

Anchorage Park Foundation 2008

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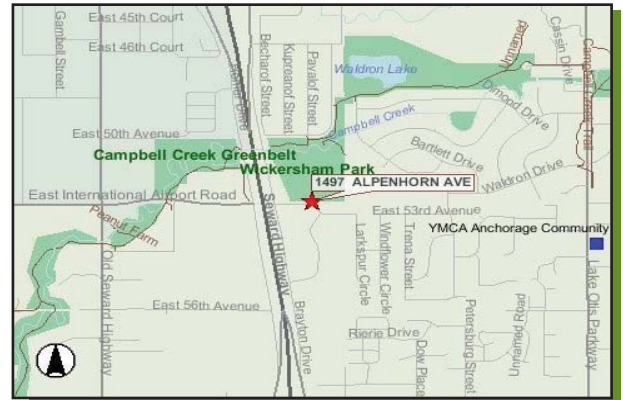


BANCROFT PARK

1497 Alpenhorn Avenue

Park History

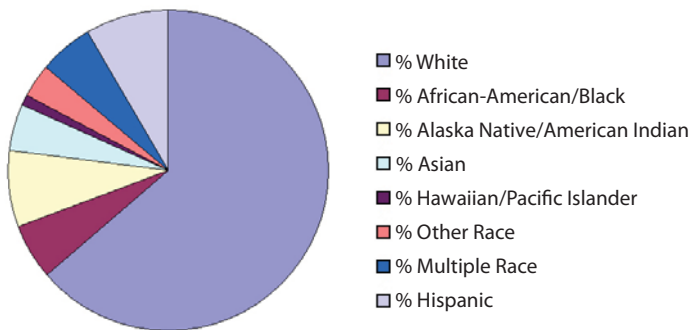
In 1971, homeowners in the area asked to have parkland made available for children to walk and play in. 6.872 acres were deeded to the city in 1988 as a partial gift by the Calais Corporation.



Neighborhood Statistics*

Population: 6,201
 Percent of Population under age 19: 30.5%
 Rate of referrals to Dept. of Juvenile Justice: Med.

Ethnic Composition:



*2000 Census Data

Park Facilities & Equipment

- 19.88 acres
- ADA-accessible play equipment for 3-5 year olds
- Picnic tables
- Little League ball field
- Campbell Creek flows through the park
- Located in Campbell Creek Greenbelt
- Campbell Creek trail access

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REPORT CARD ON PARKS: BANCROFT PARK 2008

Report Card Background

The Anchorage Parks Report Card utilized community volunteers to create a comprehensive picture of the condition of our neighborhood parks, reflecting the Anchorage community's opinions, preferences and ideas. Almost 1,000 citizens along with APRD staff evaluated 53 neighborhood parks based on 6 different settings. Parks were surveyed based on cleanliness, safety, structure, appearance, and function. APRD will use this information to strategically employ its funding and volunteer resources to better meet the needs of the Anchorage community.

OVERALL GRADE

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Active Recreation Areas

75

Green Spaces

69

Park Entry

60

Passive Recreation Areas

63

Pathways

83

Playgrounds

85

Scores were calculated on a 100 point scale

Bancroft Park Findings

Community members reported that there are densely forested areas next to the play areas, which makes parents and children feel unsafe. Paint is chipping on the play equipment, and there is inadequate safety surface material. Other concerns included the absence of tables and trash cans and the rutted, muddy parking area.

Fix It List

- Clean and repaint equipment and add swings to play area
- Replenish safety surface material
- Trim trees and underbrush to improve safety sight lines, particularly near play area
- Repair uneven areas in trail and lawns
- Add trash cans, benches and tables
- Level and pave parking area and add entrance sign



Trail repairs are needed



Improved sight lines are needed for user safety

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 \$15 million dollars since 2004 to improve public parks, trail and recreation areas. To make a contribution or volunteer, please visit us at: