SOUTHEAST EDMONTON

# Laurel



AI housing illustration, not an actual Laurel home, street or listing. Compare the entrance, yard and everyday spaces at each property you view.

## Make everyday room for Laurel.

Start with a park, add a library outing, then picture the home you would return to. Laurel offers a place to explore southeast Edmonton one ordinary day at a time: the route out the front door, the space for your belongings and the connections that make a neighbourhood feel like your own.

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Laurel, within the wider Meadows

# Get your bearings before choosing a front door.

**The City's neighbourhood profile places Laurel south of 23 Avenue, north of Anthony Henday Drive, east of 34 Street and west of 17 Street. That gives you a useful starting frame for a visit, while the Meadows name describes a broader area rather than Laurel alone.**

The neighbourhood's original structure plan was adopted in 2007. Its name follows the Meadows tradition of local trees and shrubs, in this case the laurel willow. The older City profile is a glimpse of the community's planning story; a present-day visit is the better way to understand the particular street and what surrounds a home now.

Choose two different starting points for your first look: a home closer to one of the perimeter roads and one on an interior street. Notice the route to a park, the way vehicles enter and leave, and how the entrance and outdoor space meet the street. That small comparison can reveal preferences you would miss by browsing photographs alone.

### The setting

Laurel sits in the Meadows area, between 23 Avenue, 34 Street, 17 Street and Anthony Henday Drive.

### The local distinction

Named neighbourhood parks, stormwater landscapes and a community league each play a different role; nearby Meadows amenities extend the picture.

### Start here

Explore an actual block, confirm the school and travel plan, and compare the full ownership arrangement - not just the floor plan.

Sources: 1

Parks and outdoor pauses

# Build a walk around places with their own names.

**Laurel's outdoor story is more interesting when you give the places names. Pick one of these stops, walk there from a prospective home and take the return route too. Look at the crossings, surfaces, shade and places to pause that you would actually use.**

The neighbourhood's ponds need a different description. The City identifies Laurel 1 east of 34 Street and south of 23 Avenue, and Laurel 2 at 32 Street and 16A Avenue, as stormwater facilities. They are drainage infrastructure, not recreation lakes: water-contact activities are prohibited. Enjoy permitted public routes and views while following posted access instructions.

### Mabuhay Park

At 2608 14 Avenue NW, this named Laurel park takes its name from a Filipino greeting. Add it to your route when exploring the southern part of the neighbourhood.

### Copihue Park

The City locates it off 21 Avenue in Laurel. Named in honour of the Chilean community, it is another distinct destination to find rather than simply searching for the nearest green patch.

### Laurel Park

The community league lists this park at 2005 24 Street NW. It is a separate place from the future school-park project at 32 Street and 18A Avenue.

Sources: 2, 3, 4

The community connection

# Look for a way to take part, not just a place to live.

**Laurel Community League is a practical starting point for local activities, membership and volunteering. Its website brings together events and programs, including community soccer, so you can see what interests you before deciding how involved you want to be.**

League membership is something to investigate directly, not a private clubhouse privilege to assume comes with every home. The league's bylaws set out resident membership and registration; confirm current fees, eligibility and program arrangements with the operator. Its plans for future community space are described as future plans, not an existing finished facility.

There is also a separate City school-park project at 32 Street and 18A Avenue. At the September 16, 2026 research check, the City listed it in planning and design, with park construction dependent on secured funding. That is useful context for a nearby home, but the proposed amenities should not be counted as things you can use today.

### Try one point of connection

Browse the current calendar or volunteer opportunities and choose something you would genuinely enjoy. Check the date and participation details instead of relying on a past event photograph.

Sources: 5, 6, 7, 8

A wider-area day out

# Put a library visit and recreation on the same map.



The Meadows recreation and library complex, outside Laurel, April 16, 2016. Archive photograph by Mack Male, CC BY-SA 2.0. Full-frame reproduction; original source preserved. Appearance and access may have changed.

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**The Meadows Community Recreation Centre and Meadows library branch are useful destinations to know when exploring Laurel. Both are north of the neighbourhood, in the wider Meadows area - not facilities inside every Laurel residential pocket.**

Sources: 9, 10

A wider-area day out

# Make the everyday details work for you.

The recreation centre is at 2704 17 Street, within Meadows District Park. Use its official page to check the activity you want, the relevant amenity schedule and entry arrangements. Building hours and an individual program's availability are not necessarily the same, so plan around the actual visit rather than a broad opening-hours claim.

EPL lists the Meadows branch at 2702 17 Street NW. Its events, study space and everyday library services offer another reason to try the journey from a shortlisted home. A book pickup paired with an errand or an activity can be a more revealing location test than a standalone drive past the building.

### Plan the whole outing

Choose a real destination and time, check its current operator information, and see how the route fits around groceries, work or another regular commitment. Include the trip home.

Sources: 9, 10

Your routes, in both directions

# Give the everyday journeys a real trial run.




Meadows Transit Centre, outside Laurel, August 18, 2020. Archive photograph by Vanstrat, CC BY-SA 4.0. Full-frame reproduction; original source preserved. Check current routes, stops and service separately.

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**Laurel's perimeter roads help you understand the map, but they do not provide one commute time for the whole neighbourhood. Start at the particular home and include the local streets, crossings and destination parking or final walk that shape the complete trip.**

Sources: 11, 12

Your routes, in both directions

# Test the journeys you will repeat.

For transit, enter your actual date, time and destination in ETS Trip Tools. Service details can change: the City's August 30, 2026 update moved the On Demand stops at 17 Street and 19 Avenue in Laurel to conventional transit. It is a good reason to check current stop information rather than relying on an older neighbourhood description.

Compare the return trip as carefully as the outbound journey, especially for an evening activity or weekend shift. For walking or cycling, try the route's crossings and connections and think about where equipment will be stored when you get home. A useful location is one that supports the trips you repeat.

### Keep a simple travel note

Record the starting address, destination, time, travel method and the part that varies. That gives you a fair comparison between homes instead of a single best-case estimate.

Sources: 11, 12

The home and ownership comparison

# Choose useful space, not just more space.



AI interior illustration, not a listing or an actual Laurel home. Verify room sizes, light, layout, condition and backyard access at the property.

**Let the search start with what you want your next home to do well. Room for a table, a comfortable work spot, practical storage or a manageable yard can be more useful criteria than a housing label or a single square-footage number.**

When comparing detached, attached or condominium options that are available, establish the actual ownership arrangement and what it includes. The exterior does not settle who maintains a feature, whether a fee applies or what rules affect your plans. Compare the same set of costs and responsibilities for each property.

With a newer home or a resale property, look past the finishes to condition and completion. Confirm appliances and other included items, outdoor work, possession arrangements and the questions that need professional review. A neat presentation does not explain the full history or future maintenance needs.

### The daily entrance

Try arriving with groceries, bags or outdoor equipment. Check how easily you reach the kitchen and where everything goes.

### The outdoor commitment

Compare the space you want to enjoy with the upkeep you are willing to take on. Look at access, privacy and any unfinished work.

### The ownership details

Identify parking, storage, shared elements, charges and documents for the particular property. Keep unresolved questions on the shortlist.

The address matters

# Make the school plan an early conversation.

**Svend Hansen School, at 2130 16 Avenue NW, is an important local name to research. Its September 16, 2026 website check showed planned regular-program classes full for 2026-27, with different overflow arrangements for eligible new resident-area students in Laurel East and Laurel West.**

Do not turn that notice into an assignment for a property you have not checked. Use Edmonton Public Schools' address tool for the intended year, grade and program, then confirm directly with the school. A nearby building, a sibling connection or an older neighbourhood guide is not a substitute for an answer about the actual application.

For Catholic-school research, use Edmonton Catholic Schools' directory and Map Finder Tool. Ask about the operating school and current admission arrangements, keeping any future school project separate. Transportation, childcare and before- or after-school care each need their own check so the entire day fits.

### Bring these details

Property address, school year, grade, desired program and likely moving date. Record who confirmed the answer and which questions remain.

### Plan beyond the bell

Work through the morning departure and afternoon return, including care and transport. That turns a school name into a usable daily plan.

Sources: 13, 14, 15

Your Laurel field notes

# Use a viewing to rehearse a normal day.

**A home can photograph beautifully and still leave everyday questions unanswered. Take a few measurements, walk the route you would use most and write down the details you want explained while they are fresh.**

Picture the first hour after arriving home. Where do shoes and coats go? Can two people use the entrance comfortably? Is there room for the furniture, hobby equipment or mobility aid you already own? These small tests help distinguish attractive finishes from a layout that will genuinely work for you.

Then step outside. Follow a short route toward the park or stop you would use, and look at the immediate surroundings. If a future development is part of the property's appeal, record it as a question to investigate rather than mentally adding it to the finished home.

- [ ] Measure the everyday furniture and storage spaces that matter.
- [ ] Confirm parking dimensions, access and visitor arrangements.
- [ ] List included items, unfinished work and maintenance questions.
- [ ] Identify any shared obligations or property-specific rules.
- [ ] Check the real walking route, not just straight-line distance.
- [ ] Keep inspection, document and financing questions for the right professionals.

Your next useful step

# Turn the places you like into a clearer home brief.

**After your Laurel visit, tell Michael which parts of the day felt promising: the home layout, an outdoor stop, the trip to an activity or a street you would like to explore further. Specific observations make the next search more useful.**

Start with three essentials and a short list of preferences. Add the ownership responsibilities you are comfortable taking on, your timing and the destinations that shape the week. Identify anything that needs an early answer, particularly school arrangements or an important travel requirement.

Michael can help translate those priorities into a property shortlist and organize the real-estate questions for each option. You do not need to decide whether an entire neighbourhood is perfect before taking that step. You need enough clarity to compare the actual homes fairly.

Keep the same brief when exploring another area. A consistent comparison helps the decision stay about the move you want to make, rather than the strongest headline or the prettiest room.

## Bring your shortlist. We can build the next step.

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# The useful questions

## 01 Is Laurel the same as The Meadows?

No. Laurel is a specific neighbourhood within the broader Meadows area. Check the street address when reading an amenity or property description; something useful in the wider area is not necessarily inside Laurel.

## 02 Are Laurel's ponds recreational lakes?

The City identifies the named Laurel facilities as stormwater infrastructure. Water-contact activities are prohibited. Use permitted public routes, follow posted access guidance and treat the ponds as part of the landscape, not places for swimming or boating.

## 03 Is the new park at 32 Street and 18A Avenue open?

It should not be represented as a completed amenity. At the September 16, 2026 check, the City listed the school-park project in planning and design, with construction dependent on funding. Check the current project page for changes.

## 04 Can I count on attending Svend Hansen School?

Confirm the specific address, year, grade and program directly. The school's 2026-27 notice describes full planned regular classes and overflow arrangements; living nearby alone does not settle placement. Ask about transport and care separately.

## 05 Where are the Meadows library and recreation centre?

They are nearby wider-area destinations north of Laurel: EPL lists the library at 2702 17 Street NW, while the recreation centre is at 2704 17 Street. Check each operator's current schedules and plan the actual journey from the home.

# Keep the useful sources close

Research checked September 16, 2026. School capacity, programs, transit and facility access can change. Confirm current information for the exact address and intended date.


**01** City of Edmonton: Laurel neighbourhood profile

**02** City of Edmonton: Naming Committee park announcements

**03** Laurel Community League: local parks

**04** City of Edmonton: stormwater management facilities

**05** Laurel Community League: activities and membership

**06** Laurel Community League: bylaws and membership

**07** Laurel Community League: future community space

**08** City of Edmonton: Laurel school-park project

**09** City of Edmonton: The Meadows Community Recreation Centre

**10** Edmonton Public Library: Meadows branch

**11** Edmonton Transit Service: Trip Tools

**12** Edmonton Transit Service: On Demand service updates

**13** Svend Hansen School: current registration notices

**14** Edmonton Public Schools: Find a School

**15** Edmonton Catholic Schools: school directory