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Playground Reopens with Weston's First "Universally Accessible" Play Equipment

On July 30, 2010, the main playground in the Weston Regional Park reopened after a complete overhaul, becoming home to the city's first "universally accessible" play equipment. While all playground equipment in city parks meet the standards for accessibility for individuals with disabilities, the Regional Park playground has components that allow participants in wheelchairs to utilize ramps to access higher elements within the play equipment.

It was fitting that the playground reopened in July, also the 20th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) which among other provisions, compels governments and businesses to provide equal access to buildings and facilities.

Designed for children ages 2-5 and 5-12, the equipment is fun, colorful and provides for hours of exercise and entertainment. A first for Weston, the playground includes a rock wall and "continuous play" area that encourages a higher level of activity and creative play. For the non-user, the playground also incorporates seating and space to spread out a blanket, all installed on a poured in place rubberized surface that provides for wheelchair access and under an expansive shade cover.

The Weston Regional Park is located at 20200 Saddle Club Road.

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