

Anchorage Park Foundation 2008

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TAKU LAKE PARK

8200 Stormy Place

Park History

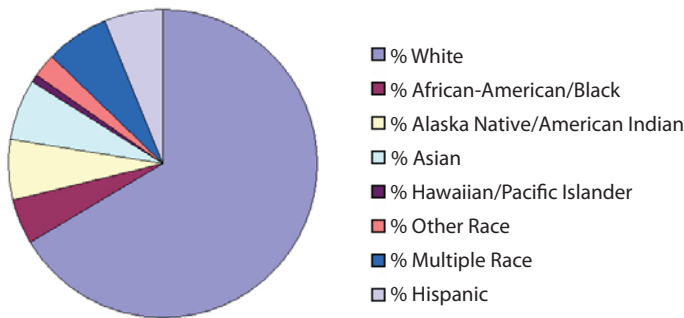
The Municipality of Anchorage acquired this property in 1973. In 1978, tennis courts were constructed off Rainy Place. In 1989, the Anchorage Kiwanis Club donated a floating dock with handicap access as a memorial to a former member who had loved fishing. A new tot lot playground was installed in 2003, and the skate park was constructed in 2004. Taku Lake Park also features a newly installed rain garden.



Neighborhood Statistics*

Population: 11,656
 Percent of Population under age 19: 29.9%
 Rate of referrals to Dept. of Juvenile Justice: Low

Ethnic Composition:



*2000 Census Data

Park Facilities & Equipment

- 52.92 acres
- ADA-accessible play equipment for 2-5 year olds
- Skateboard park
- Picnic shelter
- Multi use trails with fitness clusters
- Picnic tables around the lake
- Lake stocked with salmon and rainbow trout
- Fishing dock
- Two tennis courts
- Rain garden

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REPORT CARD ON PARKS: TAKU 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

60

Green Spaces

77

Park Entry

70

Passive Recreation Areas

71

Pathways

73

Playgrounds

76

Scores were calculated on a 100 point scale

Taku Lake Park Findings

Participants in Taku Lake Park identified a variety of concerns. In the play area, wooden equipment is splintering where paint is missing. Lawns are patchy and muddy, trees and brush are overgrown, the fishing dock, fitness cluster and tennis courts are unusable and there are only two tables. The parking lot is uneven and cracked and informational signs are poorly visible and unattractive.



Participants identified broken fitness equipment

Fix It List

- Repair and repaint play equipment
- Repair fishing dock and put back in the water
- Trim trees and underbrush to improve safety sight lines
- Reseed and fertilize bare patches in lawn; fill muddy areas
- Remove graffiti on features throughout the park
- Create trails from entry to lake; repair cracks in paved trails
- Remove or replace broken fitness equipment
- Repair asphalt in tennis courts and replace nets
- Add trash cans, benches and tables; repaint picnic shelter
- Improve parking area and relocate informational signs



The fishing dock is broken and unusable

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: