



Elderberry Park

1297 W. 5th Avenue

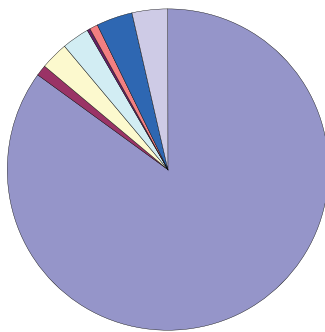
Park History

The property was acquired as a patent from the United States Government for a park in 1917. The park is located in Block 35 of the original Anchorage town site. In 1976, the Oscar Anderson house was donated to the city by Mrs. Anderson and moved to this site in order to preserve it. It is now a museum with tours available during the summer. The park has access to the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail and a view of the train tracks and the Cook Inlet.

Neighborhood Statistics*

Population: 3,718
 Percent of Population under age 18: 12.2%

Ethnic Composition:

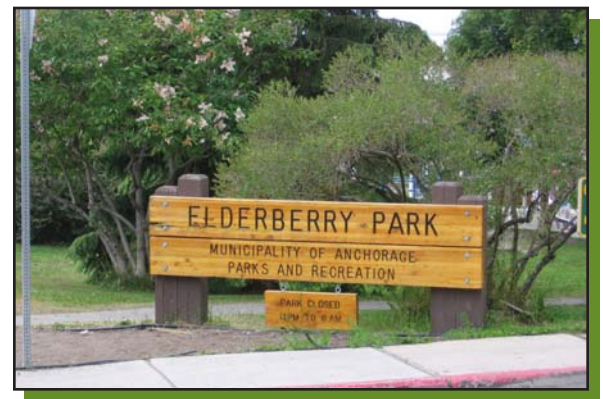
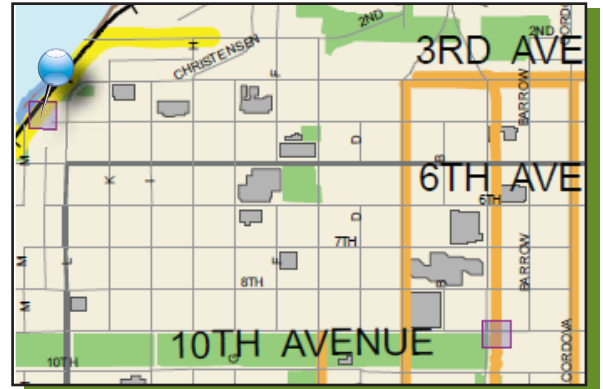


- % White
- % African-American/Black
- % Alaska Native/American
- % Asian
- % Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- % Other Race
- % Multiple Race
- % Hispanic

*2010 Census Data

Park Facilities & Equipment

- Oscar Anderson House Museum
- Play equipment for 2-5 year olds
- Play equipment for 5-12 year olds
- Benches throughout the park
- Restroom available from May to September
- Parking lot with 10 spaces



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REPORT CARD ON PARKS: Elderberry 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	D
Active Recreation Areas	N/A
Green Spaces	85
Park Entry	57
Passive Recreation Areas	72
Pathways	34
Playgrounds	61

Scores were calculated on a 100 point scale

Elderberry Park Findings

Community members reported an overwhelming concern about the pathways at Elderberry Park. Old asphalt, with larger cracks and frost heaves are potential hazards for bikers and roller bladers to enter park, and definitely not handicapped accessible. It was reported that there is some graffiti on the cement wall of the coastal trail, as well as benches and picnic tables. Overall, view is great but port-a-potty, graffiti, and cracks make the park appear old and ugly.

Fix It List

- Fix bike "on-ramp" off of 5th ave; currently too narrow with large cracks in pathways making bike entrance into park a hazard
- Install port-a-potty enclosure to make more attractive
- Repair asphalt on pathways
- Remove graffiti on tables, benches, and whale (tot lot)
- Add grills and picnic tables
- Add informational signs regarding park uses and hours
- Remove weeds
- Trash overflowing onto ground - need more trash cans



Pathways badly cracked and unsafe for bikers especially



Graffiti on benches. Need to be re-painted or upgraded

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: