

Anchorage Park Foundation 2008

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RAY E. STORCK HOMESTEAD PARK

Corner of Rabbit Creek Road & Clarks Road

Park History

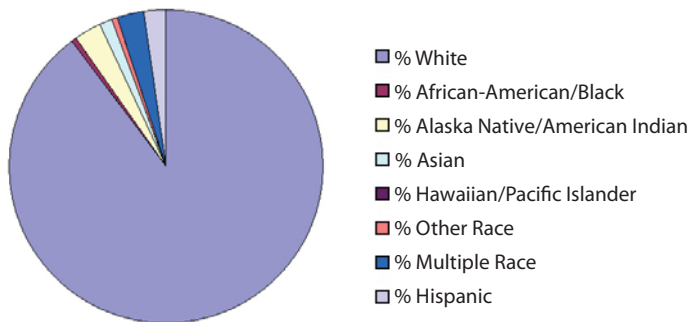
The Municipality of Anchorage purchased this land in 1981 after the surrounding neighborhood petitioned to create a park in this spot. The park is named for Ray E. Storck, the original homesteader of the park land. Storck arrived in Alaska in 1945 and worked as a Territorial Police officer. He homesteaded 80 acres of land, now the park named for him, in 1951. The park amenities were installed in 1993.



Neighborhood Statistics*

Population: 4,769
 Percent of Population under age 19: 32.8%
 Rate of referrals to Dept. of Juvenile Justice: Low

Ethnic Composition:



*2000 Census Data

Park Facilities & Equipment

- 20.00 acres
- Accessible play equipment for 2-5 year olds
- Accessible play equipment for 5-12 year olds
- Ballfield
- Two soccer fields
- Picnic shelter
- Nature trail
- Parking lot with 63 spaces



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Park Profile



REPORT CARD ON PARKS: RAY E. STORCK HOMESTEAD 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

65

Green Spaces

70

Park Entry

67

Passive Recreation Areas

65

Pathways

71

Playgrounds

58

Scores were calculated on a 100 point scale

Ray E. Storck Homestead Park Findings

Report Card participants in Ray E. Storck Homestead Park reported concerns about the safety of the play area, due to broken equipment and inadequate sand surrounding the area. Additional issues included poor mowing, broken bollards in the parking area, and poor drainage in both the parking area and the lawns. The picnic area is also very popular, and neighbors said more picnic tables were needed.

Fix It List

- Repair equipment and replenish sand in play area
- Improve general maintenance practices, such as mowing
- Repair holes in soccer field turf to improve drainage
- Restore wind breaking trees
- Add benches and picnic tables
- Improve parking area drainage and repair bollards to prevent vehicles from entering park
- Replace or repair entrance sign and add informational signs
- Establish appropriate location and install dog station



Neighborhood expressed concern about the condition of the park entry area



Poor drainage is a problem in this park

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: