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Willow Creek is for those who appreciate the finer things in life.
Nature's artistry and a human touch converge to create an unparalleled experience.
Willow Creek is your canvas, a place for your heart and your home.

Simply, the best.





'The world is but a canvas to the imagination.'
~ Henry David Thoreau



mother nature's story the art of vision

When we first explored the rolling, water-touched landscape, each step whispered to a vision of creating a way to share its natural magnificence with those who would appreciate the wondrous setting we saw in our minds eye.

While listening to the landscape we found clarity: here, mother nature will remain the inspiration, we the architects. Together we would design an environment where nature and community will be comfortably woven together.

By listening to the land and striving to perfect her creation, our team's vision evolved, becoming clearer and defined. We acted on the message we received. We would capture water from the surrounding lands and restore wetlands that would become the central feature. Willows would be introduced and trickling creeks would complete the waterscapes. Trails would allow for continued contact with nature and additional vegetation would frame the picture.

The message of the land and a knowledge of the finer aesthetic components that create an exquisite Alberta 'true estate' community are the cornerstones. Willow Creek is a rare synergy of the best of nature and the best man can create. It is a place where visions can become realities on a landscape that allows dream makers to live, share and grow.

At Willow Creek you will sense what mother nature has offered and what we have tailored for you. Each home, built upon the aspirations of its owners, will be a prairie oasis – a gateway to an unparalleled way of life. To live here is to open yourself to the magnificent vistas of the Rockies, on-site waterscapes and visiting wildlife. It is a place to open your mind to the potential of the home you desire.

Willow Creek is a refined community where vision and a comprehensive master plan allow you the freedom to create an outstanding space where mother nature is the common factor of shared objectives, passions and ideals. The result will be a masterpiece of planning and design: a residential sanctuary and natural getaway that together form a perfect human habitat amid the Alberta country landscape.

The community of Willow Creek will come alive with the spirit of its people and surroundings. It will offer a sense of place all its own where the architecture, character and setting combine to create a more intimate, more refined community than you have ever experienced.

To preserve your connection with the land and provide the sense of space and awe we first experienced, each lot offers you two acres of simply the best land to dream upon.

welcome home



from the past memoirs

The Bearspaw Story

These lands have a history.

Before settlers arrived, a gentle people were the caretakers of the lands in the Rocky Mountain's rolling eastern hills. It was their way to share wisdom, respect and an appreciation for nature throughout the land. The protector and leader of these people, known as the Stoney Nations, was Chief Masgwaahsid. His intuitive sensibility guided him to do everything in his power to protect his people and their land – he understood the inherent value and beauty of this land and the life it provided.

On September 22, 1877 Chief Masgwaahsid gathered his fellow leaders and sat with representatives of the British Crown at Blackfoot Crossing to sign Treaty No. 7 as friendly recognition of the Stoney Nations' treasured lands and way of life.

Years later in June 1909, a station for the Canadian Pacific Railway was established on the same eastern hills where Chief Masgwaahsid lead his tribe. The railway named their station and the surrounding lands after the Chief to honour his commitment to the land, his people and his peaceful approach. Literally translated from Cree, Masgwaahsid is '*Bears Paw*'.

Immigrants and homesteaders were the first to settle the area and sculpt the landscape. As Calgary grew, so did the natural attraction to these special rolling hills and wetlands. Bearspaw is now home not only to the descendants of the original homesteaders but also to some of the finest prairie estate living available.

Bearspaw is the place for you to make your mark, create your dream home and become part of its history and evolving character.



*Chief Masgwaahsöd, Bears Paw, 1926
Painting by James Henderson*





'The very substance of the ambitious is merely the shadow of a dream.'
~ William Shakespeare

the best place to simply... dream

Live your dream.

Work, stay or play - Willow Creek is at the heart of it all.

As the city skyline fades in your rearview mirror, the rolling hills and Rockies welcome you home. Breathe. A calm, tranquility welcomes you as magnificent mountain vistas stir your senses and whispering willows and sparkling waters soothe your spirit. Your eyes gently open to wondrous possibilities.

Running and walking paths meander through the riparian zones and wetlands connecting each of the ponds and community areas. A crisp, natural-fed stream carves a babbling ribbon through the community, resting for a few moments in extensive wetlands before continuing its journey south. Willow stands and groves at the banks of the stream frame the community waterways attracting birds and other wildlife to the natural nourishing habitat. This is your home.

Everything you desire is at your fingertips. The airport is less than half an hour away, anticipating your next departure abroad.

Mountain peaks and playgrounds are merely an hour west beckoning for you to explore them. Closer to home you are only moments from making your tee-time. When the desire arises to stroll about your community, a 3,700 acre provincial park awaits to entertain you. Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park, which follows next to the river from Calgary to Cochrane, will provide you with an intimate opportunity to experience the wide open spaces of Alberta's rich ranching history and culture.

After soaking up the boundless beauty of your surroundings, you casually retreat home to the place where nature's story and your dreams coalesce. It is time to relax as wide blue skies transition into an evening panorama of brilliant stars and silence fills the air - a perfect canvas for your every thought and reverie.

Simply the best ~ of all worlds.

Nestled in majestic and exclusive Bearspaw, Willow Creek is minutes from the city limits and miles away from ordinary.



the best place to simply... create

*Homes are an expression of who you are.
Willow Creek provides the canvas, your imagination creates the art.*

Willow Creek exhibits prominence within Calgary and offers a rich description of how the community will be experienced by those fortunate to call it home. Each custom designed estate will be built with the finest materials and upheld to the highest architectural guidelines to ensure each residence is as glorious as the next. In this way, you will be proud not only of the realization of your own dream, but of your neighbours' as well.

A blend of unique design and exterior finishes, rooted in a sense of cohesion and community, will allow Willow Creek to offer an idyllic prairie lifestyle for those looking for both the quiet serenity of the country as well as city convenience.

Guidelines are in place to elevate your concept and inspire what can be achieved while balancing design and the environment surrounding it. Each estate at Willow Creek will be enveloped with breathtaking scenery and abounding views.

By working with award-winning custom builders you are guaranteed the highest quality and craftsmanship possible. Each home will be an expression of Alberta's bold prairie landscape and will set the standard for country residential living.

30 acres of community parklands, creeks, ponds and pathways equate to a rare estate setting. The carefully planned and constructed common areas are designed to attract and support varied wildlife, making sure the ducks and deer feel as much at home at Willow Creek as you do. With two acres of heritage and beauty to call your own, what you design is only a dream away.



Interior - McKinley Masters Custom Homes
Exterior - Laratta Homes





*Where memories are made, experiences cherished,
and traditions passed through generations.*



the best place to simply... enjoy

This is the place to reap the rewards of your efforts and enjoy what you are most proud of.

Willow Creek allows you to escape the confines and congestion of the city and settle on two acres of refreshing magnificence. Room to breathe, laugh and grow. Room for your toys and your kids' toys too.

There are many simple treasures to enjoy – quiet time working on the classic car, practicing scales on the piano, a peaceful outdoor trek by the water, ballet in your home studio, or a simple cup of java as you sit on your terrace absorbing the magnificent Rockies.

Here there is room, privacy and opportunity that is seldom found. At Willow Creek you customize your home to fit your lifestyle. With so much space, one can easily accommodate a 3 car (or 7 car) garage and guest retreat slightly removed from the main residence. Feel free to build your own putting green with fairway left over to work your short game. Relish your time teaching the kids how to skate on the outdoor ponds, or watch the big game in the comfort of your own home theatre.

Success is satisfying, and when it comes down to it, it is about family. Willow Creek is where you can celebrate your accomplishments, share your time and pass experiences and passions on to the next generation. The community will also assist you in this pursuit as young minds and bodies grow their talents at the Bearspaw School where elementary education and support from the neighbourhood is unparalleled.

This is your place. This is your time to enjoy.



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