

Anchorage Park Foundation 2011

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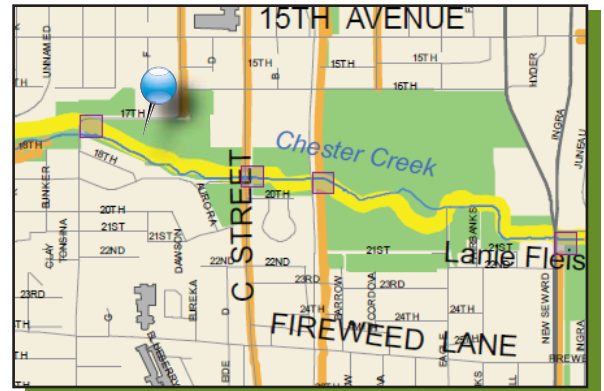


Valley of the Moon Park

610 W. 17th Ave

Park History

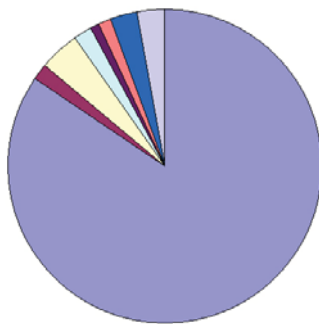
The Municipality of Anchorage purchased the first section of this parkland in 1955, and an additional portion was purchased from Grace Gay in 1960. The park was named Valley of the Moon after the Indian name for Sonoma Valley in California, where Jack London lived in later years. This park is known in the Anchorage community for the rocketship play equipment, which was originally installed in the 1960s and replaced in 1998.



Neighborhood Statistics*

Population: 4,521
 Percent of Population under age 19: 15.2%
 Rate of referrals to Dept. of Juvenile Justice: Med.

Ethnic Composition:



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

*2010 Census Data

Park Facilities & Equipment

- Open playfield
- Accessible play equipment for 2-5 year olds
- Accessible play equipment for 5-12 year olds
- Little League ball field
- Access to Chester Creek Trail
- Covered Shelter
- Picnic tables and benches
- Portable restrooms available from May through August
- Parking lot with 41 spaces



COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES:

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Park Profile



REPORT CARD ON PARKS: Valley of the Moon 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	60
Green Spaces	65
Park Entry	71
Passive Recreation Areas	76
Pathways	N/A
Playgrounds	97

Scores were calculated on a 100 point scale

Valley of the Moon Park Findings

Community members from across Anchorage use this park to have picnics and bring their kids to play on the destination rocket playground. Volunteers reported that the new play equipment is great, especially the swings. They would like to see signs slowing traffic around the bend to 25 mph or extending the fence between the playground and road for safety concerns.

Fix It List

- Sign slowing road around bend to 25 mph
- Extend fence between playground and road
- Put porta-potties behind the new porta-potty shelter



The port potties are at the north entrance to the park, and lack charm.



Some holes with standing water in the field

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: