

Anchorage Park Foundation 2008

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SCENIC PARK

8551 Little Dipper Avenue

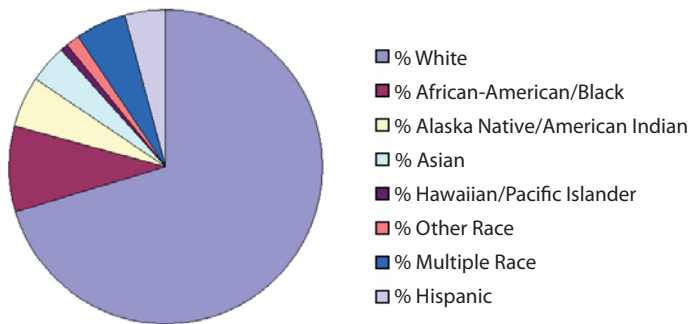
Park History

In 1972, the Scenic Park Elementary PTA asked the Municipality of Anchorage to acquire this parcel for use as parkland. A resolution was passed by the Anchorage Assembly in 1972 to acquire several parcels for parkland and this parcel was included and purchased in August 1972. The park was constructed in the 1970's, and in the late 1980's, a lighted pathway was built from 36th Avenue to Scenic Park Elementary School. In 2003, vandals burned down the play equipment.

Neighborhood Statistics*

Population: 9,153
 Percent of Population under age 19: 33.0%
 Rate of referrals to Dept. of Juvenile Justice: Low

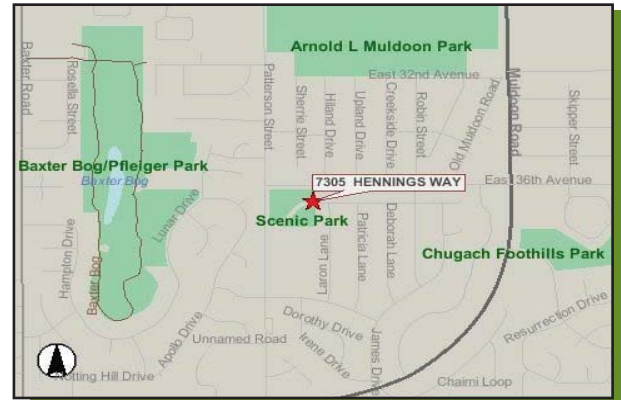
Ethnic Composition:



*2000 Census Data

Park Facilities & Equipment

- 5.21 acres
- Two tennis courts
- Picnic area
- Trails connecting with Scenic Park Elementary School
- On-street parking



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Park Profile



REPORT CARD ON PARKS: SCENIC 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	C+
Active Recreation Areas	88
Green Spaces	93
Park Entry	73
Passive Recreation Areas	80
Pathways	88
Playgrounds	46

Scores were calculated on a 100 point scale

Scenic Park Findings

The primary concerns for volunteers at Scenic Park were inadequate play equipment, dirty and worn seating areas, and overgrown green spaces that occasionally blocked access to trails. Where green areas are thickly forested, park visitors often do not feel safe due to the poor sight lines. The tennis courts at Scenic Park also need resurfacing and repainting.



Neighbors would like repairs to the tennis court

Fix It List

- Work with community to replace play equipment
- Clean and restore picnic tables and benches and replace trash cans
- Trim overgrown shrubs and trees; clear limbs blocking trails
- Restore tennis courts by repairing asphalt and repainting boundary lines



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: