

Anchorage Park Foundation 2008

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WOODLAND PARK

3508 Iowa Street

Park History

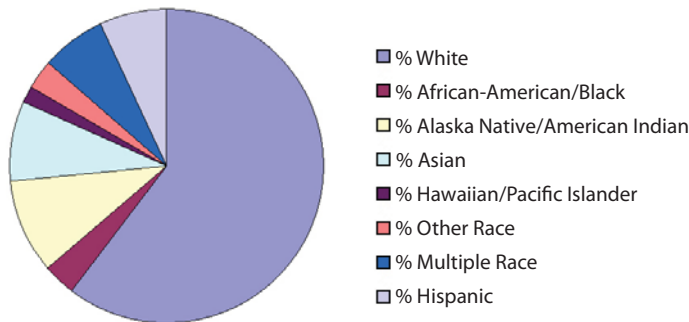
In 1974, the Municipality of Anchorage set aside property for the Fish Creek Greenbelt. A portion of the property was named Woodland Park in 1977. The planning for development of the park began in 1979, and development began in 1984. In 2002-2003, new accessible play equipment was installed.



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

- 7.98 acres
- Accessible play equipment for 2-5 year olds
- Accessible play equipment for 5-12 year olds
- Large open play field
- Parking lot with 15 spaces
- Located in Fish Creek Greenbelt



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Park Profile



REPORT CARD ON PARKS: WOODLAND 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	63
Green Spaces	64
Park Entry	59
Passive Recreation Areas	68
Pathways	49
Playgrounds	77

Scores were calculated on a 100 point scale

Woodland Park Findings

Community members reported inappropriate activities occurring in Woodland Park during night hours, as well as extensive litter left each night. Community members noted that it is hard to see into the park due to trees and overgrown shrubbery. Furthermore, benches are needed near the play area, the pathways are extremely cracked and crumbling and a dog station is needed.

Fix It List

- Replenish sand in play area
- Trim trees and brush to improve safety sight lines
- Remove graffiti on seating and play equipment
- Repair cracks in paved trails
- Add benches facing play area and install picnic tables
- Evaluate number of trash cans and determine if they are adequate; install more if necessary
- Work with community to address concerns regarding inappropriate activities in the park
- Establish appropriate location and install dog station



The neighborhood is concerned about the condition of trails inside the park



Graffiti is a problem throughout park

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: