

Smithy Bridge Road LEAP

Inspiration



Blackstone Edge



The River Roch

The park is inspired by the surrounding natural features of the River Roch which creates a boundary to the south of the site, and the formations of the Blackstone Edge, a mountain ridge within the pennines just 6km East of the site.

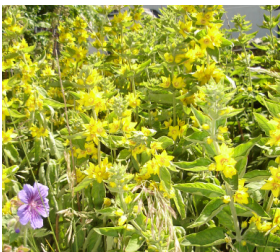
Concept and Character



The area for play is situated on Rochdale, due North of the River Roch and west of the Pennines. Inspired by the characteristics of the mountains and the river, the play area will resemble a u-shaped valley where the meandering path mimics the flow of water and the surrounding land will form peaks and troughs refelecting the mountains. The palette of materials will complement the naturalistic concept and work with the gradient of the land to overlook the floodplain of the River Roch.



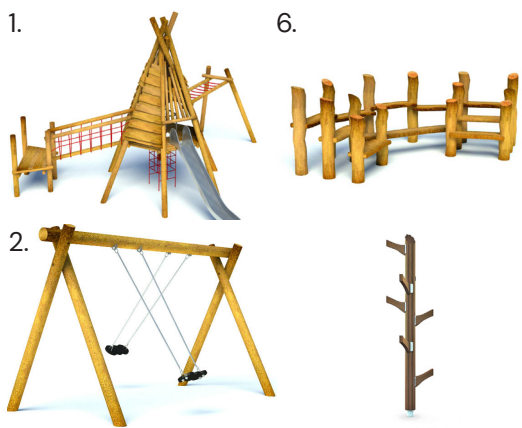
Planting character



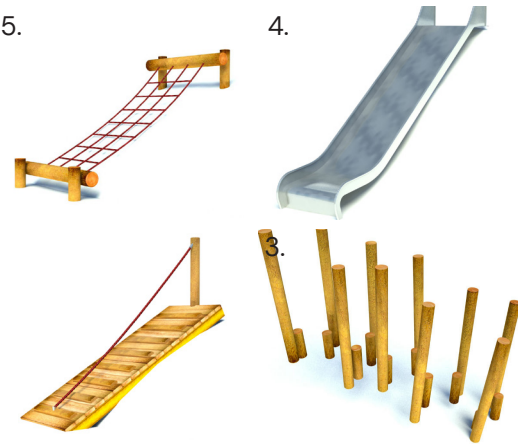
Play Experiences

‘On Top of the world’

These features provide height and opportunity for children to feel as though they are at the peak of a mountain. Climbing frames offer challenges and accomplishment while the swing allows children to soar above the surrounding environment.



The Climb



Scrambling, climbing and sliding mimic the process of scaling a mountain face, encouraging children to be daring and exploratory. With mounds created through cut + fill on site, further intrigue can be created in the landscape, also providing a mini mountain face for children to tackle.



The Valley

Smaller playground equipment for younger children provides a relaxing but still challenging environment. Combined with soft/ scented planting, young children can traverse the landscape safely while engaging with the equipment and environment.



Layout



Surface character



Pine Play Playtop Bark



Natural Grass



Medium Grey Wet Pour surface

- 1. Teepee Great Crow 907224100R (5+ yrs) – Jupiter Play & Leisure
- 2. Double Swing 2.6m high with single bearing 901030100R (3-14yrs) Jupiter Play & Leisure
- 3. Stepping Stilts 906110400R (3-12 yrs) Jupiter Play & Leisure
- 4. Double Width Slide with Single Step 9022570100 (3-10yrs) Jupiter Play & Leisure
- 5. Scramble Net 906193150R (3+ yrs) Jupiter Play & Leisure
- 6. Sprawl Landscape 909231204R + 909232006R (4-14 yrs) Jupiter Play & Leisure
- 7. Junior Nest Swing 901006100R (2+ yrs) Jupiter Play & Leisure
- 8. Hedgehog Ramp & Slide PEZ09-N Galopin (1-4 yrs) Jupiter Play & Leisure
- 9. Boulders –(6-12yrs) – Playdale playgrounds
- 10. Mound – PlayDale Playgrounds

Indicative Play Details
Smithy Bridge Road, Rochdale

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