

Anchorage Park Foundation 2011

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Bob and Arlene Cross Park

11600 Birch Road

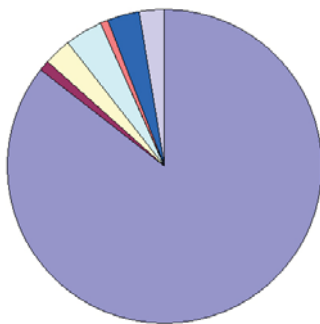
Park History

In 1955 this property was deeded to Hilltop Youth by Bob and Arlene Cross to be used for recreation by the Hillside Community. The Hilltop Youth organization was incorporated to manage the property at this time. The park was developed by the community with three Quonset huts that became the social center for the Huffman, Birch & O'Malley Road areas. In 1995 the land was donated by Hilltop Youth to the Municipality of Anchorage. The neighborhood held a large work party to make the park a usable space again.

Neighborhood Statistics*

Population: 9,917
 Percent of Population under age 19: 35.2%
 Rate of referrals to Dept. of Juvenile Justice: Med.

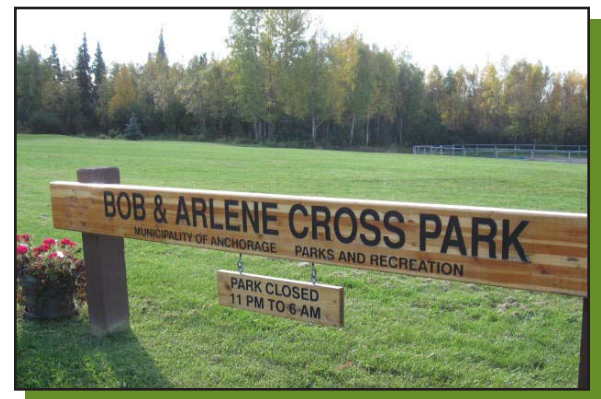
Ethnic Composition:



*2010 Census Data

Park Facilities & Equipment

- Accessible play equipment for 2-5 year olds
- Picnic table and benches
- Multi-use field and trail
- Play court with basketball hoops
- Horse-riding ring
- Parking lot with 6 spaces



COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES:

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Park Profile



REPORT CARD ON PARKS: Bob & Arlene Cross Park 2011

Report Card Background

The Anchorage Parks Report Card utilized community volunteers to create a comprehensive picture of the condition of our parks, reflecting the Anchorage community's opinions, preferences and ideas. Anchorage citizens along with Anchorage Parks and Recreation staff evaluated 38 parks based on 6 different settings. Parks were surveyed based on cleanliness, safety, structure, appearance, and function. Anchorage Parks and Recreation staff will use this information to strategically employ its funding and volunteer resources to better meet the needs of the Anchorage community.

OVERALL GRADE	C
Active Recreation Areas	63
Green Spaces	78
Park Entry	74
Passive Recreation Areas	65
Pathways	N/A
Playgrounds	70

Scores were calculated on a 100 point scale

Bob and Arlene Cross Park Findings

Fix It List

- Fix the eastern-most basketball hoop
- Remove grass growing in the southwest side of court
- Mow grass on west side of horse area
- Install markers on trail in woods
- Create better trail access from park
- Install bollards in front by parking lot
- Remove graffiti from playhouse
- Add engineered wood fiber to swing area



Neighbors request better maintenance and repair of the basketball court



Graffiti needs to be removed from the play equipment

For a complete directory of Report Card results for neighborhood parks, go to www.AnchorageParkFoundation.org/projects/reportcard.htm

The Anchorage Park Foundation developed the Anchorage Parks Report Card in partnership with the Eppley Institute for Parks and Public Lands at Indiana University, and community volunteers, thanks to a generous grant from the Rasmuson Foundation. The APF has raised over \$18 million dollars since 2004 to improve public parks, trail and recreation areas. To make a contribution or volunteer, please visit us at: