

# Anchorage Park Foundation 2008

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## RED BRIDGE PARK

2200 W. Tudor Road

### Park History

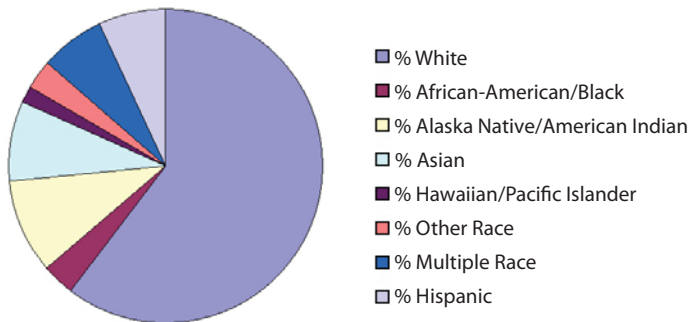
This property was acquired through purchase and tax foreclosure in 1974. In 1976, the Exchange Club of Anchorage proposed developing this site as a park. Club members cleaned the area, spread grass seed and installed the original picnic equipment. The park was named Red Bridge Park after the red bridge in the center of the park by school children in a contest in 1978. In 1996, the playground was redesigned and replaced.



### Neighborhood Statistics\*

Population: 11,691  
 Percent of Population under age 19: 26.0%  
 Rate of referrals to Dept. of Juvenile Justice: Low

Ethnic Composition:



\*2000 Census Data

### Park Facilities & Equipment

- 1.91 acres
- Play equipment for 2-5 year olds
- Access to Fish Creek trail
- Located in Fish Creek Greenbelt

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# REPORT CARD ON PARKS: RED BRIDGE 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

34

Green Spaces

77

Park Entry

84

Passive Recreation Areas

77

Pathways

71

Playgrounds

75

Scores were calculated on a 100 point scale

## Red Bridge Park Findings

Report Card participants in Red Bridge Park identified many safety concerns, such as broken pieces of the "Red Bridge", high traffic speeds in the surrounding neighborhood and inadequate safety surface material in the play area. Also, the benches are run-down and unattractive, and there are litter problems throughout.



The "Red Bridge" is in need of repair

## Fix It List

- Replenish safety surface material in play area
- Prune trees on north end of playground
- Inspect bridge and make needed repairs
- Repair or replace benches in seating area; add trash cans
- Add informational signage regarding access points to the park
- Work with Traffic Department to reduce traffic speed in surrounding neighborhood



Neighbors requested improvements to visibility within the park

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