

> CALGARY 1988 VENUES



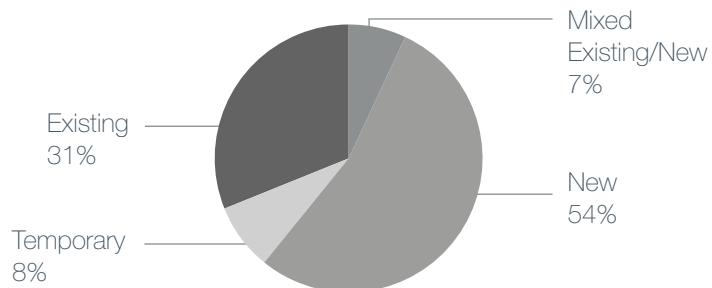
OVERVIEW

Ten competition venues were used for the Olympic Winter Games Calgary 1988. Eight of them are still in use today, benefitting the local population and high-performance athletes alike.

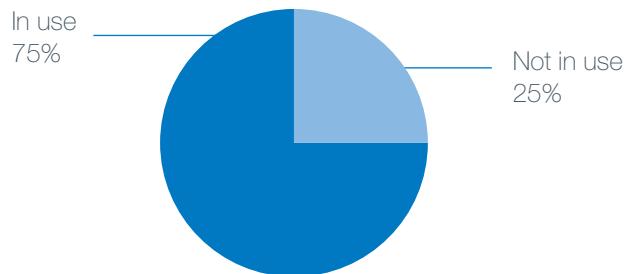
Three of the competition venues were existing sites. The rest were built for the Games and have helped make Calgary a thriving hub of recreational and elite sport.

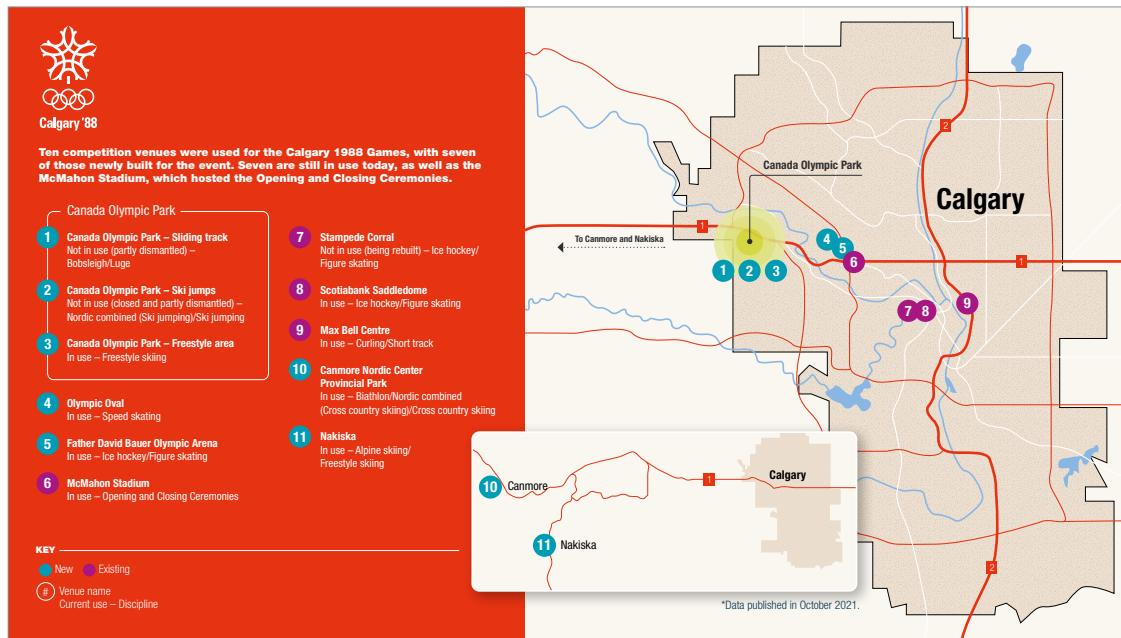
An existing venue, McMahon Stadium, staged the Opening and Closing Ceremonies and is currently used as a Canadian football venue. Made up of existing and newly built buildings, the Calgary Olympic Village provides student accommodation, as planned. The Canmore Olympic Village was built for the Games, with temporary facilities for accommodation, in addition to permanent training facilities which are still in use as a sports community centre.

VENUE CLASSIFICATION



CURRENT USE (PERMANENT VENUES)





CALGARY 1988 VENUES AT A GLANCE

Venue name at Games time	Venue classification at Games time	Use at Games time	Current Status
Max Bell Arena	Existing	Curling, short track speed skating	In use
Stampede Corral	Existing	Ice hockey, figure skating	Not in use, currently under reconstruction
McMahon Stadium	Existing	Opening and Closing Ceremonies	In use
Olympic Saddledome	Existing	Ice hockey, figure skating	In use
Calgary Olympic Village	Mixed new build/Existing	Athlete accommodation	In use
Olympic Oval	New build	Speed skating	In use

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Canada Olympic Park - Freestyle Area	New build	Freestyle skiing	In use
Canada Olympic Park - Ski Jumps	New build	Nordic combined, ski jumping, freestyle skiing	Not in use, partly dismantled
Canada Olympic Park - Bobsleigh and Luge track	New build	Bobsleigh, luge	Not in use
Father David Bauer Olympic Arena	New build	Ice hockey, figure skating	In use
Venues outside Calgary			
Nakiska Ski Area	New build	Alpine skiing, freestyle skiing	In use
Canmore Nordic Centre	New build	Biathlon, Nordic combined, cross-country skiing	In use
Canmore Olympic Village	Temporary	Athlete accommodation	Dismantled (temporary)

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VENUES IN USE

CANADA OLYMPIC PARK - FREESTYLE AREA

The site remains operational and is used for recreational skiing and as a venue for major events. The most recent of these were the moguls, slopestyle and halfpipe competitions in the 2019/20 FIS Freestyle Ski World Cup.

