

# Anchorage Park Foundation 2008

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## SAND LAKE PARK

3886 Caravelle Drive

### Park History

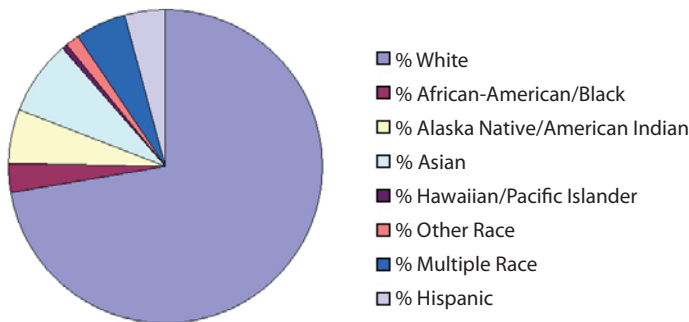
The Municipality of Anchorage acquired this parkland in January 1973, and worked with the community to develop the land as a community park. The park is between Sand Lake on one side and Sand Lake School on another side. There is a trail into Sand Lake Park by the school.



### Neighborhood Statistics\*

Population: 21,591  
 Percent of Population under age 19: 32.2%  
 Rate of referrals to Dept. of Juvenile Justice: Low

Ethnic Composition:



\*2000 Census Data

### Park Facilities & Equipment

- 5.10 acres
- Sand Lake
- Multi-use Trail
- Dock



### COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES:

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# Park Profile



# REPORT CARD ON PARKS: SAND LAKE 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

84

Green Spaces

69

Park Entry

52

Passive Recreation Areas

48

Pathways

59

Playgrounds

N/A

Scores were calculated on a 100 point scale

## Sand Lake Park Findings

Participants in Sand Lake Park reported that visibility in the park is extremely poor, due to thickly forested areas and poor lighting. Additionally, access points to Sand Lake were difficult to locate. The paved pathways are cracked and uneven, and benches throughout the park are vandalized and worn-out. Volunteers recently removed old, unsafe fitness stations, but more work is needed to improve park functionality.

## Fix It List

- Work with community to improve access to Sand Lake
- Remove downed trees throughout the park
- Replace broken and vandalized benches
- Review number of trash cans and add more if necessary
- Repair cracks in paved trails
- Establish appropriate location and install dog station
- Add informational signs to improve access



The neighborhood is concerned about the safety of pathways in Sand Lake Park



Benches are in need of repair or replacement

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: