

ANNE O'C. ALBRECHT NATURE PLAYSCAPE

SCHOOL AND GROUP VISITS FAQ'S



What is the Nature Playscape?

The Anne O'C. Albrecht Nature Playscape is a wonderful outdoor play space in Forest Park. Think of it as the ultimate outdoor destination for all age groups! The Playscape includes nine activity areas, each with unique ways to engage with the natural world, such as logs to balance on, sand to dig in, rocks and trees to climb and water to splash in.

How large is the Nature Playscape?

The Nature Playscape is 17 acres. There is an ADA accessible pathway that loops through the space that is about a mile long. There are woodchip pathways that you can take to further explore certain areas.

Is there any cost for using the Nature Playscape?

The Nature Playscape is free and open year-round for all visitors to enjoy.

What time does the Nature Playscape open and close?

The Nature Playscape has the same hours as the rest of Forest Park. It is open year-round starting at 6 a.m. and ending at 10 p.m.

Can I reserve any part of the Nature Playscape?

Just south of the playscape is Picnic Pavilion #2 — accessible by a woodchip pathway and grass. This pavilion can accommodate up to 100 people and is available to reserve through the City Parks Department at (314)-239-5300. For more information, please visit the City Parks Department Pavilion Rental website.

Is there car parking available at the Nature Playscape?

There are hundreds of parking spaces available around the edge of the Playscape along Concourse Drive and Carr Lane Drive. The best location for group parking is along Carr Lane Drive, east of the Playscape.

Is there bus parking available at the Nature Playscape?

We encourage buses to drop off groups along Carr Lane Drive, on the east side of the Playscape. Bus parking is available at either the Dennis and Judith Jones Visitor Center parking lot or upper Munny parking lot nearby. Please see our guide for bus parking in Forest Park for more information.

Where is the entrance to the Nature Playscape?

There are four entrances to the Nature Playscape, as indicated on the attached map. We encourage groups to enter the Playscape along Carr Lane Drive, as you will pass a water-bottle filling station and restrooms as you enter the playscape. The Carr Lane entrance is also the best location for bus drop-off.





Are there restrooms at the Nature Playscape?

There are two restroom facilities at the Nature Playscape. The restroom in the Nature Playscape is open seasonally from April to October. The restroom near the World's Fair Pavilion to the west of the Playscape is open year-round and has a changing station. Both restrooms are ADA accessible.

What should the members of my group bring with them?

We encourage all Playscape visitors to bring water bottles. We also recommend sunscreen, a change of clothes and a towel on warm or sunny days. There are lots of chances for messy play and a change of clothes can make the trip home more enjoyable. We also recommend bringing snacks for those who are planning a longer visit.

Can I bring food to the Playscape?

You are welcome to bring food and drinks into the Playscape and picnic anywhere. We ask that you use the “pack it in, pack it out” model and clean up after yourself. Trash cans are located throughout the Playscape.

What are the rules and guidelines of the space?

The Nature Playscape is a joyful place for exploration. As you discover the Playscape, you are invited to wander off the trail, follow your imagination where it takes you, climb on the logs, rock and trees. Please use your senses, such as touch and smell, to learn more about the nature around you! The Nature Playscape is a wonderful place to enhance respect for others, self and the outdoors.

Are there any resources or learning tools for the Nature Playscape?

Please check out the landing page on the Forest Park Forever website to find more FAQ's, maps and information to support your visit to the park. The Education Department has also developed a variety of resources specifically for the Nature Playscape. Please check out a series of videos designed to orient you to the space and inspire ideas for your visit!

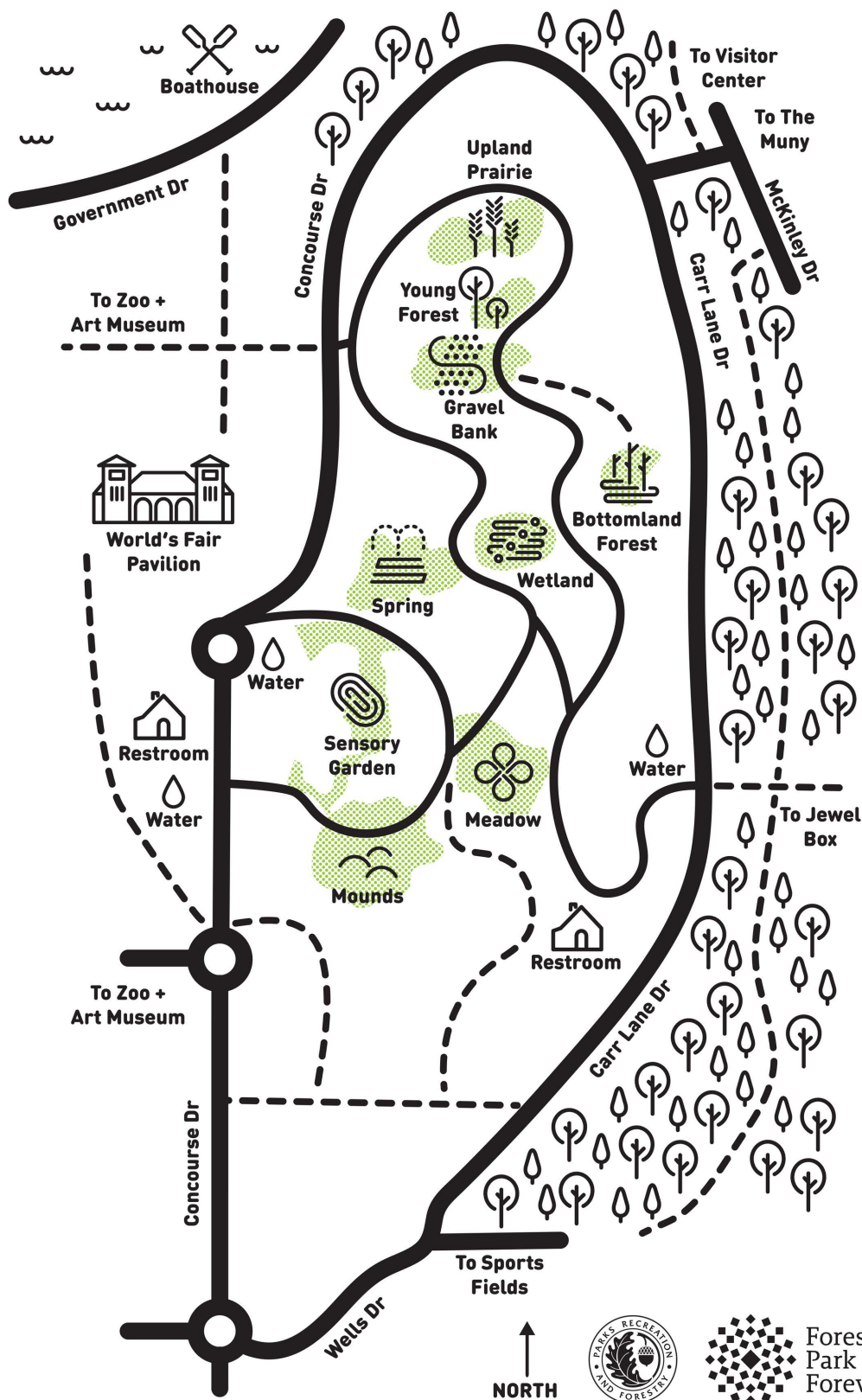
We also offer “My Playscape Passport” booklets. The Passport acts as a visitor guide for the Playscape, designed to assist children and groups as they explore the nine activity areas. Passports are available in limited quantities. If you are interested in using them for your group, please email Jessie Frank, jfrank@forestparkforever.org.

Do I need to let Forest Park Forever know if I am planning a trip to the park?

There is no obligation to alert anyone at Forest Park Forever of your plans. However, our staff are always here to serve as a resource and support your trip. And, if you are using the Playscape for a group event, we would love to know about it! We may also be able to alert you if other large groups are planning to be in the Playscape on the same day.



Please contact our Outdoor Education Specialist, Jessie Frank for more information at jfrank@forestparkforever.org



Forest Park Forever.



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Mounds
 1 min walk/wheel
 15 sec run



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Sensory Garden
 2 min walk/wheel
 300 butterfly flutters



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Meadow
 3 min walk/wheel
 65 cartwheels



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Spring
 4 min walk/wheel
 131 frog hops



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Wetland
 7 min walk/wheel
 1.3 hour turtle trek



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Bottomland Forest
 9 min walk/wheel
 14,250 worm squirms



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Gravel Bank
 9 min walk/wheel
 1,010 fox trots



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Young Forest
 10 min walk/wheel
 667 log rolls



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Upland Prairie
 9 min walk/wheel
 42 sec dragonfly buzz



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BUS/TRUCK PERMITS ST. LOUIS CITY PARK DEPARTMENT POLICY

ORDINANCE: 22.16.130

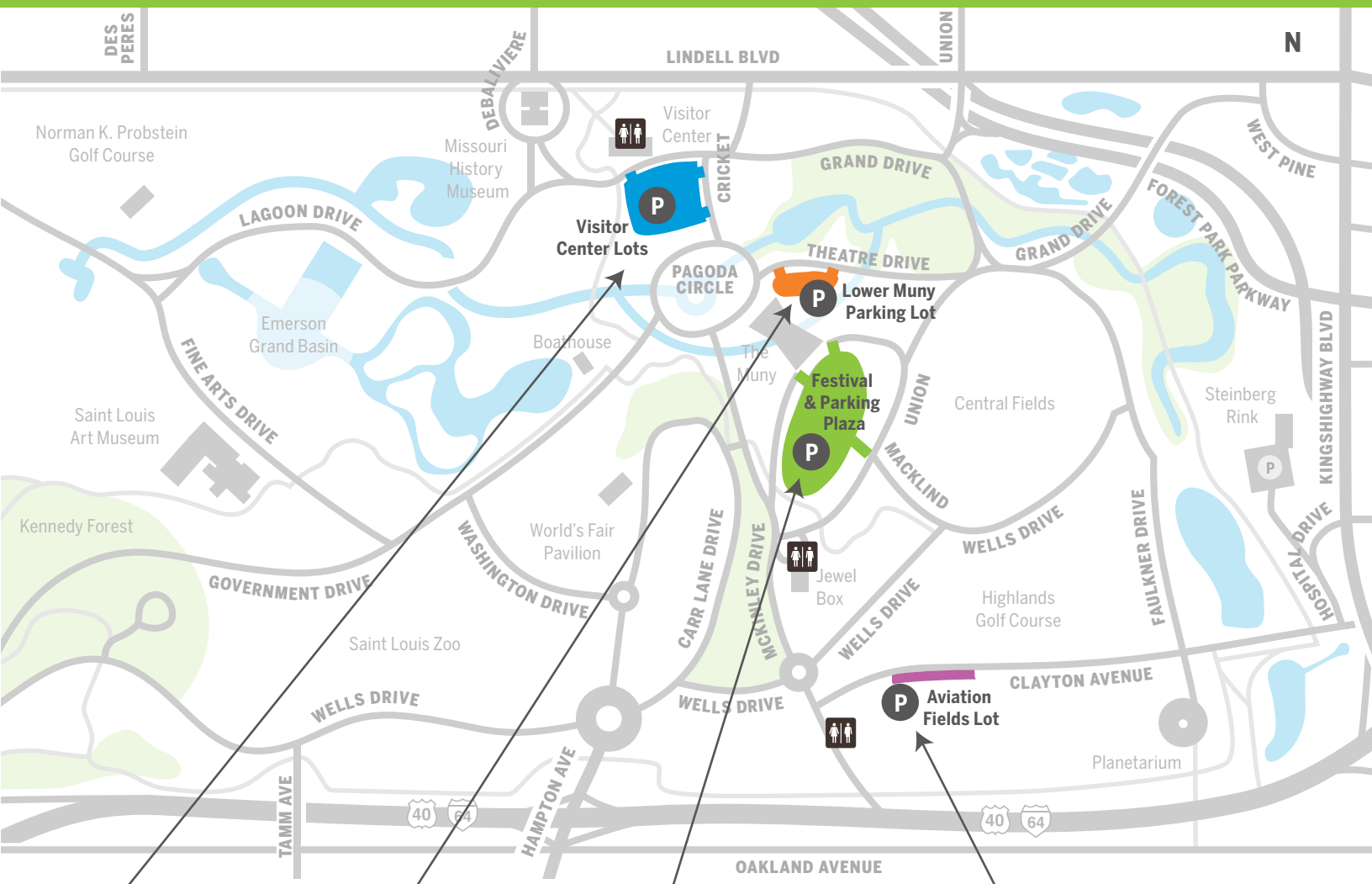
No omnibus or express vehicle with or without passengers, nor any cart, dray, truck or other vehicle carrying goods or articles of any kind (except when required in the service of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry), nor any hearse or procession of vehicle shall be permitted to use the drives or other roadways of any of the public parks of the city without the written consent of the Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry.

POLICY:

- 1) Buses and or commercial vehicles that are going to stay parked in the park need a bus or truck permit. The bus/truck permit allows parking in the park at designated parking lots only as indicated on the permit. **Parking on the roadways of the park impedes traffic and is not allowed.**
- 2) Buses dropping off passengers and then leaving the park may do so without a permit, however, traffic should not be blocked and/or stopped. In addition, passengers exiting the bus should be dropped off on the correct side of the street so that they do not have to cross the street to get to their destination.
- 3) Parking permits for all commercial licensed vehicles are \$5.00 per day per vehicle. Annual permits are \$25.00/year per vehicle.
- 4) The truck/bus permit should be prominently displayed in the windshield of the vehicle. Companies with multiple buses may transfer the permit from one bus to the other as long as every bus in the park displays a permit.
- 5) Commercial trucks/buses will be ticketed if a permit has not been obtained with the exception of buses/trucks parked on one of the Zoo parking lots.
- 6) Please contact (314) 289-5300 to obtain a permit.
- 7) " There are four designated areas that buses are allowed to park. 1. Festival & Parking Plaza at the Upper Muny, 2. Lower Muny Parking Lot, 3. Aviation Fields Parking Lot, and 4. the Visitor Center Parking Lot across from the Dennis & Judith Jones Visitor and Education Center. If you choose to park in the Visitor Center Parking Lot, please be aware that bus parking is limited to the areas and in the orientation shown on the attached map (in the two Bays of each lot farthest from the Visitor and Education Center and in an orientation perpendicular to the individual passenger vehicle parking spaces). Do not back-in or head-in park in the passenger vehicle parking spaces. If the two bays of the Visitor Center Parking Lot farthest from the Visitor and Education Center are full you must park at one of the other parking lot locations mentioned previously. Please make sure that your Forest Park bus permit is visible from the windshield as well."

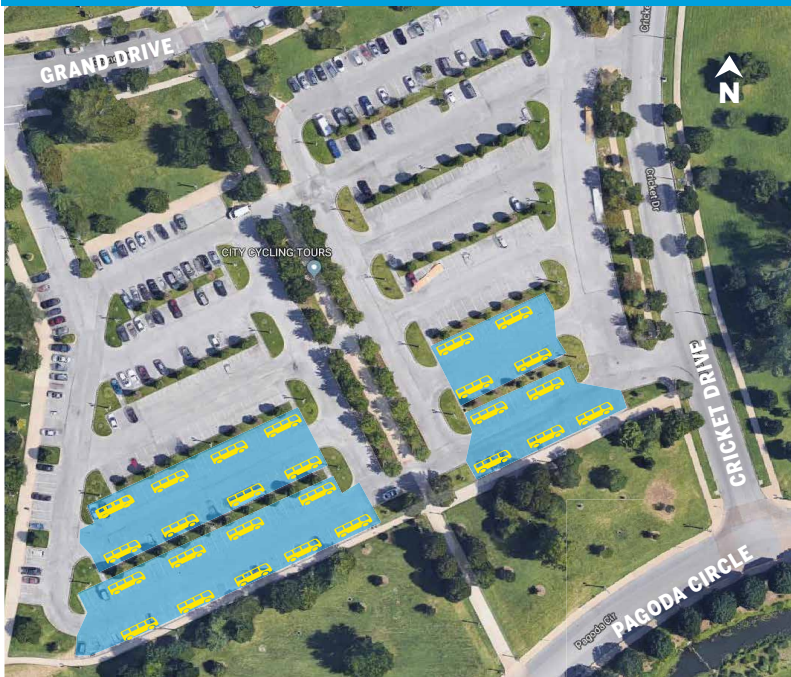
***Please note, this is not a new ordinance. Signs are posted at each entrance to the park indicating that commercial vehicles are prohibited except while loading or unloading. Due to increased traffic in the park, this ordinance is being enforced to prevent traffic congestion.**

Forest Park Bus Parking Locations



- Visitor Center Lots
- Lower Munny Lot
- Festival & Parking Plaza
- Aviation Fields Lot

Visitor Center Parking Requirements



- Bus parking in the Visitor Center Lot is limited to the blue shaded areas and in the orientation shown. Do NOT back-in or head-in park.
- If the rows identified for bus parking in the Visitor Center Lot are full, you must park in one of the other approved bus parking locations identified on the map above.
- Please make sure that your Forest Park bus permit is visible from the windshield.

Thank you.



To purchase a Forest Park Bus Permit or for additional information please call **314.289.5300**.



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COMMERCIAL TRUCK / BUS PERMIT APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT

DATE _____

CONTACT PERSON* _____

ORGANIZATION _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIPCODE _____ - _____

CONTACT NUMBER* () _____ EXT _____

ALT NUMBER () _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

*** IF YOU ARE MAKING ARRANGMENTS FOR A SCHOOL TRIP PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CONTACT PERSON CAN BE REACHED DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 9AM – 4PM.**

PLEASE CHECK ONE

DAILY PERMIT

PERMIT DATE _____

\$5 PER BUS PER DAY

NUMBER OF BUSES _____ X \$5.00 = _____

ANNUAL PERMIT

START DATE _____

\$25 PER PERMIT
GOOD FOR ONE YEAR

NUMBER OF PERMITS _____ X \$25.00 = _____

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE ORDERING PERMITS LESS THAN 2 WEEKS FROM THE DATE OF YOUR TRIP YOU WILL NEED TO PICK UP THE BUS PERMITS AT THE PARK ADMINISTRATION OFFICE ON THE DAY OF YOUR TRIP.

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

PAYMENT CAN BE MADE BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO THE "CITY OF ST. LOUIS"
(CASH AND CREDIT CARDS ARE NOT ACCEPTED)

SEND YOUR PAYMENT ALONG WITH A COPY OF THIS FORM TO:

ST. LOUIS CITY PARKS
5600 CLAYTON AVE.
ST. LOUIS, MO 63110
ATTN: PERMIT SECTION