

Forest Play - Design Concept

ZONED PLAY AREAS

- Zone One: Canoes and Caves
Toddlers
- Zone Two: Chickasaw Mountain
4-12 Years
- Zone Three: Ropes Challenge
12 and Up



- Natural Wood Chip Play Area Surface
- Shade Structure
- Outdoor Seating And Canopy
- Accessible Ramp
- Slides In Natural Landscape Island

- Tall Rock Stack With Rubberized Surface
- Ropes Course / Climbing Venue
- Council Ring – Seating and River Overlook
- Dry Creek Play Area
- Bridge and Overlook
- Stairs
- Drainage Outfall;
- Elevated Walk
- Play Canoes
- Wood Arch Gateway
- Low Log Climbers
- Deck Over Dry Creek Bed
- Rock Caves and Log Climbers
- Parent Seating Area
- Tactile and Aromatic Planting Zones (TYP)



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Log Climbers and Steps



Create Elevation Change for Slides



Develop Simple Framed Structures



Incorporate Native Landscaping



Low Rope Ladders



Deadfall Climbers



Stump Steps



Dugout Canoes



Dry Stream Play



Tactile and Aromatic Garden / Seating Zones



Rope Bridges



Rope Challenge Course



Entrance Gate

DESIGN CONCEPT:

The Nature Play Area at Chickasaw Park is an opportunity to provide a large interpretive playground within an existing wooded area perched along a ridge overlooking the Ohio River. The concept for the Nature Play Area divides the area into three distinct zones each focused on different age groups and different play activities. Zone One near the Main Entrance features low level mobility play in the form of low log jams and deadfall, low stump climbers, small cave like enclosures and a parent seating area for close observation. Zone Two features an elevated mound with natural rock outcrops and lush native landscaping, rope ladders, long slides, and rope climbers to ascend the hillside. This area also features an elevated rope and timber bridge which leads to a river overlook and a wooden ramp to the upper level for accessibility. Zone Three is dedicated to older kids and features climbing challenges, low climbing walls, a large Teepee Style enclosed structure and more advanced rope skills area. Other features include a paved surface surrounding the play area for mobility and accessibility to all areas. Included along the paved loop are deck and seating areas and aromatic and tactile plant zones. For drainage of the playground area, a dry stream meanders through the playground and offers an opportunity for sand and gravel zones. Stepstone bridges, wooden decks cross the dry stream in several locations. Where possible existing trees should remain in place and the features work around the natural vegetation.



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