

Pennsylvania Nature Play Areas

Little Woods Nature Play Area

Enclosed by a small rustic fence, Little Woods offers young children a safe place to explore intimate paths, water features, and “loose parts” that encourage creative building opportunities.

Asbury Woods Nature Center

City of Erie (Erie County)

(814) 835-5356

asburywoods.org



Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve Natural Play Area

This one-acre natural play area set within the organization’s preserve includes a sandpit with water, two vegetated tunnels, a muddy play creek, a tree house, climbing trunk and serpentine walls. The play elements are set in a woodland area. The sandpit is surrounded by plantings and the serpentine walls are set into a wildflower meadow.

Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania

Fox Chapel (Allegheny County)

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Natural Playscape

This nature playscape takes components in our environment that naturally hone physical skills (like balancing logs, tree stumps and boulders) and organizes them into a reliable, low cost and experiential play area aimed at the developmental needs of children.

Briar Bush Nature Center

Abington (Montgomery County)

(215) 887-6603 | info@fhnc.org

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Nature Outdoor Classroom

Pathways lined by logs and native plants and mulched with shredded bark and pine straw direct visitors to the natural play areas. Children are encouraged to dig in the fossil pit; build lean-to(s); test their strength and abilities in the challenge area; and foster their imagination in the creative play area. Nearby, children may explore the community garden and an apiary that highlights the importance of bees and native plants.

Fern Hollow Nature Center
Sewickley (Allegheny County)
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Nature Playscape

The Conservancy has constructed a natural playscape at Rolling Hill Park complete with tree stumps, logs, sand and dirt pits, and butterfly garden. The core values of the Conservancy's education program include nature play, stewardship, exploration and building a strong life-long connection to the local natural environment.

Lower Merion Conservancy
Gladwyne (Montgomery County)
(610) 645-9030
lmconservancy.org



Crow's Nest Preserve Natural Play Area

This natural playground is located in the woods along French Creek, directly adjacent to the parking lot and the Visitor's Center. The core of the playground includes stumps kids can jump on (or turn over to look for bugs), a fallen log that's great for climbing on, a dirt pile for digging, and a stick house that has been constructed (and deconstructed, and reconstructed) by kids.

Natural Lands Trust
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