

Play Area ReviewTM

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Central Park, NYC

Tarr-Coyne Wild West Playground on the West side of New York's Central Park at 93rd Street was recently renovated. The time proven Classic TimberForm structures now provide separate play spaces for different age groups and have increased accessibility for all players. Walls of lathe-turned Douglas fir free-of-heart-center (F.O.H.C.) posts along with 12 x 12 Stepping Columns™ offer climbing and balancing activities for players of all ages.



Classic TimberForm

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This all TimberForm western-themed playground features play structures resembling a frontier fort. Play features include stainless steel wide slide chutes and powder coated steel climbers. Lookout towers and roofed outposts create additional opportunities for both sunny and cloudy day play activities. This architectonic playground recently reopened after a year long modernization.



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A: Classic TimberForm covered play station with Stepping Columns and lathe-turned F.O.H.C. rounds in the foreground.

B: Stepping Chains with Classic TimberForm Play Structure in background.

C: TimberForm TyreSwing™ with lathe-turned timber posts.

D & E: Smaller TimberForm Play Structures scaled for younger players.



4-A



4-B



4-C



4-D



4-E



Located in Lake Forest, California this expansive 8-acre recreation site features RePlay® play structures made largely of 100% post-consumer recycled H.D.P.E. plastic. There are chain climbers, ladders, spiral and straight slides and a thrilling tube chute off of the tallest structure. Two play areas separate older from younger players for safety.



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Murase Plaza

This farm-themed RePlay playground is located near a 114-year old homestead barn. The Wilsonville, Oregon playground was designed to reflect the agricultural heritage of the area. Addressing the needs of all children, the two structures provide 40 accessible play components. In addition to eight slide chutes featured on the play structures, a long embankment slide (not shown) provides access from an adjacent hillside.



6-A



6-B



6-C



The Themed playground structures are constructed of eco-friendly 100% post-consumer H.D.P.E. recycled plastic posts and beams chosen for their durability and child-friendly warmth. Parents are delighted to learn that much of their new playground's structural material is made from the plastic milk jugs that they recycle at the curb.



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Black Butte Ranch

Located next to the 1.6 million acre Deschutes National Forest, this family vacation spot in central Oregon features a Classic TimberForm play area. The primary ingredient of this aesthetically sensitive playground is free-of-heart-center Douglas fir. Lathe-turned F.O.H.C. 11" timbers are used to produce the Log Scramble™ (foreground A). The Stepping Columns (seen in all photos) are 12 x 12 timbers with chamfered tops and eased edges.



8-A



8-B



8-C



This thoughtfully designed RePlay playground features attractive play equipment and fencing, both featuring extruded 100% post-consumer recycled H.D.P.E. plastic posts. Burgundy steel hardware and fence graphics of children at play enhance the appeal to neighborhood families. The site also provides an entrance to a meandering pathway through natural wetlands.



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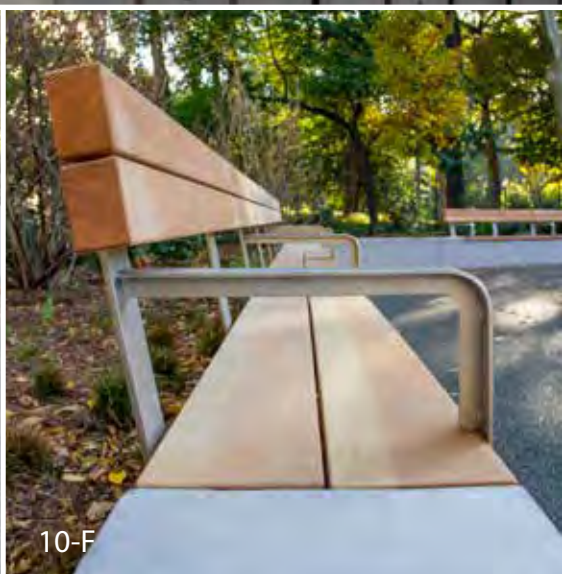


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Central Park's East 72nd Street Playground recently underwent an eight month renovation. The face lift brought in an accessible, elevated sandbox (not shown), a net climber, new super wide slides and Classic TimberForm Swing Structures. A dozen wall mounted benches featuring Douglas fir slatting and stainless steel frames and armrests complement the playground's unique design.



Fort Trillium

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This PipeLine® play area features carefully planned elevations and accessible components. The accessible ramp works with the natural site topography to efficiently elevate wheelchair users to slide chute entrances and other raised play elements. A ground level embankment slide provides a separate accessible point for newly arriving players.



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High Line Railroad Playground

Engine No. 9 was one of the pioneer locomotives used to navigate the Rocky Mountain terrain near Breckenridge, Colorado. At this railroad themed playground, custom recreations of the historic engine and the Baker Tank water tower were devised to address the play needs of all children. Two slides, an overhead ladder, plus vertical climbing posts and a chain net add to the enjoyment of young visitors.



12-A



12-B

Nature Play

A: TimberForm Tree House at New York's Central Park Adventure Playground.

B: TimberForm Custom Log Scramble (TF-48591). **C:** Classic TimberForm 12 x 12 Stepping Columns.

D: Classic TimberForm Play Area located in Harlem, New York City (TF-49752).

E: TimberForm Water Tables Play Separate.

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Embankment Slide Chutes

A: Two rotationally-molded, Medium Density Polyethylene (M.D.P.E.)1650-51-EMB Embankment Slide Chutes.

B: A pair of side-by-side 3/8" thick M.D.P.E. 1650-131-EMB Embankment Chutes.

C: An elegantly curved Stainless Steel1636-63-01-EMB Embankment Chute at a hospital's playground.

D: A swooping Stainless Steel 1636-93-01-EMB Embankment Chute mimics a pre-existing staircase.



14-A



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Embankment Slide Chutes

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A: S-Curved Stainless-Steel Embankment Slide Chute at a New York City school playground.

B: A second Stainless Steel Embankment Wide Wave Chute with Center Rail installed at the school site.

C: A 1643-41-EMB Stainless Steel Embankment Wide Slide Chute located at a "Nature" playground.

D: A Stainless Steel 1643 Embankment Wide Chute with Center Rail installed on a conical berm.





Contemporary Swing Combo



Drum Tree™



City™ Table and Stackable Chairs



TimberForm Pole Climber



Body-Pull Fitness Station



Wavy Pipe Seat



Nature Play Nest

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