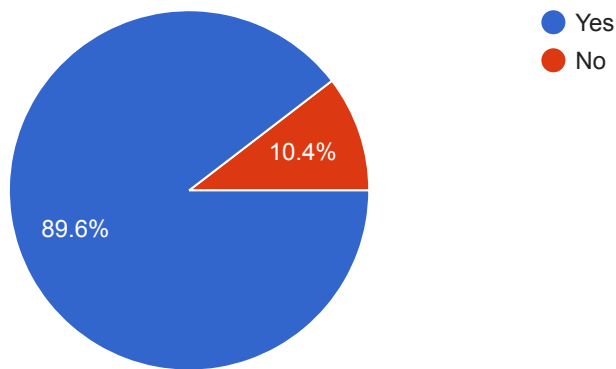


Brentwood Park Playground Improvement Survey

192 responses

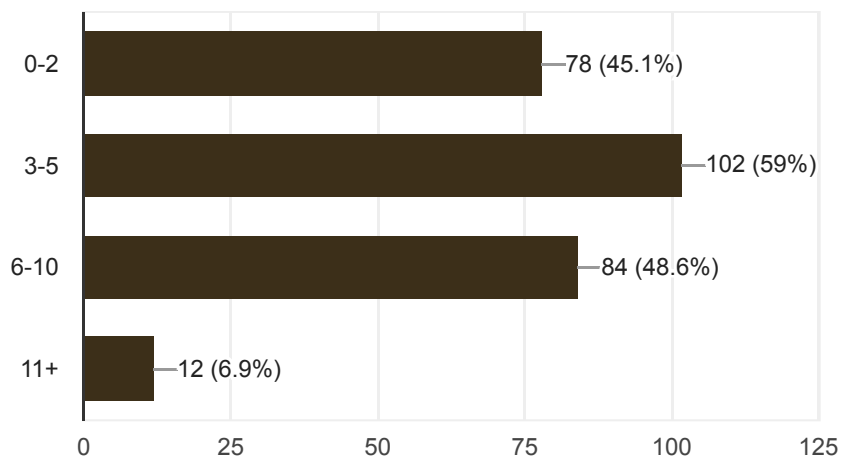
Do you have children who use the playground area at Brentwood Park?

192 responses



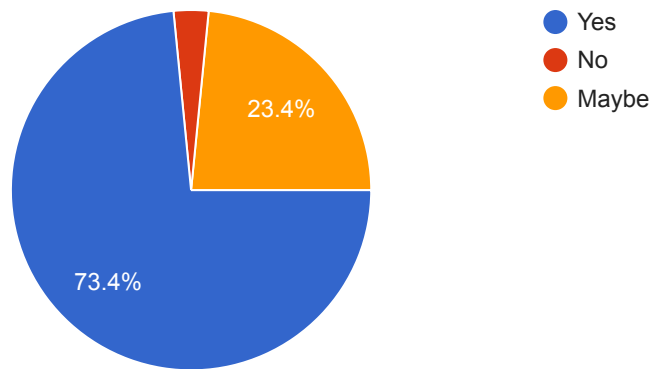
What are their ages? Select all that apply.

173 responses



Do you feel like the playground area of Brentwood Park needs improvement?

192 responses



Explain why you feel it does or does not need improving?

171 responses

No play equipment for older kids.

The adult exercise equipment is outdated and inappropriate, and I would like to see more sidewalks.

The equipment is a bit worn and could use updating. It could also use equipment that appeals to older kids.

It doesn't offer much at all. There's a ramp, a slide and that's about it. My kid is bored with it after a few minutes. Compare to Ramsey Park (which we go to now), our playground is quite sad.

Not all equipment is age appropriate.

Seems fine to me mostly although sometimes I have seen off leash dogs running in the sandbox. It terrifies my children so maybe a gated area?

Depends on the improvements.

The playground is excellent for toddlers but really lacking for elementary age students.

Just ok for older kiddos

The sandbox could use some shade, perhaps sails or some other covering. I would like to see some more play equipment instead of the exercise equipment.

More equipment would be great, especially if there could be more of an older kids area and a younger kids area.

The park is "acceptable", and we are undeniably lucky to have the green space. However, I feel it could simply be so much better, it at least two aspects. First, I think the fenced area around the swimming pool could be affordably expanded to embrace more lawn & shade-tree area, to encourage people to stay, relax, talk & sunbathe, rather than being trapped on a sad little round-the-pool sidewalk. Second, I think the playground equipment is just the same boring plastic GT gear found at absolutely all other Austin parks.

The sand box needs cleaning/re-filling and a canopy overhead for the summer heat. I am happy with the swings, it would be nice if they added some more playscape areas for smaller children, like 0-3...I can share ideas as we get further in the process if needed. The main playscape that exists now could use some touch-ups & cleaning. Overall I think it's a nice park but it would be great to get some updates/improvements.

It needs expanding more than improving. What is there is fine, it could all be a bit bigger and varied. Ramsey park is a great example.

At 5, my kiddo is starting to outgrow the playscape, and the swings can get pretty hot. We like the shade over the playscape (we plan our visits to be shady). We don't use the sandbox. The playscape is getting a little old, but it seems like it still has years left in it. We don't use the workout area much. We don't like the free-range dogs. A neighbor's aggressive dog knocked down and hurt my son a while ago and is still an aggressive barker when we're in our yard; unfortunately, my son still very scared of dogs. We're fine if they are on leash and kept away from the play area, but sometimes we go to other parks instead. We don't really want a dog park at Brentwood, but if that's in the works, please keep it very far away & enforce leashes for people heading to/from.

The "exercise" area equipment (brown metal) is over 20 years old (I know because I was a student at Brentwood when it was installed!) and is in terrible condition. The wood is rotten and splintering, children cannot reach the monkey bars, and it seems to be the only area on the playground available to children over the age of 5. The main playground structure only serves children up to 4 years old. I would love to see new/modern equipment that would allow older children to play and that would be more inclusive to all kids (ADA accessible at least!).

Could use some more interesting activities/equipment for older kids

the playground equipment is old and needs replacement.

They like the swings and then they play a lot on the school playground. We don't really use the park playground because it seems too little kid for them. My older daughter likes the fitness area.

I think it's sufficient, although I am envious when I see Ramsey park. However, I would rather put any available funds toward shade and better circulation for the pool, which is very warm.

An additional small playscape for toddlers would be ideal, as there are high spots on the current playscape that a young toddler could easily fall off of.

It's pretty beat up these days and the only playground stuff is for little little kids.

The playground is for small kids but it's usually overrun by older kids

Simple replacement of old/broken equipment and upgrades.

The playground is suitable for toddlers but doesn't provide stimulation for older children. Another area with more climbing equipment would accommodate all ages.

More equipment variety

It needs more playground equipment for older kids.

There's a lot of space and it seems like it could support additional play equipment. While it's pretty good for our 2 year old, I can see him outgrowing the equipment in the near future. By contrast, Ramsay Park has a lot more equipment and an assortment that attracts a wider range of ages. Additionally, I'd like to see improved shading, specifically over the existing sandbox and swings, and to consider shade with any enhancements.

Enough space to include equipment/area for kids of all ages and the adult gym area could be used for something more universal and more frequently used

Needs a feature more geared toward 6-10 yr old group....more challenging playscape, climbing wall. Current playscape for younger children only.

my child is very young. I like that this is one of the few playgrounds we have been to where there aren't many locations for him to fall off the playscape so he can be more independent. some of the newer ones with multiple ladder/ rope entrances or fire poles to slide down require more helicoptering. with any improvements, i would like to continue to have a playscape that works well for the very young since these kids are the least likely to have recess/ school playgrounds and have more need for the city parks to provide a safer place to play and explore.

More and newer playground equipment

The equipment that exists is great actually. Would love to see the addition of equipment for older kids. Existing playscape is really for tots.

Always thought it was pretty good.

Limited use for older kids

While only a few of the structures are in disrepair (the balance beam area), there are more updated neighborhood playgrounds that we tend to us as they have more and varied play structures. We even sometime prefer the school big kid playground.

It's great for toddlers, but more could be added or changed to make improvements.

Ideally, it could use more features such as climbing walls and running surfaces.

Updated playscape. (Keep the current one but build another - there is plenty of room). Bocce ball court would be fantastic.

My kids have fun playing on the main play structure, swings, and sandbox. This is a nice place for them to play with other kids and make new friends. We also visit the newly remodeled Ramsey park, and the climbing structures at this park are very nice. I like the idea of having similar play structures at Brentwood.

Playground is in good shape and is covered with trees. Not sure if it's too hot on the playground during the summer to use the swings that are not in direct shade.

Also, fire ants are a problem the park. So anything that would make sure that they do not encroach on the playground area (ground cover to help with any falls, etc.) would be great.

Our family has been dreaming of a nature-based playground since visiting Westmoreland Park in Portland this past summer. We'd love to participate in planning, fundraising, sourcing, etc. if there is interest in the community to incorporate more nature based play opportunities at Brentwood. Here's a link to pics of Westmoreland... <https://www.google.com/search?q=westmoreland+nature+playground&client=safari&rls=en&biw=1440&bih=839&tbm=isch&tbo=u&source=uni>

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A lot of it is outdated, and the playscape could definitely be bigger. Cats use the sandbox as a litter box... gross!

Needs more enforcement of dogs off-leashing running through the park. Or a dedicated dog park for them to run freely.

More play structures, better swings, more climbing!

Need more challenging playscape activities

Some shade over the swings would be wonderful!

I've been using the park for 18 years, mostly taking kiddos over from Brentwood Elementary (and as a parent as my son was growing up). There haven't been any truly major updates in that time (but a new slide and other minor updates were done recently). Many teachers use the park during the school year when the play areas at the school are closed for testing and for "special" recess times. The school kiddos love using our park as an alternative. I'm thinking that with the growth of the neighborhood the play areas need to be expanded to allow for more people to access the play area without being crowded. I'd like to see the sandbox area made bigger, the "jungle gym/workout" area updated with more kid-friendly equipment, and more "kinesthetic discovery" equipment dedicated for very young kiddos (right now, there's only one swingset with 2 swings that truly accommodates toddlers). The majority of the equipment seems geared toward older kids. The covered picnic tables are somewhat of a new addition, but with the growth of the neighborhood, it needs to be bigger. I'd also like to see more benches, water fountains and updated bathrooms closer to the playscape (our pool needs to be bigger but that's a separate issue).

More equipment and more swings

I love the swings. I would like the playground to be more interactive and more space for more kids to be on there. I love at Ramsey park that they have some places suited for younger kids and others geared toward older kids and would think that would be helpful at Brentwood.

It seems to be a play ground Frankenstein out together from pieces of other apparatus. The fitness area is run down and kids are always playing on it because the playground area is not interesting for kids over 4.

The equipment is really designed to be challenging to toddlers, but is boring for kids 5 years and older. The playground needs challenging equipment for older kids.

We'd love a splash pad or a little more interesting play equipment--a spinning playscape piece, maybe. Summers would be amazing @ BW park if there were a water feature to cool off with, other than the swimming pool.

Not much to play with and on for older kids.

The equipment is mostly geared toward very young children. It would be wonderful to have equipment that older kids would enjoy as well.

We've noticed the gradual deterioration of the existing equipment over the last 10 years as our children have grown. Not only is the existing equipment in need of replacement, but also there are so many more engaging play systems available that provide opportunities for swinging, sliding, climbing, and exploring and for wider age ranges, too. We have a large park, there is no physical space constriction that would prevent us from installing equipment for young children as well as older children. Big kids need places to play and climb, too. Additionally, offering equipment for a wider range of ages facilitates interactions between families of older and younger kids (or older and younger siblings) at the same park and may help to alleviate the stresses of older kids running around the littles on the same piece of equipment.

The playscape is pretty out of date and limited (especially for the age range that might use it). The exercise equipment is badly out of date and in fact a health problem for kids (splinters, bugs nesting in rusted areas). Sand/dirt/gravel in general is a bad idea in Texas where there are pin worms and other health issues associated with children playing in dirt. Also, as a multiuse area, there are insufficient picnic tables or areas for adults/teens to gather in shade.

It's pretty basic. There are newer and more exciting playground equipment at Ramsey Park for example that the kids enjoy more. My 9 year old is too old for the Brentwood Park playground.

it seems out of date, it needs shade

Will has outgrown it at age 9, but isn't quite sure what to do with adult-sized exercise pieces. More age appropriate items for the 8-12 year old set, please!

It is mainly geared for toddlers.

It's a fantastic toddler playground, but it needs more modern equipment for older kids.

It's a great playground but geared toward young kids

It needs playscapes for older children and more climbing structures like Ramsey Park.

The park overall is pretty great, but the playscape is pretty "boring" according to my kids, and the exercise stations seem like a waste of space.

Improvements would be awesome, and it is a sweet park now.

The play area could use lights and perhaps a sidewalk ringing the play area for kids to ride scooters or bikes around

The playground is a great place for our kids to play and gather with other kids from the neighborhood. But, as our oldest is almost 6, it would be great to have elements that are fun and engaging for older children. Ramsay Park is an excellent example with its large climbing structure-it appeals to both younger kids as well as older children.

On another suggestion-I would love to see an alternative for the sandbox. I've seen too many animals use it to feel comfortable letting my kids play in it. Could we install a cover or create an alternative sensory box?

Thank you so much. :)

Doesn't need to be perfect, but there are some much cooler playgrounds out there...

The playground at the park is great until around the age of 3. Then there is not much for the older kids to do. Ramsey park has a much better playground for older kids. The climbing rope structure is absolutely amazing. I love the shade at Brentwood but there could always be more. The swing sets are great, as is the playscape for the young children.

A splash pad would make our summer spectacular, as it's hard to bring two young children to the pool alone. But the pool is amazing when the hubby can join us.

Would love it to be more like an outdoor classroom, an extension of learning; More natural materials - stumps and wood blocks for climbing and building; just generally more up to date

Sand box needs to be filled in - stepping into or out of box is too high of a step and can be a fall risk. Holes in the ground need to be filled in - there is a large hole between the sand box and swing set that my daughter constantly trips in. Ant control on mulched areas. Ramp onto the slide structure should be replaced with a softer material for safer play.

Regular sandbox maintenance is needed. Additional climbing areas would be fun.

I would love to have some of the swings where the adults can sit in the swing facing their child (for younger children and babies). Also more slides or things for the kids to climb on. Tables and shade would also be nice.

Greater variety of equipment to focus on the whole body

The exercise equipment area doesn't do much for the kids, and we could have a bigger and harder playscape -- or two playscapes, one for older and one for younger kids

I think it would be great to have playscapes that accommodate older kids. As it stands, we tend to go to Ramsey playground.

It's built for small children - over 7 can use the Elementary school jungle gym

It is a good size for young kids. I suppose it could use a larger playscape for big kids.

It is old, outdated and does not conform to current safety requirements. It should meet needs of all ages who use the park

Having multiple age appropriate playground surfaces would help little ones play more safely while giving older kids the opportunity to freely play as they should be able

The playground is nice, but the sandbox could use some maintenance

I would like to see some more textural, interactive art in the playground.

Modern equipment for older kids would be great. Rosedale park did a nice job on their update.

Outdated equipment, not enough variety, my five-year-old can already do almost everything there, so there aren't challenges for older kids

The landscape could be improved. I often find nasty things in the grass. Also, more picnic tables/seating!!

There are not enough playscape options

Overall the playground is nice and great for younger kids. I do feel like it could use some more climbing structures for the older kids, who often end up at the exercise equipment adjacent to the playground. Something like the giant rope spiderweb thing at Ramsay park would be great.

It might help to improve water fountains access, create a secure dog run to eliminate potential of dogs wandering into play area and safer/accident proofing equipment by exercise area may help prevent injuries for children.

A better pool or splashpad

The park is a large space, but doesn't seem to have the necessary equipment and layout to suit a neighborhood with as many children as it serves.

More climbing equipment, equipment to encourage climbing and muscle strengthening

There are other aspects of the park that are more pressing needs. Plenty of nearby playgrounds in other parks that are nice.

The playground area is in relatively good condition but I've seen much more interesting playgrounds in other parks.

Minimal playground equipment is only appropriate for very young kids. Uncovered sandbox is a germ factory. Pinworms anyone? Fitness equipment is in bad shape and not used.

The equipment is useable and the kids seem to enjoy it. However, I wish that the swings and the playscape were a little closer together so that I can watch my kids at both areas at once. Additionally, I would love if the playscape had more areas focused on little ones - in the 18mos to 3 years age range.

Playground equipment is mostly for smaller kids

the exercise area near the swings and slide are very outdated, i'm sure there are other ways that space could be utilized that meets the needs of the neighborhood. the sandbox area is popular but could also be made larger. The concrete is very hard on little ones learning to walk/crawl/run. would love to see an alternative to concrete around the slide area/walkways

Only suitable for toddlers and very little kids.

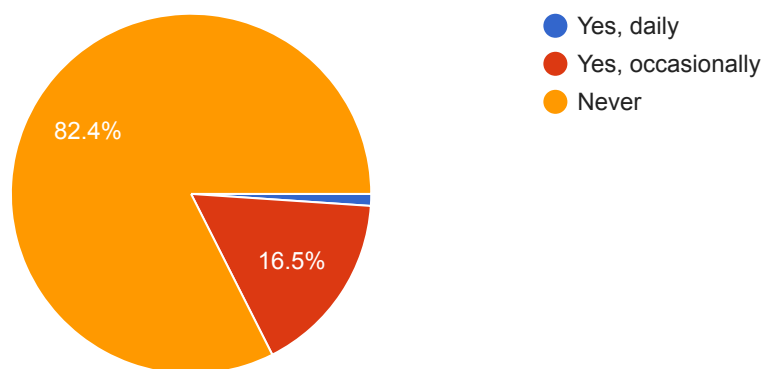
It's a great park, but best suited for younger children. Our kids often want to go to the school's playground because the equipment is more their size.

Other (71)

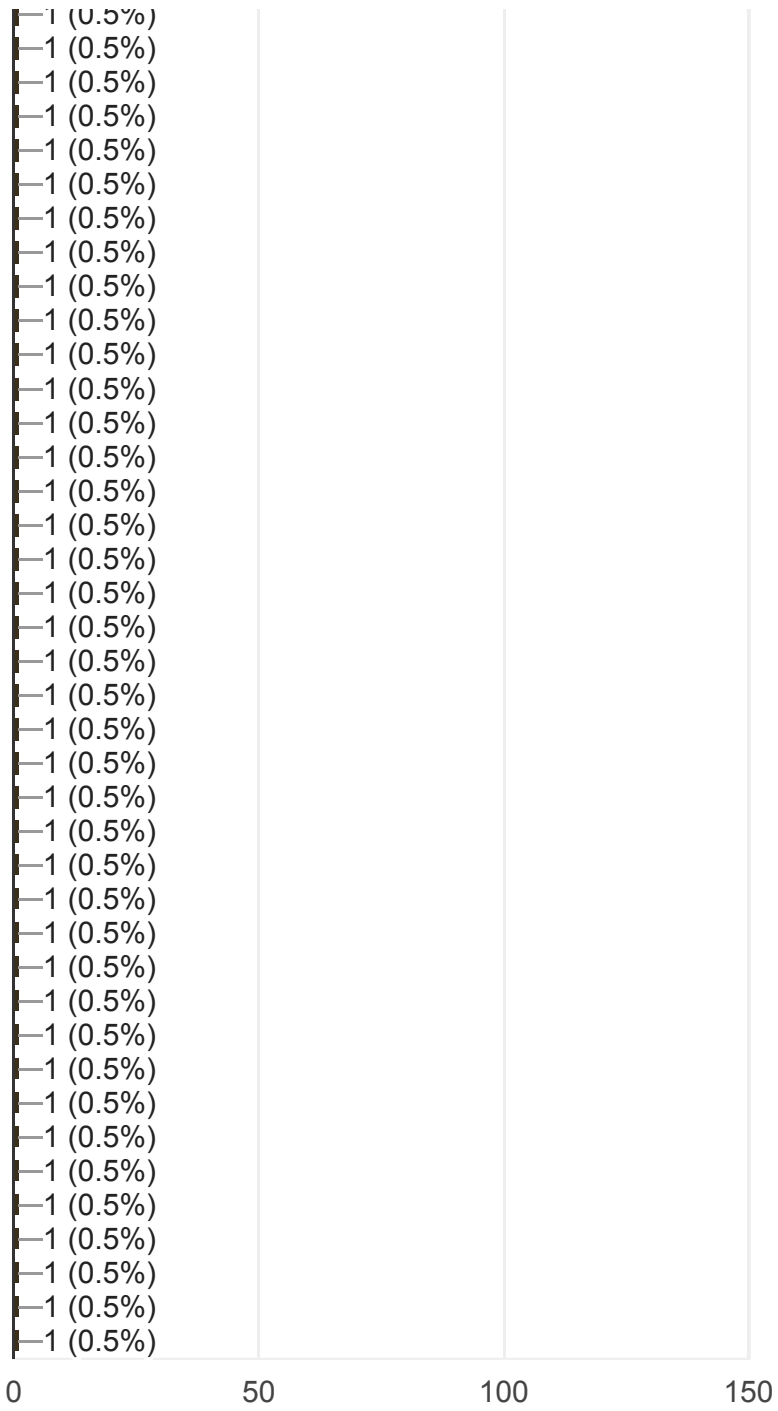
Fitness equipment

This project proposes removing the current fitness equipment, which is in poor condition, and replacing it with kid focused playground equipment. Do you currently use the adult exercise equipment located in the playground area for exercising?

188 responses

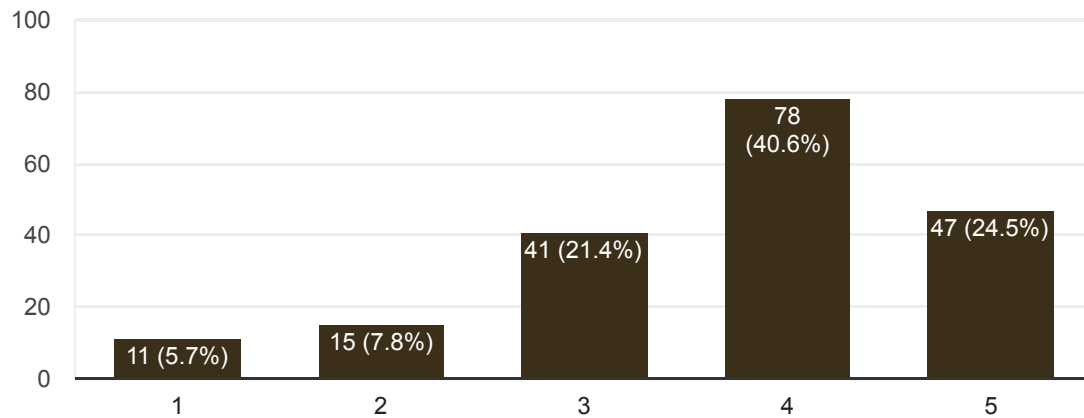


Would you like to see equipment that is designed for children and similar to what is currently in the adult exercise equipment area (i.e. monkey bars,



The following Net Climber is an example of a type of equipment under consideration, please rate it from 1-5

192 responses



What do you like or dislike about this piece of equipment?

136 responses

I don't think this is technically the Wallcano. But this piece seems too big

Provides a challenge that will keep kids coming back.

Yay Climbing walls, but it may be a bit big.

Appeals to younger and older kids; requires balance, strength, etc.

I'd suggest looking at the one at Ramsey Park.

Single function.

Great for older kids

Great strength and balance building exercise for kids, and anytime I see one it is covered with children (meaning it's well liked).

What I would like to see. Something many kids can play on and is fun for older kids as well.

As long realworld kids really use it, fine.

It's geared mainly for older children and it would be nice to get one that is a little easier for smaller children. Or have a large and a small one next to it for younger children to try without hurting themselves.

It goes to a point so you have to climb back down as opposed to getting on and off wherever.

I don't like this particular design & think it could be dangerous if too many kids. Also, not sure how the rope would hold up in Texas sun. I do like that it's an option for older kids & appreciate the general concept.

This looks like it would appeal to a wide range of kids.

IT looks dangerous and not very well made.

These are always a hit. Kids of all ages can use them. I am a landscape architect and I've designed many playgrounds so I have a little experience in this realm...

Looks like it would provide a useful challenge, and is better than the "safe" equipment, which gets boring.

Difficult for a parent to assist a younger child learning to use a climbing structure.

Waste of space; high chance of injury

You can climb on it

Accommodates lots of kids, various ages

My kids love this at Ramsey park

Lots of space to play

Not sure

rather difficult to see it clearly

Kids of all ages enjoy

Kids'll be on top of each other constantly. What about something like the rope feature at Ramsey Park?

Unique, very "big kid" specific

Loth of physical work/movement. Interesting to look at. Maybe nicer if there are platform structures to get to and rest on.

Develops balance skills for all ages.

Can appeal to a wide range of kids, including older kids.

Climbing for older ages

it looks fun and reasonably safe.

Challenging for different age groups

Different levels or ages can access

I like the climbing opportunities. All of the kids moving toward one center seems challenging and maybe not convenient.

I'm in favor of a net climber, but not of this particular design which doesn't encourage "hanging out" in the zone. Also, this design would be pretty inhospitable in the Texas summer sun without a shade structure.

great equipment, allows kids to problem solve re spatial reasoning, they have a ton of fun. I get a little nervous about them climbing so high, but I've seen tons of kids on this kind of equipment and they always climb really well, don't fall.

good for all ages, spread out to prevent over crowding

Kids love that stuff and generally don't hurt themselves. Very successful in other parks in Austin as well as other cities (e.g. NYC)

Kids love to climb. I like the dome shape better than this triangle shape I think. It's def along the lines I was thinking.

Easy to trip over the ropes, easy to vandalize, will need ropes to be replaced periodically

Bigger kids can use!

Good for older kids; reason we go to Ramsey park

The physical fitness aspect plus creative play.

There is one at rosedale. Diversify. Get us something different.

Only one way up and down which could get congested. Like the one at Ramsey that has a swing and a "slide" down

Requires some skill and physical activity

Love the climbing concept...the shape is not my favorite...seems a hexagon or octagan type shape might accommodate more kids? not the expert, though

Maintenance difficulties and my little kid would want to climb it but it seems too dangerous for ambitious littles

This is exactly what I was giving as an example previously that I would love to see. Ramsay park has one and it is well used by young and older kids there.

Something like this is ABSOLUTELY what my daughter would love. This one looks fun to climb, but not enough interest when you get to the top. How about one more like Ramsey park?

love climbing equipment and appreciate opportunity to use upper body

Not great for smaller kids, takes up too much space

maintenance challenges?

Kids really seem to enjoy these types of climbers.

I like that it is active and fun with room for many children.

Like net climbin, but really need a large and varied one for it to be effective and enticing

It looks inaccessible to younger kids and kids with disabilities.

I think it's OK. I like the rope structure at Ramsey park better because there are lots of different climbing and hanging out options.

Accommodates a group, multiple skills needed

great for older children

Too much opportunity for "king of the hill" type games

Seems to take up a lot of room, but kids will like it. Is there a weight or height limit?

I like it, but wonder how durable it is.

Flexible for children of many levels. Challenging.

Not many kids can use this kind of equipment at once. And it's not great for littler ones.

Supports many kids at once and promotes strength and agility

Great for the older kids who are already too advanced for the existing playground equipment.

Versatility and durability.

Looks fun

This particular model seems geared towards older kids that I don't see frequenting the park very much. Perhaps, this is the point, though?

Excellent for balance and strengthening

Climbing is great!

Looks nice but I feel it can get damaged easily. If there is budget for a continuous maintenance then its ok. (My son is currently too young to use it)

I think I like the one in Ramsey Park better.

It looks like a great place for big kids to climb, but I knocked down a point because I would be nervous about any child under 5 climbing on it.

Is this a safe option? What about a climbing wall? discovery center? Looking online for playground inspiration Hadley's Park: Potomac, Maryland, Tatum's Garden: Salinas, California, Hope Park: Frisco, Texas

Perhaps a little larger, would love the one Ramsey has- we almost always drive to Ramsey because it's so much better than brentwood.

One is installed at the park in my parents neighborhood, and it's always the main attraction.

Will allow multiple kids on it at the same time

many kids can play at once. varying heights for different skill levels. unstructured play.

I like but not as useful as other pieces

Not all children are comfortable on that and I don't think it appeals to every age group

My child wouldn't use at this age, but would in the future.

I don't dislike it but my kids aren't the biggest fans of this kind of thing

Like that it appeals to older aged kids

Could be dangerous for toddlers

It'd be nice to have one more like that in Ramsey park to accommodate wider range of age children.

Like

it allows for different ages/abilities and most importantly Kids Love it!

fun, challenging

I like the Ramsey one better because it is kind of a circular shape, with kids being able to climb to the top. However, the one pictured above may be able to support more kids at one time.

It is exclusively for much older children. Something that works for young and older children would be more desirable to me.

good for older kids

I wouldn't feel comfortable with my young toddler using it for many more years.

Seems to be designed for a significantly older age range than currently frequents this park, and like something that parents of younger kids would have to actively steer them from. Something similar with smaller climbing holes might be a good compromise?

Is that safe?

not sure how sturdy it is

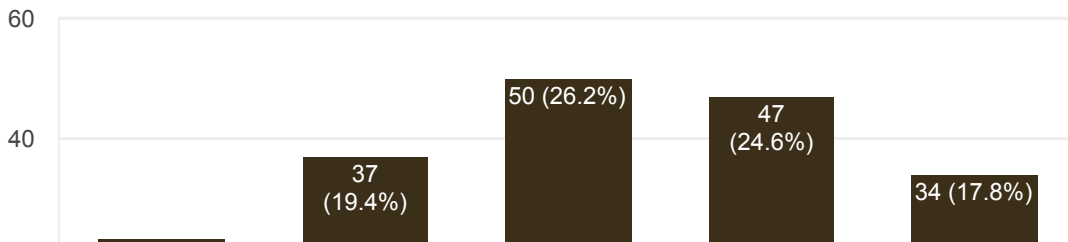
Strength and mental challenge

Other (36)

Sample Equipment

The following Seated Merry Go Round is an example of a type of equipment under consideration, please rate it from 1-5

191 responses



What do you like or dislike about this piece of equipment?

113 responses

I like a spinning piece but like other spinning pieces better

old school fun

Multi-user is good.

Rarely have four kids. I also imagine this collecting water or getting really hot in the summer

Fun activity that encourages interaction with other kids, looks safe - but also the seats would fill with water whenever it was wet outside.

I think this one is great!

It's single purpose - no creativity is required or encouraged.

Looks cool.

how are they supposed to fly off the merry-go-round with seats like that?

I like it. However I could see one kid puking and the rest of the kids needing therapy.

i like that it's multi-user

It's OK, but looks like you'd need multiple kids to use it. Also, it's a little too plasticky

Great for all ages and unique from rest of playground equipment.

You can soon on it

Less kids to play with it

Limited number of simultaneous users.

Fun but looks pricey

Safety

I don't like equipment that spins, and I don't like that it's for 4 people. Something that was more open to however many kids want to be on at the same time seems more ideal.

would prefer to see something more "traditional". I know a lot of kids who like spinning the merry go round and this doesn't seem to allow for that type of play. This seems to single-purpose and doesn't support open play.

Prefer ones without actual seats as they limit numbers and there are plenty open design that kids can use in larger numbers and different ways

Barfmobile...love it!

Looks like it might need regular maintenance, takes up a lot of space that only 1 group of friends can use at a time.

Mice, but probably expensive. Kids might get bored with it. Takes up a lot of space.

Not very physical. Doesn't develop skills, etc.

Doesn't involve physical exertion which is what kids need with playground equipment. No room for creativity.

maybe my own bias against dizziness, though it looks safer than traditional ones – less likely to fly off or get caught in the spinning bar below.

Looks safe. Only 4 children included in play at one time

It's geared toward younger kids, which is currently lacking.

Seats four kids

I like the seating options for safety but I think there are others that could include more seats.

Anything that gets kids a chance to spin and lose their balance when they get off looks fun to me.

bulky, takes up a lot of space for only serving 4 kids at a time, but I've never tried one like this- it may be more fun and more safe than the old fashioned merry go rounds

kids enjoy these things, they enhance socialization, but the age range appears to be limited in my experience

I think the kids would like this.

just for small children

Fun! Encourages co-play

No physical activity required (not even standing). And it really doesn't encourage creativity. I vote no.

Not enough room for kids over 2 but good for toddlers. We need more equipment for kids over 2

looks fun for younger kids

Looks cool not as death defying as the original. Teaches physics

I think this could be fun but could also be hard to keep safe for mixed ages. I also think it could be very hot in the summer and not as well used as other options.

Looks much safer than the old kind:) Looks fun

They had one of these at my daughters preschool and I always called it the lip splitter. It's okay if you're sitting down, but others would jump on- and fly off. That being said, one like this- only metal and standing only was one of my favorite pieces of equipment as a child.

looks fun but only 4 kids can use

do kids like it?

room for multiple kids

Limited number of users compared with other open spinning equipment

Great accessibility. Kids of all ages can play on it

Would love to see something like this for older kids.

Injury prone

too confining...

Vomit.

Young kids will like it; it will probably have a short lifespan (plastic); older kids will abuse it

I don't love that it's all plastic.

I'm not a fan of spinning equipment

Plastic peices like this degrade quickly. They break when used inappropriately by older kids.

Fun for all ages!

Doesn't support many kids at the same time and would probably leave my kids dizzy and falling

Neither of my kids are into spinning equipment. I would also prefer equipment that provides some sort of physical exercise and challenge for the kids.

Interactive and fun

Looks nice, but if it's going to be one of the few new pieces, it would be preferable to have something that can be used by fewer children, as well.

They are fun to play on!

Boring

Looks pretty passive, does not encourage movement or play.

I love that the kids can spin it while seated. But with only four spots, I would imagine there would be many disputes about whose turn it is. In fact, 3 or 4 spots is probably worse than 1 or 2, because when only one or two children can spin at a time, other kids seem to be discouraged from waiting, but 4 seems like a lot, and I can see many children waiting to play on it, which makes it easier for bigger kids to jump on in front of smaller or more timid children who are waiting their turn.

I like it but could see this causing lots of problems with sharing or waiting for turns

Personally not a fan.

Looks durable and multiple kids on it

Does not require movement

I think this looks neat but would lose its luster and would become a relic after just a bit.

Something different and fun.

My kids like this so they'd probably use it

Higher cost to number of kids who can use it simultaneously

It looks great that children can spin themselves, using their upper body muscles.

It's fun for the kids

it could be complicated at the time of sharing right need a sign :)

What is the age bracket? Looks to small for older than 6?

serves a single purpose only.

I like the one at the Park for All Abilities better than this one because it holds more kids.

I like that it works for a range of ages.

Does it require multiple children to spin? Is it safe to use for younger children?

Spinning stuff always made me feel sick as a kid. :)

Looks fun, and safe.

merry go round is a must ... looks safe

Too bulky

Only 4 can use it at a time.

too dependent on a certain number of kids

More than 1 kid to play

Do it once or twice a visit and done. Also kids have to wait a turn. If only one kid around, may not be enough to make it work.

I am not personally a fan of spinning equipment but if others like, I am okay with it.

I want to relax when I'm at the park. If there are no other kids, I would have to push the merry-go-round.

Not big on dizzy features

Unlike anything at the current playground, serves older kids, serves multiple kids. Would prefer a more open design that can fit more kids at once.

plastic weathers poorly over time

not very useful and a lot of plastic

good for lots of age groups

In my experience, this type of equipment is used briefly then kids move on - it's a single-purpose piece of equipment, not multi-purpose.

My kids love spinning equipment but sometimes get scared when they feel insecure in it. This looks like a GREAT option that provides the spinning sensation that they love with a little more security!

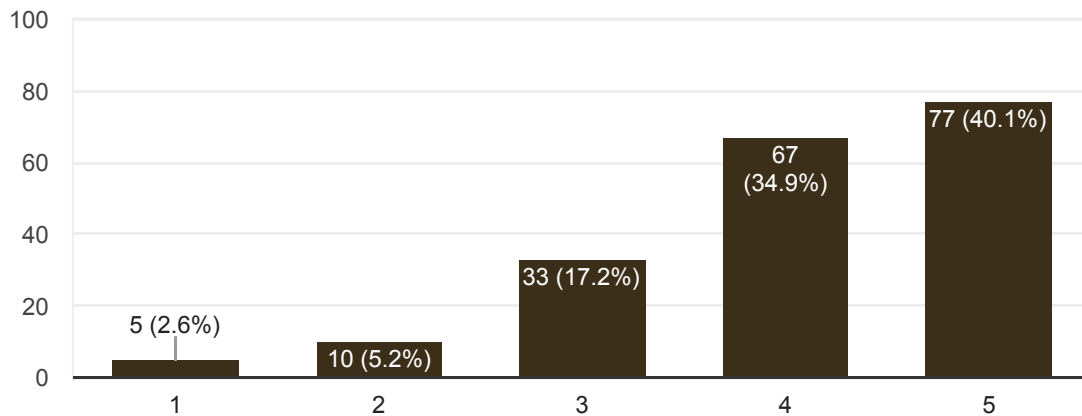
Pretty constrained play style (not a lot to do with it); only seats 4 kids at a time.

Other (13)

Sample Equipment

The following Wall Climber is an example of a type of equipment under consideration, please rate it from 1-5

192 responses



What do you like or dislike about this piece of equipment?

111 responses

This is cool

Looks like it will hold interest without getting boring

Seems unique.

Great for all ages

Seems a little less safe than the rope climber and my child has never enjoyed this kind of climber very much.

Great IDEA, any less-plasticky alternative?

This is nice but there would need to be protection/bumper floor underneath for safety.

Too small - older kids will not be challenged by it.

Really interesting climbing option & like that it's not too high.

active, tall enough for them to push themselves a little to play on it, but not so tall its going to hurt them much if they fall off

Looks cool...but I question the durability

I love the climbing wall idea. That one seems small, and like it would potentially get boring once conquered by an older kid.

Love the climbing opportunity

Easier for parent to help child learning to climb

I like it...good exercise

Like everything.

Ample climbing space

Looks weird. Something with more natural elements would look better aesthetically.

I like the variety of levels which is appealing to different ages.

This can be integrated into other equipment and doesn't need to be a stand alone piece (e.g. One side of climbing frame)

Good challenge for older kids, if sized properly.

promotes hand eye coordination and decision making skills

For bigger kids.

Pretty cool. Lots of kids can use. Looks fun. little walls for little kids & bigger kids.

Great for exercise and skill building.

Lots of kids can participate at once.

Would like an appropriate place to climb (other than the ramp railings)

good for the slightly older kids, not sure if it would encourage them to jump off since there's nothing at the top that connects with it, such as hooking onto another playground feature. Not particularly aesthetically pleasing.

All kids love to climb!

Climbing walls are exciting for a short time only

Good for younger kids, not challenging enough for older kids unless bigger.

Great for gross motor skills

Looks like fun with lots of space!

Climbing walls are cool and challenge older kids' physical abilities.

not aesthetically appealing

A large number of kids tend to balk at these, and interest wanes pretty quickly. Remember, it is primarily repeat users at this playground

I like this. I prefer the type that are sculpted to look like stone or trees.

Looks like great fun for different ages

There are already enough pieces for small children

Love this! Can go up one side and down the other

Absolutely would like to see a climbing sculpture...this particular one shown does not seem as appealing as the ones from this company: <http://idsculpture.com/index.html>

In the discussion about park improvements, I heard a theme of wishing to keep the park as "natural" as possible....

Looks fun.

I prefer the ones that are part of a larger playscape--or they actually lead somewhere/ to another play area rather than just climbing back down

Yes! This is very cool.

love climbing wall but curious about fall zone

Could be good for all ages

Would prefer bars. Climbing such as this ends up with pieces falling off and/or graffiti in my experience

A good play area that younger kids can grow into and older kids can enjoy

Older kids would use it.

Boring

great for all ages

This would be good if attached to a playscape

For younger (shorter) kids only

Seems very engaging for children

wall climber can be used by individuals with differing abilities

Supports many kids at the same time. Also appears to have grips that are close together for younger/smaller children as well as some further apart for older/taller kids.

A rock wall would be amazing. Both of our kids love climbing and love rock walls and love going to rock gyms. It is also very different from the existing playgrounds in the area. Having this in our park would be fantastic.

Multiple options for enjoying fun activity, and durable

Free play

I've seen other models with a walkway at the top or that connect to a larger playscape. They have a sense of "destination" at the top that that this one lacks a bit.

Safe for kids to learn climbing, strengthening, balance

Climbing but an eyesore

I feel its durable and most kids like to climb.

Like it!

This looks great - room for lots of kids to climb at the same time, not too high, but high enough to be interesting to kids. The hand and footholds are close enough together that even small children could use them, but with several different colored hand and footholds, bigger kids could easily invent a challenge for themselves by climbing only on the blue footholds, for example.

At Ramsey Park it seems like the climbing equipment gets good use.

Variation

Exercise oriented

not sure how challenging it'd be for older kids

All ages can enjoy this with proper supervision! Great idea

Kids like it ok and would use it

Like the idea of climbing equipment, this particular model seems geared towards younger aged kids. Is there a similar option that accommodates a larger age range

It'd be more fun if it was connected to a slide, stepping stones, or other play structure.

There are so many climbing faces. Love it!

Looks great for older kids

Dislike suitability for younger children.

high and low for all ages

I think children of all ages would enjoy this.

Wide range of kids could use this

Is this safe?

when my children were young they would have loved this.

Strength plus mental challenge maybe adults can use?

This looks great for many kids to use. I would prefer a wall climber that is integrated into a larger structure like the tall structure at Northwest park.

Too hard to monitor children on multiple sides

challenging and fun

Falling

Lots of places to climb, kids can think about their own path. 1 kid or 7, it doesn't matter, it accommodates!

Works for all age kids

Many kids can play

Looks really fun!

Like challenging with a variety of levels. Again this structure is very large but a smaller version would be great.

Love the idea of a wall climber, but the one pictured seems kind of boring. Needs more varied types of things to climb on (ropes/ladders etc), or kids will get bored. Love the "crow's nest" on top.

I think wall-climbing as a feature of a multi-feature equipment is more appropriate, but I do want to see some climbing.

plastic weathers poorly over time

too many places to hide

Lots of kids ; Encourages strength, flexibility and agility ; lots of uses (climbing, hiding, running through/around)

I would love a piece like this that had an alternate way down such as a slide. My little one is great at climbing up but not so good at climbing down and would need my assistance for that part.

encourages strength, flexible to lots of kids and ages.

Physically/mentally challenging = good

Good for adhd kids and wall climbing is a desirable activity

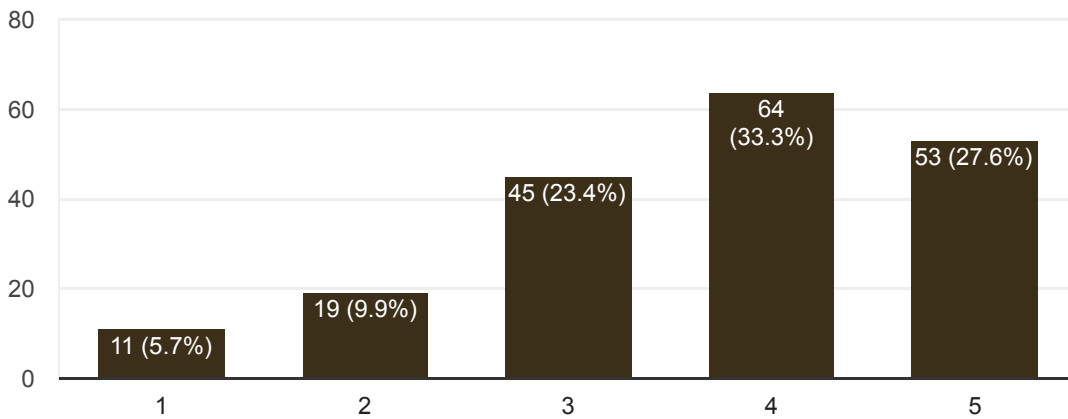
Other (11)

Sample Equipment

The following Spinning Sky Runner is an example of a type of equipment

under consideration, please rate it from 1-5

192 responses



What do you like or dislike about this piece of equipment?

94 responses

Fun! (2)

And this is cool

Love it but worried it takes up too much space

This looks like a one kid at a time type thing, but looks fun.

Someone is totally gonna get kicked in the face.

Always surprises me that kids love to get dizzy!

Fun, interactive, strength building and really pretty - like that it has an art element.

Very cool

Single purpose.

I like the option for older kids but am a bit concerned about the speed/force of the spin. If it's not too fast, it's fine, but I can't tell.

looks like a lot of fun, doesn't require much space

Nice looking and durable

Looks like lots of fun

Never seen anything like that. Looks interesting.

Doesn't suit the age groups I go with. Hanging bars on a multifunctional playscape work just as well and don't take up as much space

similar feature at Pillow Elementary...all 3 of my boys LOVE

it's pretty, but i'm not sure how popular it would be to play on.

Would it lock up as it rusts?

Looks cool. Photo is bad, as you can't tell what it really does. Looks expensive. Artsy (bonus) - doubles as art. If inexpensive, get it. It also wouldn't take up much room.

Fun & great for hanging/strength and pretty.

visually appealing

looks fun and cool! Looks like flying off and hitting the ground could be likely though?

Something different and challenging, esp for older kids

Good for older kids.

visually interesting and, again, yes to spinning.

looks fun, works for many ages, aesthetically appealing

looks pretty limited. I don't have experience

Like

Very unique!

No idea what this is

Looks fun

Looks like fun

have seen these before - my child really enjoyed

Not much to this that I can tell

artistic and interactive.

Only good for one purpose, tho great for taller kids to be able to use the playground

No opinion. I know my 3 year old wouldn't use it, but I don't have an older kid

Nice!

Builds strengt

looks fun and for older children (great for upper body strength)

I see broken arms

How much weight will it hold? It is pretty!

Love it.

Though I'm not a fan of spinning equipment, I like that there is an artistic component and it appears to be more about reaching and lifting, rather than spinning

I love the art factor

Doesn't take up too much space and promotes upper body strength

I've never seen one in action, but it looks single purpose to me.

Looks fun and esthetic value added

I want to play on that!

What s this?

Looks like fun!

Great upper body exercise and it looks like fun to spin. Also many children could use this at once. And it's pretty - it looks like a piece of art. However, it looks like it would only work for children in a pretty narrow height range - tall enough to reach the bar, but not so tall their feet would drag.

Don't really know enough about it so N/A

spin motion. open form.

Looks cool never seen anything like it before

Useful for children and art at the same time.

I don't think kids would like this much

Looks pretty but not practical

looks great for older kids

It looks cool and fun!

Not suitable for young children

it's just neat

I remember having something like this at my local playground as a kid and I never liked using it.

Really cool looking

Unclear what purpose is

Cooperative play

not only fun and unique but visually interesting

Falling

Cool looking. Adds dimension. Something for bigger kids.

Looks fun for bigger kids

This looks awesome! I've never seen this before! Can adults play with it too? :)

Con: does not seem very versatile for kids to play on/with

I want to relax when I'm at the park. If there are no other kids, I would have to push my kid on the Spinning Sky Runner.

Don't understand this one

I like spinning equipment, but prefer one that the kids can climb on. This piece can only be played with one way, and I think kids would get bored.

original and interesting; fun for older kids

looks like art, doesn't take up a lot of space

My kids are still too little to enjoy these.

It's attractive. Encourages strength. Doesn't unnecessarily limit the number of kids who can play.

It just looks like a lot of fun.

Fun for all

Beautiful and fun

You could pretend that you are flying! (6 year old)

Love the height and sensory experience

It's open to multiple uses; artistic

Unfamiliar with it. Looks cool. Looks good for older and promotes fitness.

Looks dangerous.

More open ended, beautiful design and uses collaborative approach to movement

Possibly dangerous with injuries

I personally use the park to exhaust my child. I need active things in order to get hi energy out.

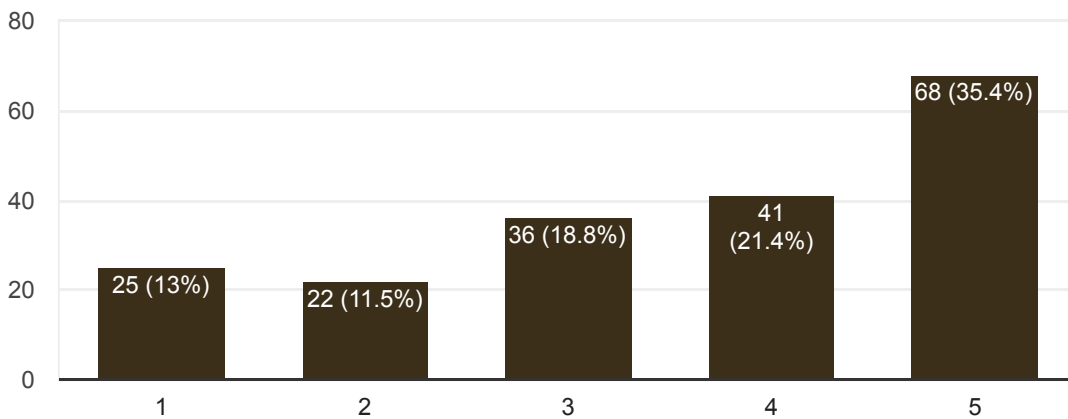
Really beautiful, looks fun for older kids and safe for younger ones (can't reach it).

beautiful, simple. LOVE IT.

Looks fun without having to be too athletic to enjoy it

The following Dual Expression Swing is an example of a type of equipment under consideration, please rate it from 1-5

192 responses



What do you like or dislike about this piece of equipment?

116 responses

Love these

I think the babies would love swinging with a parent

Love the idea of swinging with my little.

good for young kids and parents

Usable by different age groups and good adult participation.

Nice to interact with small kids

I actually LOVE this kind of swing for babies and toddlers, but we already have many baby/toddler swings. If this replaced some of those, I'm fully in favor. If this took the place of equipment that was appropriate for older ages, I'm not.

Unnecessary. Regular swings are fine.

My kids are too old for this, but I love it. I would have used this all the time.

meh

Enjoy swinging with your kid!

Maybe it's good for parents of little kids but I think the fun of swinging isn't staring into your dad's face - it's looking out from a different perspective.

Great for young kids

Very cool concept

Kids not interested

Cute but there's already two swing sets out there at the park

I'm not interested in swinging

Great for babies

Seriously? I get a helicopter parent vibe. Don't like it.

We would use it

I just don't get the appeal

Super cute, big kid & small kid could use together.

Yes! As long as it doesn't mess with having the swings they already have.

Looks fun

Not familiar with this equipment

looks like great fun, hopefully adults wouldn't hog them when 2 + kids want on.

This swing could help build connections with the parent and child—and with 1/68 children being diagnosed with autism in the US, this might also help a child with a disability make eye contact.

Great for little kids, but we already have so much little kid orientated stuff.

Good for parent involvement which is currently lacking.

Great for caregivers and children to connect

I'd love to swing with my smaller kids.

After pushing two small children on swings while facing them (for years), this looks like an awesome option for mommies who need a rest.

So unique and fun!!

cute- limited use to anyone without a baby or toddler

kids want swings that really take off. Pretty much that is the case by age 2 or 3. So this is pretty limited to the toddlers. Plus babysitters and grandparents will hate it.

That looks fun for the littles

I think kids can swing by themselves without needing a parent all up in their faces

Would have loved when my son was a baby

Interesting

Wouldn't use it. Limited age group

Great way to swing with your baby

I'd rather push my kid or if we got a dual seat swing...this would be my choice

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Looks like the attachment parents dream

I think regular swings are just as fun.

I've never been on one of these, but my social butterfly daughters would love to swing with others. Although would be sad if no one was there to swing with them.

my child is too big but could see how parents would like

Not super practical

YES!!! This is so great for parents with babies and smaller children. Our babies get a little scared getting in a swing by themselves so this would really help make them feel more comfortable.

love that the adult can participate especially with children that may be timid.

Swings are always needed

So. Much. Fun.

Looks fun. Interactive and enjoyable for both parents and kids.

great parent interaction

Useful for all ages and looks durable . No place for graffiti!

Unattractive and only for younger children

I don't have small kids so it seems too specific and I would not use it.

SO fun for kids under 2!

I can swing both my kids at the same time

Not appealing. Our kids loved the existing baby swings when they were younger, don't see a need for another swing that looks to be expensive and take up a lot more room. Would rather just have more plain baby swings for less money.

Co play with adults

I've used this at other parks. It's great.

Looks fun but my kids are too old for it :(

This looks great for parents and kids.

This looks like so much more fun than pushing my kid on a swing - I would love to get to swing with her!

I think this is very sweet, but if funds are limited would rather spend the money on something else, the swings there are fine and always a hit with kids

looks uncomfortable for adult. satisfied with pushing my young child and/or having them sit on my lap on the big kid swings

That seems strange to me but interesting

Wonderful idea!!

Kids like it and would use it

Weird

Great for families with very little children!

is less flexible or group oriented

Love this! And I no longer have a kid in the hunt

I would love to see more equipment that is available to kids or families with disabilities. I also love equipment that parents can be involved with their kids like this swing.

I've never seen this before. What a great idea for swinging with the littles!

I would rather just have a normal baby swing, the baby swings are often in high demand. I often see kids on BOTH sets of baby swings in the morning.

Fun for parents AND kids!

I want to use it!!

Not sure it's necessary given we already have swings - seems superfluous

I don't know that it would be any more fun than a regular swing.

I'd love to swing like that with my daughter. Fun!

love the opportunity for adult and child to share the experience

No idea what this is

It appears to take up a lot of swing structure real estate. And most parents push their little ones while on their phone. Will this get used?

We already have plenty for small children.

would be awesome for parents with small children to interact with

Kid and adult can use

Very cool to have something parents can play WITH their kids

Fun for parents who have to help their kids swing

I would have loved this when my kiddos were younger.

These are wonderful for interacting with your young kids.

Looks like a really great thing for new parents and young babies to do together

Nice but if you are keeping the larger swing set it would be somewhat of a duplication

Big/little kids can play at the same time. Do they make one with two big-kid seats as well?

This strikes me as a very marginal improvement over the standard seated swings we already have. Let's use our resources for something we don't have.

original; could engage multi-ages of kids

I have never seen anything like this before

Great for little kids and parents!

This looks like fun for the parents! It might be nice to have one that had a seat that a bigger kid could use as well.

I think this is fun and cute and a nice alternative to the "regular" baby swings. My kids are older, though, so selfishly...

Other (16)

Sample Equipment

The following Zip Line is an example of a type of equipment under consideration, please rate it from 1-5

191 responses

What do you like or dislike about this piece of equipment?

100 responses

Fun (2)

Love the big slides, incorporated rock wall that would eliminate need for separate structure

It's hard to see the individual playground pieces. Overall, looks good.

too big of a structure for our existing footprint I think.

this is good for all ages

Looks fun.

Love these but always a big line to use them because they are so popular. They also are prone to breaking a lot

Looks like fun but it also looks less sturdy than other options and I question if we'd have the budget/resources to keep it maintained and working.

Fun!

Zip line yes. Needs to be big enough for older kids.

I don't want a zip line at the park -- space hog and injury potential when kids inevitably run in front of the person on the line.

fun but requires a lot of space with small kid-density

Looks fun..

Only one child can use at a time.

Kids would love it

Limited number of simultaneous users

Safety concerns

That looks pretty fun.

Exciting/challenging for older kids. Can I do it, too? ;)

looks fun. especially desirable if the weight limit will hold adults.

Looks dangerous

May be too large

Kids get hurt. Takes up too much room. Probably expensive.

Looks fun

This would be good as long as it's not in a typical "runway".

fun and seems safe

Love zip lines, but only 1 child can use this at a time.

That would be totally awesome!

Fun, but would require lots of supervision. Also, cost of upkeep/maintenance?

It seems like a good zip line but this isn't an important piece of equipment for me.

Yes to zip lines. Also, older kids like zip lines.

looks fun

could be cool. But again, staying power looks low

Not sure. Imagine fighting and kids getting whacked in the crossfire.

i fear older kids breaking this.

Looks fun! Also looks dangerous.

Based on our zip line, I think the mechanics of it and the safety equipment required make it iffy. Plus too much parental facilitating in and out of harness.

Kids of all ages love this

This is the coolest thing ever and my kids would play on this all day like ng

it's a one kid activity...not ideal

Maintenance!!

That looks fun!!

Could be fun. Might get pretty grimy though.

have seen this before and it was a HUGE hit

Zip lines are always popular!

This looks like fun too.

Awesome!

fun!

If it is plastic, it will have a short lifespan. Little kids will like it, but will need spotters

Looks very fun

This looks like fun and is good for core strength, but I dislike how much space it would take up

My kids enjoy zip lines, but they don't seem to age well. After several years they begin to stick and not move well. I'd prefer more durable equipment that requires less maintenance.

It's a large piece of equipment but only one kid can play on it at a time.

Looks fun if not hard to maintain (no good if it'll always be broken)?

Looks nice but similar to other "string based" equipment. I would be worried with maintenance

Totally fun

This looks like lots of fun and reasonably safe. Children would have to take turns, but the design makes it pretty clear who was waiting there first because they basically have to line up.

Look into broken arms from these, perhaps it's ok, but a school I taught at got rid of a zip line because of so many broken arms. (The sudden stopping seemed to do it).

seems like parents would need to regulate it more, like the lily pads at the pool that have a staff member telling people when they can go, and not go.

I think this is a broken arm waiting to happen and that there could be liability issues with this

Kids like it and would use it

Looks FUN!

wonder if it would hold up over time

We go to one like this in VA, and it is always a crowd favorite. The down side is that it only occupies one kid at a time, and takes up a lot of space.

I could see it being fun for younger and older children

they usually get gummy and not working well

This looks awesome

My toddler wouldn't be able to use this.

Looks like a lot of fun, and seems relatively safer than the rock and rope walls. Not so far off the ground.

Unfamiliar with it.

I think this would get used a lot by the kids. My only concern is, what is the maintenance like on something like this? Will it break down often?

looks fun but not sure how well it would hold up in weather etc

Too short

Super fun

I've seen zip line like equipment at other parks, and they seem to be the least used features of the parks. I think ,if space is limited, only high used pieces should be chosen.

I like it, I just like the other net climber and climbing wall better

This looks really fun but also seems like it might get worn over time. If it has a long functional life (10-20 yrs) , then I would say my vote is 5pts.

I would prefer a sitting ride for my kids.

Hard for kids to do independently

Looks fun for all ages

Only one kid can use it at a time, but I like it much better than the hanging type zip lines with no foot grip.

This looks like a sure-fire way to knock out inattentive kids who cross the path.

seems like it would be abused

Only one kid can use it at a time, takes up space

I really like the foot supports on this vs zip lines that are just hand held which I feel can lead to more fall injuries if kids let go.

zip lines are awesome.

Looks fun.

Teached a great skill

Another good option for older kids

So very much fun. Both my girls were in complete agreement on this one!

More of a backyard structure; only one kid can really use it at a time and I foresee lots of kicking of kids

Fun. See it used sometimes at other playgrounds whereas other equipment used more. Prefer something that gets used a lot.

love it too, assuming again that the surface is properly planned for safety

Too much for older kids.

This equipment is super popular with kids and requires that they communicate and help each other

Dangerous and not sure what would be under it. Do they just hold on. With multiples kids on at one time kids could fall on each other.

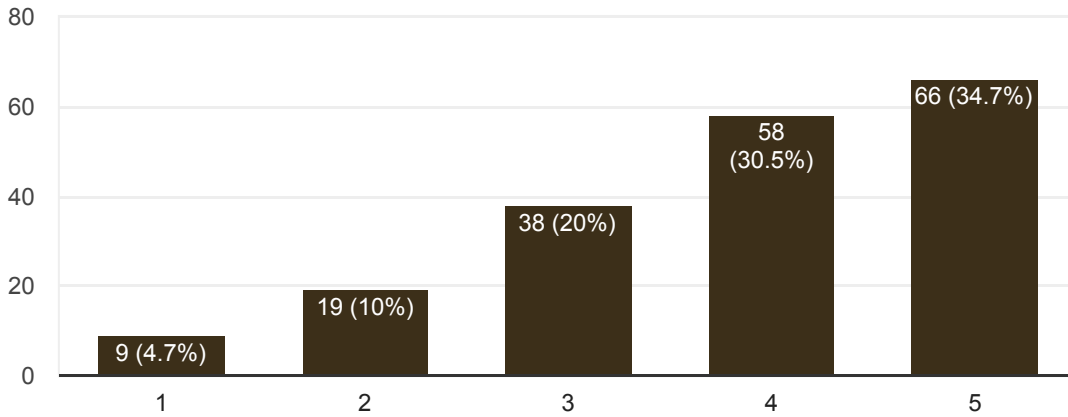
Looks like fun.

looks super fun

Looks fun. Again without having to be too athletic to enjoy it

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190 responses



What do you like or dislike about this piece of equipment?

102 responses

This is my fav central playscape piece

Lots to do but I'm not sure how much older age groups will use the slides.

I like it in general, but again I think it is too big of a structure for our existing foot print.

Wish it was bigger!

improvement for sure over what we have today.

Multifunction/multiuser friendly

Multiple options for climbing and shading

This looks really fun for imaginative play

Kool, but could be cooler.

I like it, however, in addition it would be nice to have a playscape for 0-3...even if it is just added to this one. The one that exists now is for older children as it is.

The existing plays ape is fine.

Would want more shade given planned placement, but I like that this is for older elementary kids. I can't tell if that's a slide on the other side, but we're slide fans.

we already have similar equipment

Where is the slide?

Like everything.

Is it very different from the current playscape

Nice colors. I like that it looks like it would blend in more with nature.

A good assortment of activities

Can integrate climbing wall, arm zip line and bars and other climbing/slide activities

As long as it is sized for kids >5. Current playscape accommodates the <5 age group

like the shade, like the "naturally shaped" objects and use of natural colors.

Like the idea of a new, separate playscape.

I like, although I would like to see different versions/something better.

Like monkey bars, spiral steps, rock climbing area.

offers a number of movements. I like the sun shade, wish it were bigger.

Only if replacing current playscape

We kinda already have this?

Seems similar to what we already have in BW park and for BW Elem. School

Current setup is similar, need more variety.

The silver rock thing doesn't seem safe.

This would be a great option to replace the existing playscape.

This is very nice, but looks like it has duplicate functions with what is already @ the park

other than the bars, it seems to repeat what is already there

visually appealing, I like that it's "open" enough that parents can see what's happening without having to hover, again, just want to put in a plug for multiple pieces of equipment to serve the wide range of kids in our neighborhood.

Essential. A good playscape with different levels of challenge is essential.

Seems too similar in theory to the current one

Lots of activities, open to different ages, good for pretend play and imagination

Need something bigger and more challenging for older monkeys.

This already exists

If we keep most of the existing playground structure, this piece shown seems redundant...but, if we are talking replacement...it looks nice.

We have a suitable playscape but need more slides

I like the different ways to climb up the structure. I can't tell what that wiggly part does. Monkey bars? I like the shade! How do they get back down?

love the stepping stones and shade

Lots of options for all ages

plenty of climbing room and visibility to the children for parents.

Love multiple on/off access points. Area underneath provides for imaginative play

No slide. No ramp. No ability for littler kids or kids with disabilities to play

Seems somewhat generic.

multi useful

What age group could use it? Depending on the durability of the materials, this looks great for the appropriate age group

It's okay, but where are the slides?

I like that it has multiple ways of getting on/off and that part of it is covered from the sun. I think it should have a multiple slides for children that aren't comfortable climbing down via the stairs/stepping stones

Looks like a decent climbing structure, but it also is not very different than the existing play structure.

Safe, innovative, and looks fun

Too open. Fall hazard

Looks great. I always appreciate if a playscape has multiple entry points geared towards diff levels of ability.

Easy to run and climb on

Good choice

I love all of the different climbing options and it sets a great stage for all kinds of imaginative play.

very cool, i like that many kids can use it at one time

Doesn't seem appropriate for little ones.

Multiplay

existing equipment at park and school already cover most of this

This looks like the diverse and cool all ages type playscape that I would like to see

Kids like it and would use it

Great

Fantastic

Looks more challenging than the current one, so appealing for sure.

I don't like that it doesn't have a slide

interesting design. rock part good for little kids to use

Playscapes are always fun!

Very cool and interesting design

great variety of activities in one unit

Expensive and replicates equipment available on other side of school and at Wooten and Pillow Parks.

Yes, yes, yes!

lots of unique elements with nature incorporated

Falling

I like the nature look, but it looks similar to what we have in terms of function

Good for older kids; has shade

Pros: lots of obstacles and looks fun!

Not enough shade cover.

Too similar to existing materials

Love the climbing boulders. Would prefer a second, higher level with slide. Like the sun shade. Would also like a moving piece - rope/chain ladder, wiggle bridge, swinging lollipop climber.

Good multifunction playscape. Might go a bit higher at one end and put the climbing feature and a tube slide there.

multi-age use, monkey bars

good for lots of ages

I don't like the height of this for younger kids.

It's not bad. The different types of ladders are nice. More monkey bars and the like would make it better.

I like the "stone" and the fact that there's an overhead shade

I would like to see a playscape with an area for younger kids to climb and enjoy too

Monkey bars that you can actually reach. And the shade cover is cool.

Multi purpose experience

The more shade the better

Lots of stuff to do; multiple kids can use it at once; open to the imagination.

Too similar to what we have.

Different type of things from what is already there

I like it if the current playscape stays

Ok

If this is meant to replace the current structure it is not enough. I also think a less traditional structure with terraform ground is a better compliment to the existing structure

I like but isn't it similar to what is staying.

Other (2)

Other suggestions or ideas

What specific improvements would you like to see at Brentwood Park Playground?

131 responses

Equipment to attract kids over 8

Sidewalks!

I would like to see new equipment and more benches. I'd also like to find a way to keep unleashed dogs out of the park.

Redo the existing structure completely. replace the exercise equipment with more stuff for kids like a rope climbing structure. A few benches and improvements to that 'sand box' would be nice as well.

New equipment that is suited for older kids too. The current structure is perfect for toddler age but the older kids tend to run down the smaller ones because it's the only structure.

Strict enforcement of off leash dogs. I don't use the playground as much due to it terrorizing my kids

Keep the playground area concentrated like it is with the improvements so there is the same open space as it is now. That is it's inherent beauty is the open space along with the playground, basketball court, tennis court and softball field. On another note, is the volleyball area necessary? I may have seen it used once in the 12 years I've lived in Brentwood.

More equipment that encourages active, imaginative, and interactive play for elementary age kids. Signs reinforcing no off-leash dogs.

equipment for older kiddos, improvements to the tennis courts

More shade, different types of equipment to play with.

What I mentioned before; more areas/playscapes designed for 0-3 children, updates to sandbox with canopy for sun protection and overall cleaning on existing playscapes. I really like the idea of removing/re-locating the exercise area and adding more play things for children, I never see adults using this, I've only witnessed a young boy falling and hitting his head on part of it, I think it's dangerous. I've also seen children really enjoy animal structures to play on, it's easy to add art/learning with them. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to add my thoughts.

Paths for riding bikes, scooters and skateboards. Undulating hills for running, rolling and hiding. Parkour obstacles course. Soccer goals. Adjustable basketball goal and half court.

I think you've covered them. More picnic tables = good.

additional fitness equipment for adults to use while kids are playing.

I super huge swirly slide. bbq pits.

More people using it year round! It's such a great resource. So often it's empty. Kids have more fun with other kids around.

I would like to see things for older kids, like monkey bars and rock climbers.

A BIG slide. Anything that spins around fast

More activities for different ages.

Plan for shade/trees as more of the sycamore trees are at the end of their lifespans.

Nature themes. Climbing equipment

Improved sandbox and permanent sandbox equipment such as mounted diggers.

We don't really use it anymore, but the sandbox area always has seemed disheveled to me. Another bench or two would be nice.

A discrete fence to stop the safety of kids in playground being part of the ongoing discussion about the dogs that are off leash in the park. We all know they aren't meant to be off leash but they are at all times every day and the fence would protect the playground area.

More for 6-10 yr old age group. LOVE the proposed zip line, climbing wall, spinning piece, etc!!!!

Sounds like it is outside the scope of this proposal, but I would rather have our park keep an adult outdoor fitness area, even if it is located elsewhere. It could use some improvement, of course. For example, outdoor elliptical or rower, incline bench for crunches. I think with improved condition of fitness equipment, all adults in the neighborhood and older children could benefit from fresh air and targeted exercise while still keeping the playground area safe for the little ones. That said, the proposed equipment all looks incredibly fun and I know my children would enjoy having it when they are older!!

More fun equipment for kids. One or more disc golf baskets

Low "art wall" to contain park. People can buy a block as a fundraiser! (I'd buy one or a few)

Stuff for older kids. I like the art-prism structure.

Monkey bars, climbing wall, rope climbing, big slide. Very interested in elements that help build skills, balance, etc.

While I have a dog and am pro-dog, off-leash dogs have no business around a children's playground. If it's possible to distinguish between the open green space and the children's play area that would improve safety.

Structures good for multiple ages that are also visually appealing. More opportunities for kids to climb. A solution for the dog issue. More of a natural landscape type play area.

The park is fairly shaded, otherwise a shade would be a must. I like the idea of more spread out but interconnected playground pieces. The climbing, spinning, and zip line equipment would be a huge hit with the kids.

Game pits: Horseshoes, rings, bocce, teatherball, etc.

I generally do not like play structures that only allow one type of activity. I'd like to see something that invites imaginative play, is durable, and looks nice. Looking for guidance at the newly remodeled Ramsey park, I really like the their "natural playscape elements" as shown at the bottom of their website:
<http://www.ramseypark.org/masterplan/>

better ground cover for falls. benches for parents and friends, possibly a low wall with some sort of art (like our Crestview Wall near Arlan's market)

More equipment for slightly older kids...

Something different, something challenging and fun for older kids to do together.

See opinion comments at start of survey. Thanks for doing this!

One item mentioned in the check box list was a low wall around the perimeter, but this idea really is very important. There are significant issues with people letting their dogs run off leash in the park. A low wall would provide an important barrier for separation between the dogs and the kids.

A splash pad, a few spinning play elements, and a paved walkway that kids could ride on in a small loop.

water fountains updated, open climbing structure (wire/rope) for big kids, provide a variety of equipment such as swings, zip lines, spinning structure, slide, climbing wall, improvements made to address interests and use of children over large age range (i.e. not all geared to very young children, include equipment geared towards older elementary & middle school ages, too).

more shade, more seating areas for adults/teens, could consider water (both drinking and playing in), could consider some kind of paved loop for kids to play on bikes/scooters....

Something for the older kids and more climbing structures

Shade

Soccer field

Keep it kid-focused and have more interesting/challenging things for them

I would love to see this climbing equipment: <http://idsculpture.com/index.html>

I also like the idea of moving the fitness stuff, although my kids do enjoy playing on it....I think something more geared to their size would be better. Also, a bench swing would be cool. For little kids, mine loved this type of thing:

<https://www.wayfair.com/Little-Tikes-Commercial-Scarlet-Lady-Bug-C-Spring-Rider-M00000960-L910-K~LTC1019.html?refid=GX103455982963->

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Lights around play area. Its ass hot half the year. Having lights available to use play area after sundown would be nice. Might prevent vandalism as well

I think I've stated them all.

A structure or equipment for older children, a splash pad, even more shade.

Thank you for heading this up!! I'm excited to help where I can!

more climbing, better equipment for kids ages 6 and up

See answer from first page

Would love to incorporate nature into it and really use all the. Re trees which have been going in. Our oldest enjoys simple tree climbing!

Bigger sandbox!!

Thank you SO much for doing this!

skate area

A shade structure over the workout area/future playscape

More benches where people can sit and relax. More recycle and trash bins. Better and additional restrooms!

Less chainlink fencing.

More exploration and artistic oriented improvements

Better adult gathering / watching spaces, level out grass areas

I'd like to see more playscape options in general. My preference would be to have options that are clearly geared towards older children separated from options that are clearly geared for younger children so that the babies/toddlers don't get pushed aside or run over by older kids.

Having a paved sidewalk that loops and circles around the play areas would be great. Kids love riding bikes and scooters on that. My kids do enjoy the sandbox, but it could use some maintenance. Make sure and keep the picnic tables and benches around.

Splashpad or improve the pool

Overall, a better use of the large space with multiple areas connected with sidewalks and greenery. Additional equipment, shaded areas and benches for parents, and if going all out, splash pads are always welcome in the ATX summers.

Remove old workout equipment, improve the equipment to apply to older children, improve the sandbox (shade, new sand)

I would vote against putting a fence or wall surrounding the playground. I know there is a unleashed dog issue but I prefer the idea of my kid being able to run on the park unrestricted by a fence and fix other issues in a separate way.

More play equipment for wider age range. Consider removing sandbox and put some other piece of equipment there. Stronger enforcement of on leash rules or a separate off leash area.

A water fountain closer to the playground would be great. It would be especially nice if the water fountain had a bottle-filler, too.

more equipment for older kids

Equipment for the 5-10 crowd.

I'd also like to see more places for the community to gather. Either benches or tables.

Good exercise equipment. Natural looking. Minimal bright colors

Stuff for bigger kids

Sandbox needs an overhaul!!

Rubber ground or something other than woodchips.

More benches

Also a better sandbox environment. Lots of small kids play there.

A cover over at least one of the playscape would be greatly appreciated.

The current sand box is always great place for little ones and could use a boost

Equipment that is fun for all

Maybe some sun cover over the areas not protected by trees.

I really feel like the park is great as is. I would rather see city dollars going to other things or other parks that could actually use improvements. Don't get me wrong, it would be fun to have new stuff but I have no complaints about our current stuff.

More equipment to play on would be great. We love Ramsey park. That is a great example.

Fence around play area to keep dogs out and equipment that works for a wide range of ages.

More shading option to screen out UV sun rays

There are a lot of toddlers (including my own) that use the park, so more equipment that toddlers can play on independently would be great! I also really dislike the wood chips -- they stick to everything and end up coming home with us and all over our house.

Refreshed and more equipment, better signage to keep dogs on leash or away from kids and/or some sort of short border wall like at northwest that can double as seating and provide a perimeter.

Mainly some kind of fencing to keep unleashed dogs away from children. And, more and/or bigger signs that clearly state that dogs need to be on a leash at all times.

promotion of upkeep by users

Keep it simple and add more seating for parents watching, ideally under shade trees.

Just a few more places to sit. Maybe just two more.

Play structures for older children added.

Improvements to the workout stations, not removal!

more shaded paths and spaces for exploring and interacting with nature

Leash free area

A very innovative, relative and larger playscape. Something that someone from another neighborhood would drive over to use because it's so cool.

More shade sails, more areas for adults to sit

In order to spend more time at the park my family needs equipment that interests both older and younger kids. To accommodate larger numbers of families, there really needs to be more equipment available. I would also like to see more benches or gathering spots for adults accompanying kiddos. Gathering spots might also interest teenagers as well.

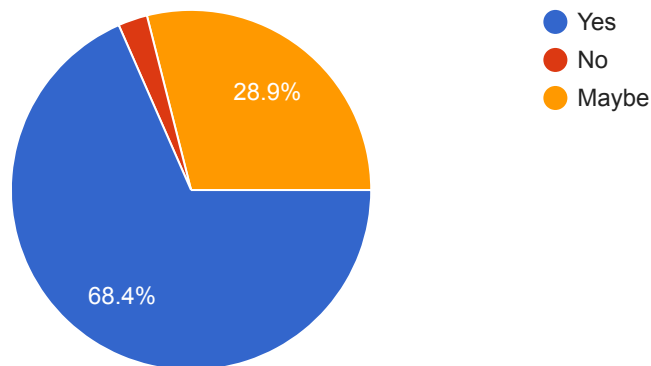
Shade. Fence around the playground so dogs don't enter the playground area. Maybe change the wood chips for a different ground cover. Big dreams--- splash pad!

Other (31)

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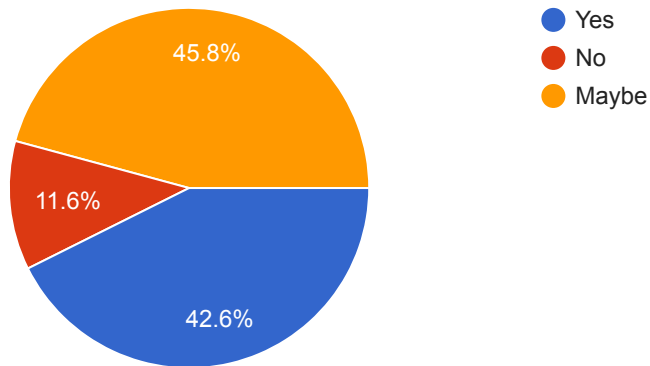
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