

# NATURE PLAY

## HOW WE PLAY THE NATURE WAY

#### THREE KEYS FOR GREAT NATURE PLAY

- The right kind of PLACE Good nature play requires land that is not too protected and is wild - at least in children's eyes.
- 2. The right kind of PLAY
  Outdoor, "child-centered" play is the goal: play that children themselves initiate, guide, change, or abandon.
- 3. The right kind of RE-PLAY Frequent outdoor nature play is key to developing memories and love of nature throughout a child's life. This level of frequency may be the hardest aspect of nature play to restore.

## BENEFITS OF NATURE PLAY

#### 1. Makes Kids Healthier

Regular habits of active play during childhood are one of the best predictors of active adulthoods.

#### 2. Makes Kids Smarter

The variety provided by nature stimulates and develops a child's body and offers an added boost to the development of the brain.

#### 3. Makes Kids Feel Better

Outdoor play in green settings reduces the symptoms of attentiondeficit hyperactivity disorder in children.

#### 4. Good For The Earth

Frequent, unstructured childhood play in natural settings has been found to be the most common influence on the development of life-long conservation values.

# WOOD

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#### ROBINIA WOOD

- Highest pressure and bending strength and is suitable for making playground equipment due to its durability in contact with the soil
- Robinia logs consist entirely of heartwood
- In untreated condition, Robinia will first get a golden color, and then turn grayish like any other untreated wood
- Norna products are sustainably harvested and <u>FSC-certified</u>











#### CEDAR

- Has a smooth and soft finish
- Lighter than hardwood but it's not weak due to this lightness
- Resistant to rot when it comes into contact with the soil
- Natural insect and water repellant making it a low-effort choice
- Dries out quickly after rain or snow
- Known for its pleasant aroma and appealing smell
- Recyclable and sustainable
- Organic and inviting look



# THEMED



## POLYFIBERCRETE

- Lightweight synthetic concrete sandstone textured material molded into solid play structures and site furnishings
- Patented process of cellular concrete, polymer additives, molds, sand, air bubbles, and sandblasting
- Non-abrasive climbing grip offers safety and durability
- Does not crack or shatter
- Major advantages solid, heavy structures that are of uniform composition and color throughout





#### ROPES

- Easy to maintain quick repairs
- Creates a sense of adventure
- Good sightline and visibility for parents watching kids play
- Good exercise, activates core
   muscles, balance
- Challenges older kids, multi-level age range playability
- Encourages kids to be risk takers!
- Steel core makes it vandal resistant











#### GLASS FIBER REINFORCED CONCRETE

- Lightweight, durable material that can be cast into nearly unlimited shapes, colors and textures
- Look of real wood with manufactured product
- Endless theme options
- Sustainable uses less cement than equivalent concrete and often uses significant quantities of recycled materials



# SURFACING



### WOOD FIBER

- Has high impact absorbing qualities yet firm, slip resistant surface that, if properly installed, will meet accessibility guidelines
- Reduces injuries after a fall or tumble
- Very economical
- Easy to maintain
- Pure natural material means no negative health or environmental effects
- Environmentally friendly



### ARTIFICIAL TURF

- Soft and fluffy underfoot
- Cleaner than wood fiber, dirt and real grass
- Never slippery, and it drains away moisture far faster than natural grass
- Tough and long lasting
- Little to no maintenance
- Always looks good, even in a drought



### RUBBERIZED SURFACING

- Allows for a wide range of color options
- Economical, quick to install, saves on labor costs
- Easily adjusts for thickness variances or less than optimal landscape levels
- Never compacts or shifts over time regardless of the amount of traffic
- Accommodates foot or wheel traffic
- Being porous, the surface also quickly dries



#### SAND

- Economical
- Easy to install
- Provides good impact absorption
- Does not easily support microbial growth
- Endless opportunities for imaginative play
- Great tactile, sensory play
- Can make into mud for more types of sensory play





#### PEA GRAVEL

- Offers good cushioning for walking across the surface
- Recognized for being safe and highly shock absorbent
- Does not support the growth of microbial organisms
- Helps to improve drainage which reduces any flooding
- Doesn't create a hospitable environment for pests and won't grab the interest of any outdoor animals

# PROJECTS Stanford CCSC Palo Alto, CA

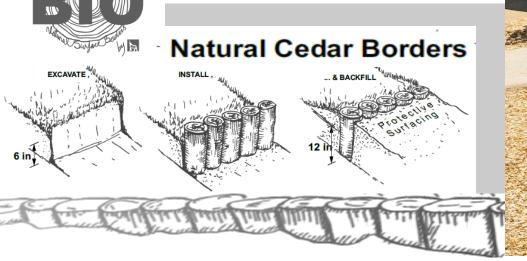






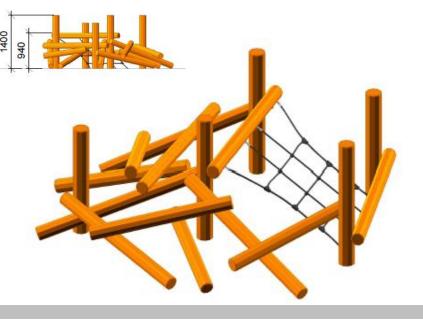
#### PRODUCT FEATURES

- Hand polished, stainless steel finish
- Port holes for water shutoff and drain plug
- Float valve to refill tank
- Bolted blank cover for winterization
- Customization available upon request

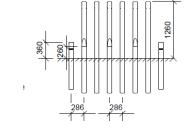




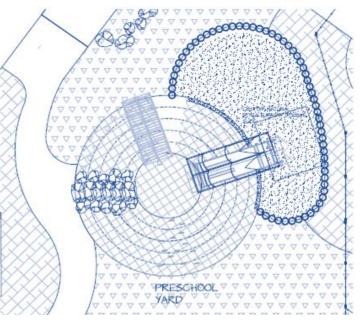


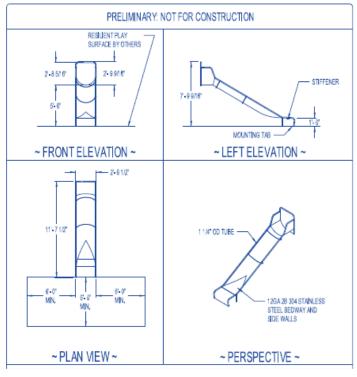






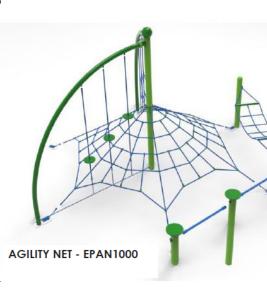












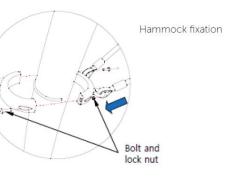


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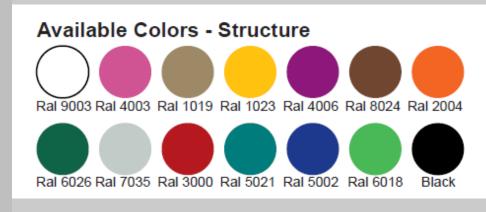
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Equipment dimensions (mm): 4 880 x 4 240 x 2 400

Minimum space required (mm): 8 480 x 7 840





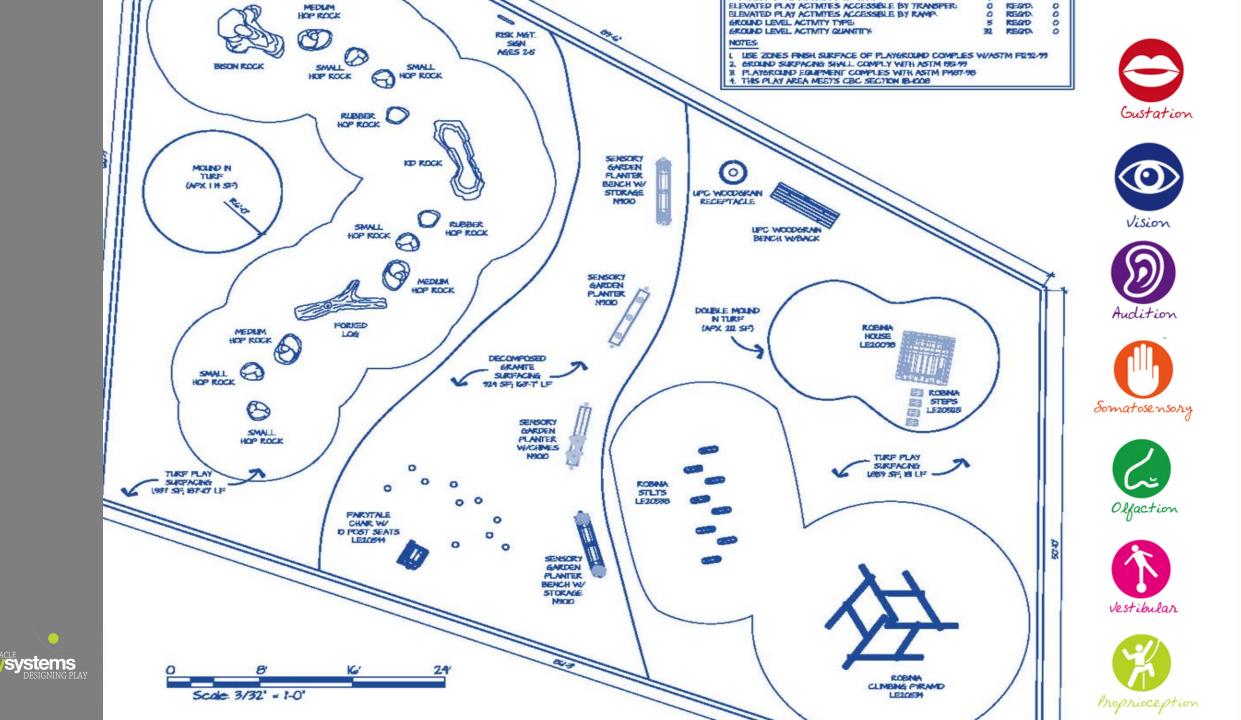






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Vision is developed through play by sharpening a child's eye hand coordination skills.



Somatosensory



Auditory inputs in a play environment help to support healthy sensory integration.

This sense offers information about the body and the surrounding environment.

Smell is the most advanced sense that children have at birth. The olfactory receptors within the nose contain cells that allow for smell and send chemical messages to the brain.



Taste is an additional way to build and expand a child's language base.



#### Lesser Known Senses



Proprioception provides awareness of the body position.



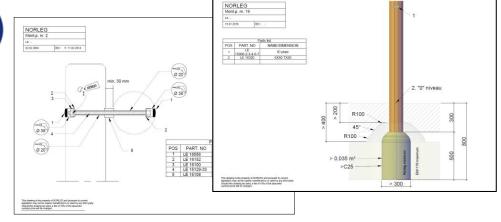
The vestibular sense provides spatial awareness.





### Sensory Garden

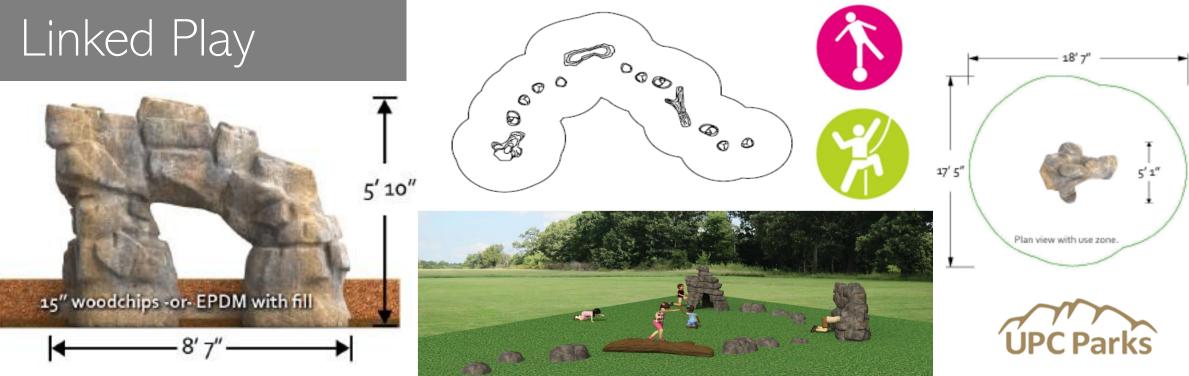






Robina Wood Planter Boxes
Musical Wood Chimes
Added Bench for Collaborative Play

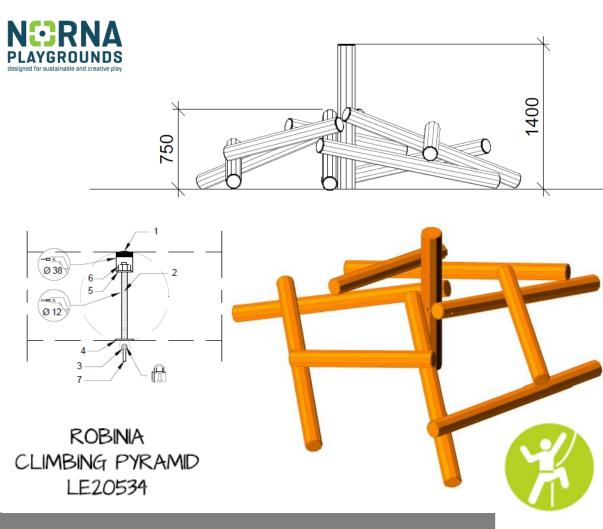






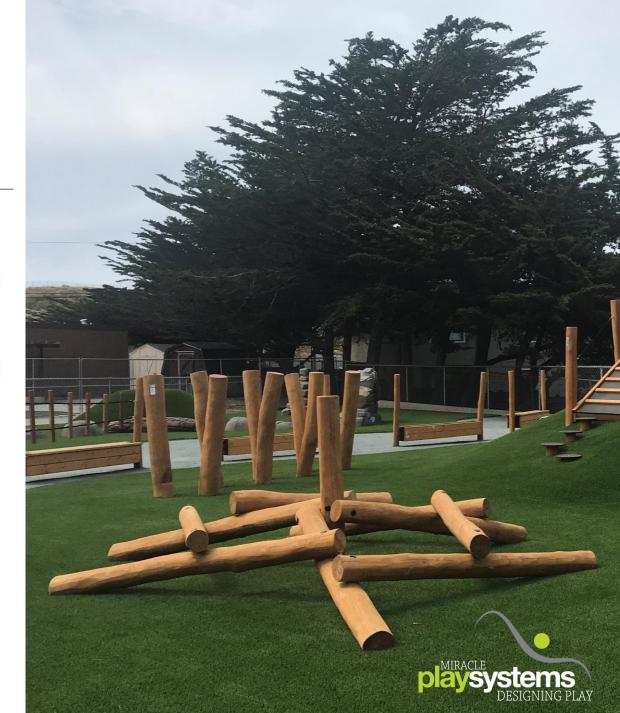


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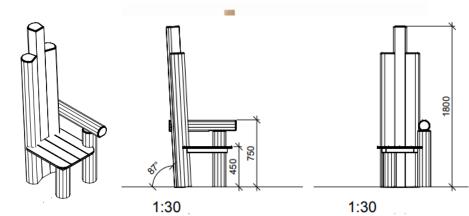
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Motor skills and the imagination, are challenged in a playful way.

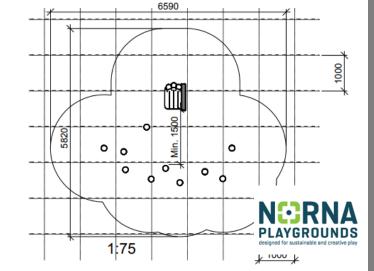




## Storytelling Corner









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