

Moss Beach Park Improvements

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The biggest issue San Mateo County Parks needs to address is the surface of the playground. There are roots and rocks mixed in with the existing bark. We will be removing the existing bark, roots and rocks and replacing with new surface consisting of engineered wood fiber. At the same time we will correct the drainage so that bark is not washed away.

The playground components that need to be replaced were carefully considered and discussed with the Friends of Moss Beach Park. The objectives are to provide a safe and clean park which meets current California playground safety standards while maintaining as much of the original creative, artistic charm of this community playground. To do this, the Friends of Moss Beach Park were consulted to select the play components. We went back to the same company used to install the community-built playground. The company is Leathers and Associates of Ithaca, New York.

We removed the tire swing and the swinging surfboard. Both features did not meet safety standards. County Parks stored the surfboard in case we can re-purpose at the playground.

Here is what is coming:

2 new swing sets, one for age group 2-5 (bucket style swings on a "T" structure) and 5-12 year old age group "arched" swing set with 2 swings. The wooden swing support structures are being removed and replaced with painted and powder-coated steel. Note: swings are always the favorites in all our playgrounds!

2 new tube slides to replace old ones.

1 new double-wide slide for 2-5 year old area

Overhead rings to swing from. This is also a replacement as the existing chain design is not recommended.

A new "saddle spinner" chosen by the Friends of Moss Beach Park

Several interactive panels . One is a giant clock face with hands and gears to turn. Another looks like a giant tic-tac-toe game but has street signs for each square face.

A new periscope for the boat.

New fence along the creek to replace existing.

Total budget for the project: \$250,000

Funds are coming out of the County Parks Operations budget.