

Welcome



A 20 foot tall multicultural welcome sign stands at the entrance of the playscape greeting people in several languages.

The single pole inside the playscape is known as a “peace pole”. The phrase “May peace prevail on Earth” is carved down four sides in four languages. A peace pole establishes an area where the spirit of peace is embraced by the people. More than 200,000 peace poles have been erected in 190 countries around the world.



The playscape is also home to some of Iowa’s most impressive native plants. The plants are here to be

enjoyed and explored, but please remain respectful and do not pick the flowers or break off tree limbs.

Rules

This playscape is designed for children age 5 years and older.

Parents should supervise their children and watch them at all times.

Do not climb trees or stone pillars.

Do not throw rocks, pick flowers or feed animals.

Pets and bicycles are not allowed.

Shoes must be worn at all times.

Areas of the playscape may be slippery when wet.

For emergencies call 911.

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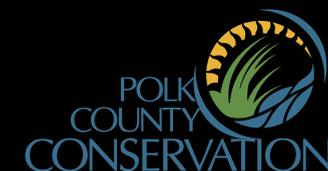
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Jester Park Natural Playscape





A “natural playscape” is a play area constructed using natural materials such as boulders, earth mounds, and water features, while avoiding plastics, metals, concrete, lumber, and signs explaining how to play.

Imagine

Children that roll down hills, scramble up rocks, dam up water, and hide in grass experience natural play. This type of play frees the child’s imagination to limitless learning opportunities.

Experience

Play is a natural behavior for humans. Where better to experience a natural behavior, than in nature? Welcome to the Jester Park Natural Playscape.

Explore

The following are a few of the activities you may explore during your visit.

Will you find a way through the winding maze of the **TALL GRASS TANGLE?**

Marvel at the mysterious **STONE HENGE**. Can you unlock its secrets?

Visit the **FOREST OF THE DEAD**. Are decaying trees still important?

Hike your way to **BISON BLUFF** and slide down the grassy hill. Choose your own path back to the top, up the **LOG STAIRS** or through the **BOULDER SCRAMBLE**.

Visit the **ARCHEOLOGICAL DIG**. Can you uncover all eight secrets?

Bushwhack through the **PINE GROVE** and make it to the **LOST BRIDGE**. What’s on the other side?

Wade through the **WETLAND** and cool off. Be sure to check out the **BUBBLING ROCK** and **WATERFALL**.

Can you find 11 mysterious **PETROGLYPH CARVINGS?** What are they and what do they mean?