



## Little Dipper Park

8551 Little Dipper Avenue

### Park History

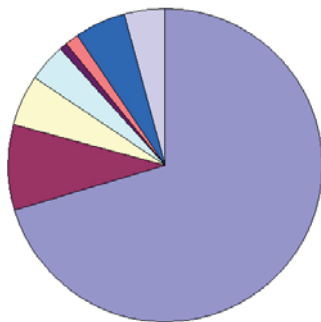
This park was purchased in 1979 to add more parkland to the community. It is named for the street where it is located.



### Neighborhood Statistics\*

Population: 9,153  
 Percent of Population under age 19: 33.0%  
 Rate of referrals to Dept. of Juvenile Justice: Low

Ethnic Composition:



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

\*2010 Census Data

### Park Facilities & Equipment

- Accessible play equipment for 2-5 year olds
- Accessible play equipment for 5-12 year olds
- Picnic area, including wheelchair-accessible picnic table
- On-street parking



### COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES:

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# REPORT CARD ON PARKS: Little Dipper 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	B
Active Recreation Areas	73
Green Spaces	77
Park Entry	94
Passive Recreation Areas	88
Pathways	100
Playgrounds	94

Scores were calculated on a 100 point scale

## Little Dipper Park Findings

Little Dipper Park was graded an F in 2008. Results for the 2011 report card show substantial improvement. This summer volunteers replaced damaged parts on play equipment, relocated a dangerous pathway, replaced sand fall-surfacing with engineered wood fiber, and installed new entrance sign, kiosk, picnic table, and trash cans. Community members are pleased but report continued illegal activities by stream.

## Fix It List

- Install dog station with bags
- Signage and/or formal access to trails/pathways
- The sliding handrail on the playground is not gliding very well
- Another season of grass growth



Damaged parts on the play equipment were replaced in Summer 2011



Community members pleased with the new engineered wood fiber surface

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