

# Anchorage Park Foundation 2008

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## VALLEY OF THE MOON PARK

600 Vine Avenue

### Park History

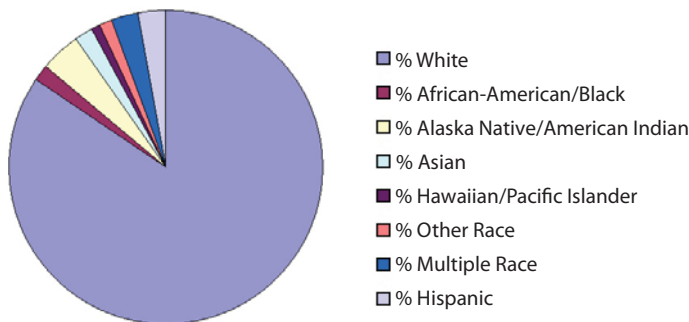
The Municipality of Anchorage purchased the first section of this parkland in 1955, and an additional portion was purchased in 1960. The park was named Valley of the Moon after the Indian name for Sonoma Valley in California, where Jack London lived in later years. This park is known in the Anchorage community for the rocketship play equipment, which was originally installed in the 1960's and replaced in 1998.



### Neighborhood Statistics\*

Population: 4,521  
 Percent of Population under age 19: 15.2%  
 Rate of referrals to Dept. of Juvenile Justice: Med.

Ethnic Composition:



\*2000 Census Data

### Park Facilities & Equipment

- 21.78 acres
- ADA-accessible play equipment for 2-5 year olds
- ADA-accessible play equipment for 5-12 year olds
- Little League ball field
- Access to Chester Creek Trail
- Picnic shelter, tables and benches
- Parking lot with 41 spaces



### COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES:

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# Park Profile



# REPORT CARD ON PARKS: VALLEY OF THE MOON 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

68

Green Spaces

80

Park Entry

73

Passive Recreation Areas

81

Pathways

86

Playgrounds

85

Scores were calculated on a 100 point scale

## Valley of the Moon Park Findings

Participants reported that the playground equipment at Valley of the Moon Park requires repainting, and seats on some of the toys are broken. The lawn areas have many puddles of standing water and bare spots near popularly used picnic sites. Some benches and tables are broken and unusable, and the ballfield is overgrown and missing basic equipment for use.

## Fix It List

- Repaint equipment in play area and replace seats on spring toys
- Reseed and fertilize bare spots in lawn areas; fill low spots in lawn and play areas to prevent standing water
- Remove graffiti on seating and play equipment
- Repair broken benches
- Remove weeds and trim brush in green spaces
- Repair equipment in ballfield to restore functionality
- Establish appropriate location(s) and install dog station
- Repair bollards around parking lot



Neighbors are concerned about the condition of amenities like benches



The lawn areas need improvements

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: