

ProjectPARK

IMPORTANT PARK FEATURES FOR: CHILDREN

ProjectPARK: a study with children 8-12 years to identify the park features they consider to be most important for their park visitation, park-based physical activity and social interaction (2017-2020)



30 completed a walk-along interview in a park to discuss park features



272 rated 42 photos of different park features



252 completed a survey to identify the relative importance of park features

TOP 10 FEATURES THAT ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO VISIT PARKS¹

- 1 Large adventure playground
- 2 Giant slides (i.e. long curly slide)
- 3 Interactive areas (e.g. touch-sensor illuminated statues)
- 4 Obstacle course or parkour area to climb on
- 5 Long flying fox
- 6 Things to climb (i.e. climbing structures)
- 7 Water play area
- 8 Long slides
- 9 Large swings (i.e. 360° swing)
- 10 Trees for climbing

TOP 10 FEATURES THAT ENCOURAGE SOCIAL INTERACTION IN PARKS¹

- 1 Large adventure playground
- 2 Interactive areas (e.g. touch-sensor illuminated statues)
- 3 Obstacle course or parkour area to climb on
- 4 Giant slides (i.e. long curly slide)
- 5 Water play area
- 6 Things to climb (i.e. climbing structures)
- 7 Table tennis table
- 8 Café
- 9 Long slide
- 10 Swings you can use in a group (i.e. swings in a circle)

¹Based on photo ratings only ²Particularly for girls ³Particularly for boys

TOP 10 FEATURES THAT ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO BE ACTIVE IN PARKS

- 1 Long flying fox
- 2 Large adventure playground
- 3 Lots of trees for climbing
- 4 Large round swings²
- 5 Obstacle course or parkour area to climb on³
- 6 Large climbing equipment
- 7 Outdoor fitness equipment
- 8 Giant slides
- 9 Sports goals³
- 10 Water play area²

For all outcomes, children valued large adventure playgrounds and equipment that provided opportunities for climbing and physically challenging play

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