

Play areas with equipment for children

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Service summary:

We provide approximately 40 play areas, multi-use games areas and skateparks right across the district for children and young people.

It is our duty to keep these facilities in a safe condition.

We will:

- inspect and maintain play areas twice a week. The main inspection and maintenance visit is on a weekday and there's another at the weekend and on bank holiday Mondays
- shut play areas and make sure children can't use the equipment if anything is dangerous or unfit for use – normally on the same day the fault is recorded. We then take prompt action to make the area or equipment safe
- clear broken glass in play areas – normally on the day it is reported to us
- have play areas inspected periodically by an independent inspector, and act on what he tells us. Our insurers also carry out periodic inspections.
- install new items of equipment which comply with the recommendations of current British and European standards, However, sometimes we will use play equipment which is outside the scope of these standards – because of special design issues for instance. But don't worry – we make sure it's safe to use.

You can help by:

- letting us know about damaged or defective equipment. Please tell us where the play area is and what's been damaged

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- reporting antisocial behaviour or vandalism in play areas to the council's Ranger Service – **01934 621 802**, or to the police – 999
- telling us how we could improve our play areas – all suggestions will be carefully considered
- looking after your children while they're in the play area
- keeping your dog out of play areas.

The service does not include:

- the upkeep of play areas in rural parishes – most of these are managed by parish councils. Some town councils also provide play areas. Please contact the Parks office for details.

Contact us:

01934 888 802

www.n-somerset.gov.uk

Streets and Open Spaces, North Somerset Council, Weston Court,
Oldmixon Crescent, Weston-super-Mare BS24 9AU

Frequently asked questions:

1. How often do you inspect the play area at X?
Twice a week. We do maintenance and full inspection during the week, and a further inspection at the weekend or bank holiday Monday.
2. Does the council maintain the play area at X?
Please speak to the Ranger Service.
3. What should I do if I see a piece of play equipment covered in obscene graffiti?
Phone the Ranger Service – **01934 621 802** – and tell them what sort of equipment it is and which play area it's in.
4. Does the paint on play equipment contain lead?
All our paint complies with appropriate British or European standards and contains no added lead.

5. Who do I speak to about any damaged play equipment?

Phone the Ranger Service and tell them which play area it is and what's the problem. They'll make the equipment safe until the Parks Section can repair it.

6. Where can I buy woodchip and bark mulch to use at home?

Speak to the Ranger Service – Play Area Rangers. But do be aware that you need to use a specific grade of chip for children's play areas.

7. Where is the nearest play area for my child?

Please see the list over the page. In large new housing developments, it is our policy to provide children's play areas wherever possible, so we may have some under construction. Speak to the Parks Section for the latest news.

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Town and location	Who is it for	Who is responsible
Clevedon		
Strode Road Recreation Ground	Mixed age	NSC
Salthouse Fields	Toddler and Junior areas	NSC
Esmond Grove (Dial Hill)	Mixed age	NSC
Kenn Moor Drive	Mixed age	NSC
Cherry Avenue	Mixed age	NSC
Teignmouth Road	Mixed age	NSC
Valley Road	Swings only	NSC
Nailsea		
Trendlewood (Nowhere Wood)	Mixed age	NSC
Millennium Park (Scotch Horn)	Mixed age and skate park	NSC
Pound Lane	Mixed age	NSC
The Perrings	Mixed age	NSC
Elms development		
• Main open space	Mixed age	
• Elm Lodge Road	Toddlers	
• Yeo Valley Way	Toddlers	NSC
Hannah Moor Road	Mixed age	Nailsea Town Council
Pill		
Ham Green	Mixed age	NSC
Portishead		
Lake Grounds	Mixed age	NSC
Brampton Way	Mixed age	NSC
Merlin Park	Mixed age	NSC
Merlin Park Skate Park	Mixed age	Portishead Town Council
Hallets way	Mixed age	NSC
The Vale	Mixed age	NSC
Avon Way	Mixed age, hard surfaced ballcourt	NSC
Blackdown Fields	Mixed age	NSC
Nightingale Rise	Mixed age	NSC
Parish Wharf	Hard surfaced ballcourt, small 'climbing boulder'	NSC

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Weston-super-Mare area		
<i>SOUTHERN AREA</i>		
Oldmixon Broadway	Mixed age	NSC
Aller Parade	Skate park and hard surfaced skate/ball court	NSC
Canberra Road	Mixed age	NSC
Jubilee Park	Mixed age, skate park and hard surfaced ball court	NSC
Byron Recreation Ground	Mixed age, hard surfaced area	NSC
Clarence Park	Mixed age	WsM Town Council
Coniston Crescent	Mixed age, hard surfaced ball court	NSC
<i>CENTRAL AREA</i>		
Hutton Moor	Skate park	WsM Town Council
Almond Close	Mixed Age	WsM Town Council
Uphill Recreation Ground	Mixed Age	WsM Town Council
Locking Castle	Mixed age and hard surfaced ball court	NSC
<i>HILLSIDE</i>		
Grove Park	Mixed age	WsM Town Council
Ashcombe Park	2 areas, top and bottom of park	WsM Town Council
• Upper	Mixed age	
• Lower	Mixed age	
<i>WORLE AREA</i>		
The Hedges	Mixed age	NSC
Castle Batch	Mixed age and separate area with teen shelter	NSC
Lynch Farm	Toddler cradle swings only	NSC
Worle Recreation Ground	Mixed age	WsM Town Council
Saxon Close	Mixed age	NSC
Yatton		
Horsecastle	Mixed age	NSC
Grange Road	Mixed age	NSC