the role, value and benefits of the urban forest, by providing education and training opportunities to the arborist community and the public, and by collaborating with like-minded organizations and community groups. Trees Winnipeg, formerly known as The Coalition to Save the Elms, was founded in 1992 in response to the heightened threat to Winnipeg's extraordinary American elm tree population by Dutch elm disease.

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