

Play Area ReviewTM

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PLAY ACTIVITIES FOR ALL CHILDREN**

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Kenton Park

Extensive community input influenced the project's natural theme, including timber play elements, Stepping Columns™, climbers, and the accessible play surface. Landscape architects Walker|Macy using Columbia Cascade Classic TimberForm® products created an exciting, challenging, child friendly take on natural play. The Portland Parks Commissioner said, "Kenton Park's new playground and amenities make it one of our flagship parks."



2-A: Classic TimberForm Log Scramble™.

3-A: Classic TimberForm Stepping Column Cluster.

3-B: Twisting Bridgeway (right) with Stepping Column Cluster (left) as approaches to TimberForm play structure.

3-C: Classic Lathe-turned Columns as approach to TimberForm Play Structure.

3-D: Classic Stepping Column approach to TimberForm Structure.



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4-A: Classic TimberForm® Log Scramble™.

4-B: Classic TimberForm Tri-Net Climber™ No. 4500-025.

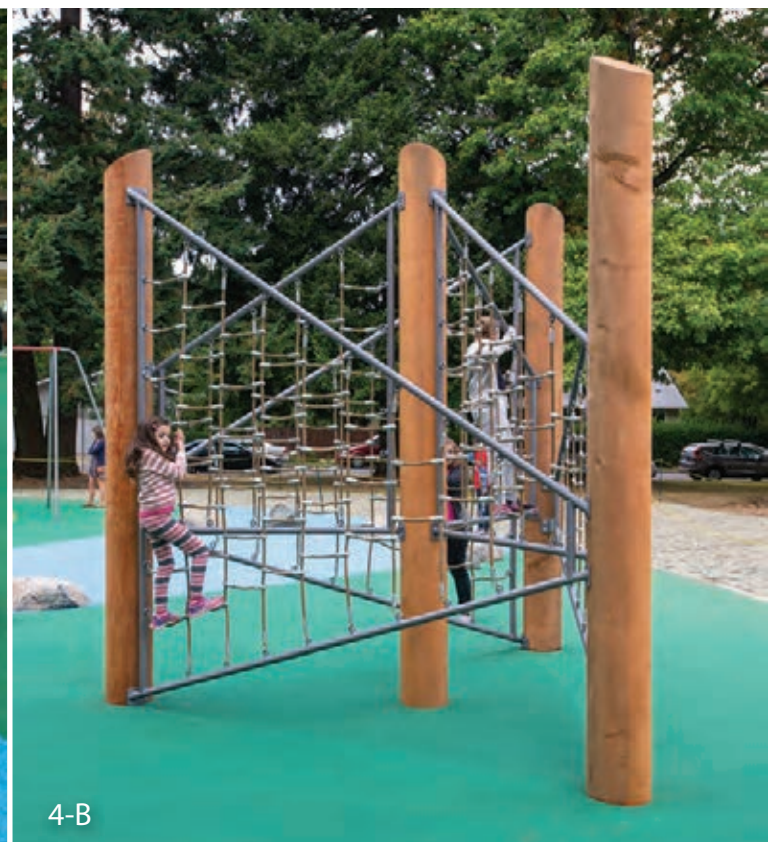
4-C: Classic TimberForm Climbing Tree™.

4-D: Classic TimberForm Stepping Columns and Log Scramble™.

Kenton Park, Portland, OR



4-A



4-B



4-C



4-D

Garden Park, Madera, CA

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Located at the Riverstone master-planned community in Madera County, Garden Park is a contemporary PipeLine® design featuring corrugated shed roofs (5-B). Chosen for heat resistance, three plastic slides, including a long tube chute, a spiral slide and a wide chute were selected for use by kids of different ages. Other features include a Block Climber, a Firefighter's Pole, a Sloped Spinner, a Coil Climber and a Tic-Tac-Toe game.



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Safari Playground, Central Park, NYC

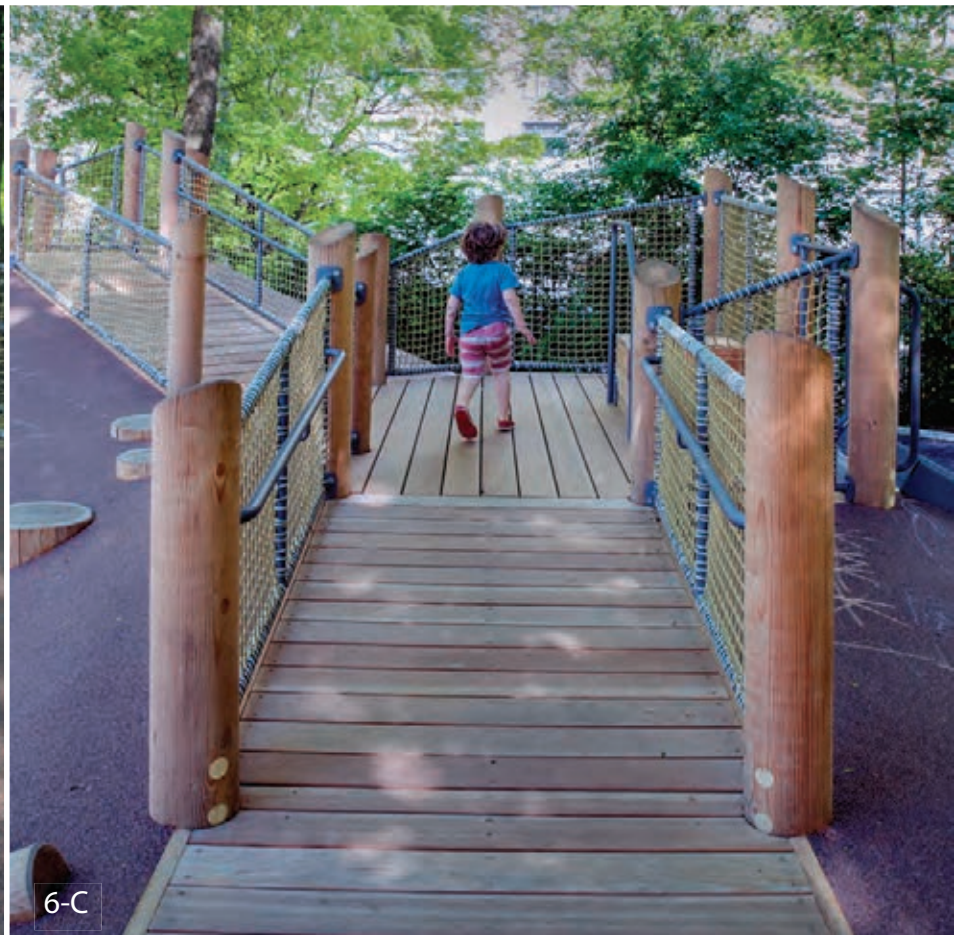
Previously rebuilt in 1997 as Safari Playground, the recent 2019 reconstruction updated and enhanced the existing play experience, and created a wheelchair-accessible route to and through the playground from the park perimeter. It's the only Central Park playground that does not contain any traditional play equipment. While Safari Playground is geared toward children under 6, children of all ages enjoy the opportunity it provides for unstructured play. The hand peeled full-round TimberCraft® Stepping Logs and Log Ladders encourage exploration, climbing, and imaginative play.



6-A



6-B



6-C

Cadence Park, Irvine, CA

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Winner of a 2018 ASLA California Southern Merit Award, Brightview Design Group. This iconic playground improves access to all while preserving key design elements. One such element was the connected pair of Climbing Trees (7-D). Comprised of lathe-turned Douglas fir posts with rungs made of CASPAX-7® powder coated steel, the Climbing Trees encourage limitless free play. Photo 7-A shows a Tree House with a connected plastic Spiral Slide Chute. 7-B shows a TimberForm Bird House behind a Log Scramble and 7-C shows a TimberForm Sculptural Climber.



7-A



7-B



7-D



7-C



7-E

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Redwood Day School, Oakland, CA

Located at a K-8, coeducational, independent school on 4 acres in the heart of Oakland, California. This campus is part of a residential neighborhood close to Oakland's Dimond and Glenview districts. This tall TimberForm® structure provides a standard stainless steel spiral slide from the middle deck and a long stainless steel spiral tube chute from the top deck. External access is via a chain Cargo Net. A Classic Log Scramble™ and wide stainless steel embankment slide chute for younger players are available away from the towering TimberForm structure.



8-A



8-B



8-C

The master-planned community of Irvine was honored in 2016 as having the best park system in Southern California – and eighth best nationwide. A recent example has separate TimberForm activities and structures for younger and older players. Low vertical Stepping Column™ groupings can be used by both. The age 6+ structure features a plastic Spiral Slide Chute, a Vertical Loop Climber, a Vertical Ladder, a Firefighter's Pole, a Talk Tube and an Overhead Safety Ladder. A second play structure for younger players has a plastic Curved Slide Chute and a group of Stepping Pads™.



9-A



9-B



9-C

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McCormick Village Park

Port Orchard's first regional park, this beautiful 65 acres incorporates a play area containing two natural TimberForm® structures with Single Shed Wood Trellis Roofs; one designed for older players the other for tots under 5. The larger hillside structure draws the attention of eager players as they approach from the parking lot. In addition to the standard accessories of slides and climbers, two special features of this playground are the grouping of three Classic TimberForm™ Climbing Trees and the TimberForm Nest Swing.



10-A



10-B

10-A: In the foreground is the TimberForm tot play area.

10-B: TimberForm Play Area for ages 5+ with Nest Swing on the left.

11-A: Play Area with plastic Spiral Slide and chain Cargo Net.

11-B: The natural beauty of this TimberForm installation complements the forested setting.



11-A



11-B

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Ten Trails

The state of Washington's largest new home development, Ten Trails is a master-planned community with environmentally sensitive areas in the historic city of Black Diamond. Miles of trails connect neighborhoods and parks within the 1,200 acre site. David Evans Associates planners, engineers and landscape architects created the plans for infrastructure and all open space/trails and park facilities including this destination playground. Ten Trails' premier park includes TimberForm® play structures, a Nest Swing, a stainless steel Embankment Slide and a ZipSwing™ Track Ride.



12-A



12-B



12-D



12-C



12-E

Black Diamond, WA

12-A: Wide Stainless Steel Embankment Chute with Center Rail.

12-B: Plastic Slide Chute on TimberForm play structure.

12-C & D: TimberForm Triple Arch Climber™ No. 1676.

12-E: TimberForm Nest Swing.

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13-A to C: ZipSwing No. 1992-70.



13-A



13-B



13-C

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Portola Springs, Irvine, CA

A Columbia Cascade play area featuring two roofed RePlay® 100% recycled plastic play structures is one of the many Columbia Cascade play areas found in recently developed Irvine neighborhoods. A plastic Spiral Slide and straight chute reduce surface heat at this sunny California location. Stepping Pads provide balancing access to both structures. Play panels include Tic-Tac-Toe, Alphabet, Gear and Maze configurations. A Vertical Loop Climber and a Firefighter's Pole allow access and egress to and from the taller decks. All decks are SofDek thermo plastic-coated perforated steel.



14-A



14-B

Cross Lane Playground, Old Lyme, CT Play Area Review 15

A custom arched entry gate welcomes all players to this accessible Connecticut play area. In addition to ramps and swings the play area features a Tandem Spring Rider See-Saw™ (15-C) a Chime Wall (15-D), a Cosmo™ panel (15-B) replicates general astronomical observations, and a custom Nature Identification panel identifies regional wildlife (not shown).



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Point Defiance Park

This spectacular Tacoma Superfund site has been transformed into a 40 acre waterfront attraction. The reclamation project, which includes a series of six Columbia Cascade stainless steel embankment slide chutes down a 60-foot high slope has been described by the park staff as a real-life “Chutes and Ladders” experience. The stairs and slides are located next to the east end of a 605-foot long access bridge over a visitors parking lot. The slide chutes are a fun-filled and quick way for both children and adults to get to the marina complex and other park sites below. Repeat sliders can climb the stone access ramps next to the chutes or the stairs along side each slide to continue the sliding experience.



16-A



16-B



16-C

Tacoma, WA

16-A: Viewed from the bridge approaching the top of the slides.

16-B: Stones next to the slides allow repeat access via climbing.

16-C: Some stainless steel slides are longer than the others.

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17-A: The six slides and access stairs viewed from below.

17-B: Tall slides have longer run outs at the bottom.

17-C: Looking down from these slides creates a greater illusion of height.



17-A



17-B



17-C



17-D

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Billy Johnson Playground

This playground's rustic design was inspired by the original character of Central Park, making it one of the Park's most distinctive play spaces. Constructed primarily from TimberCraft® peeled hand-hewn natural timber rounds, its log structures echo the Rustic Shelter at the quintessential Dene north of the playground. Features include a Net Climber® structure, Double Tot Swing, ADA accessible swing seats and a TyreSwing®.



18-A



18-B



18-C

Central Park, New York City

18-A: TimberCraft Play Area with net walls and climbers.

18-B: TimberCraft Net Climber.

18-C: Stainless Steel Wide Slide Chute with Center Rail.

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19-A: TimberCraft Explorer Bridge.

19-B: TimberCraft hand hewn log posts.

19-C: TimberCraft TyreSwing.

19-D: TimberCraft Double Tot Swing.



19-A



19-B



19-C



19-D



Parkway® Round Platform Seat, Recycled Plastic Slats



Four CycLoops® Arch bike racks



A pair of 2014-6 TimberForm® Diller® Seats with Armrests



TimberForm Diller Tables with Seats



TimberForm Colossus® Seats with skateboard deterrents



TimberForm Parkway Wall-top Seats

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