FATHER DAVID BAUER OLYMPIC ARENA

Located in the same complex as McMahon Stadium, the arena is the home of the Calgary Dinos university ice hockey team, and was just one of several of the city's sports facilities to be upgraded as part of the Olympic Capital Improvement Programme.

MAX BELL ARENA

The home of Hockey Calgary, two junior league teams and Calgary Fire Elite's female hockey teams, the venue has two ice rinks: the Ken Bracko Arena and the Max Bell #2.

CALGARY OLYMPIC OVAL

More than 20,000 people use the Calgary Olympic Oval every year for skating, while over 1,000 athletes from 22 countries trained there in the 2018-19 season.

The Oval staged an event on the 2019/20 ISU Speed Skating World Cup circuit, and has hosted both the World Allround Championships and World Sprint Championships five times, most recently in 2019 and 2017 respectively.

It is used by the university's sports teams and the Calgary X-Tremes, the city's women's ice hockey team. The Oval is also Speed Skating Canada's official training centre and the home of the country's Elite Athlete Pathway, a blueprint for the development of young speed skaters.

For the two months of the year when it is not staging ice events, the Oval is a multi-purpose venue that plays host to car shows, science fairs, the Canadian judo and taekwondo championships, and volleyball, gymnastics, floor hockey, running and billiards events.

OLYMPIC SADDLEDOME

Calgary's main indoor arena, the Saddledome is the home stadium of the Calgary Flames, which plays in the NHL; the Calgary Hitmen, a junior ice hockey team; and professional lacrosse team the Calgary Roughnecks. It also stages concerts, shows and events. Damaged by serious flooding in 2013, the stadium was quickly repaired. The Saddledome owes its name to the fact that its roof is the shape of a horse's saddle.

MCMAHON STADIUM

Built in 1960 and the venue for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, it is the home stadium of the Calgary Stampeders and the Calgary Dinos, respectively the city's and the university's Canadian football teams.

CALGARY OLYMPIC VILLAGE

Comprising 226 apartments, two new halls of residence were built on the campus of the University of Calgary to house athletes and team officials. The apartments were added to the university's existing housing stock after the Games for use by its students.

The use of existing and new university campus accommodation as the Olympic Village at Calgary 1988 was a success and provided a model for subsequent Games hosts to follow, including Atlanta 1996 and Salt Lake City 2002.

CANMORE NORDIC CENTRE

This year-round training facility has a paved rollerski loop for summer wheeled skating, biathlon competition trails, and a shooting range with 31 lanes. The Centre is used by both elite and recreational biathletes, and regularly hosts IBU Biathlon World Cup events.

NAKISKA SKI AREA

Now a busy mountain resort and the closest one to Calgary, its facilities include more than 25 slopes, six lifts, restaurants, hotels, shops and a snow sports school.

VENUES NOT IN USE

CANADA OLYMPIC PARK - SKI JUMPS

The park's ski jumps were used by a local ski club and were the main training hub for Canada's ski jumpers for 30 years. In 2019, the three higher jumps were closed due to high operational and maintenance costs. The 90-metre ski jump tower is still standing and is now the start point for North America's fastest zipline, used by over 2,500 people in 2019. The remaining jumps will be dismantled and the area repurposed for other sports.

CANADA OLYMPIC PARK – BOBSLEIGH AND LUGE TRACK

The track has hosted the IBSF World Championships on four occasions since the Games, and the FIL World Luge Championships three times. As Canada's national sliding team base, it has undergone renovation work to meet evolving safety, performance and sustainability standards over the years. The track was closed in 2019 due to a lack of funding for its renovation, and was partly dismantled. The remaining part is currently used only for recreational summer bobsleigh.

STAMPEDE CORRAL

Another of Calgary's ice hockey arenas and a frequent venue for Canada's Davis Cup team, the Corral also hosted rodeos, figure skating, circuses, royal visits, religious events, wrestling nights and trade shows during its 70-year existence. Major acts such as Fleetwood Mac, Snoop Dogg and Rihanna also played the venue, which was demolished in late 2020 to make way for new facilities for sport, culture and business.

TEMPORARY VENUES

CANMORE OLYMPIC VILLAGE

Temporary accommodation and services (e.g. a kitchen and offices) were provided for 578 people at a second Olympic Village in the town of Canmore. In order to leave a legacy to the town, a new ice rink, a new swimming pool and a new clubhouse were built as well as the accommodation. These facilities are still in use by the local community.

> DID YOU KNOW?

The Olympic Oval quickly became known among speed skaters as having "the fastest ice in the world". Six of the ten distance world records were broken here at Calgary 1988, and over 300 world long- and short-track speed skating records have been set at the venue since then.

At the last three Olympic Winter Games (Vancouver 2010, Sochi 2014 and PyeongChang 2018), some 61 of Canada's 80 medals were won by athletes who had trained or competed at Calgary's snow and ice sports venues, including those used for the 1988 Olympic Winter Games.

Canada Olympic Park, the site of three of the Calgary 1988 venues, welcomes more than 1.2 million visitors annually.

The Lincoln Park Media Village housed the international print media, technical support personnel and other members of the Olympic family. Its 500 units were pre-sold to two local mortgage and housing corporations, and were made available to buyers on the open market after the Games.