



Kids' Mountain at Lions Pride Park

Developed in close partnership with the Lions Club, Warrington Township, and the children of Warrington, Lion's Pride Park is an inclusive recreation area designed for all ages and abilities.

Lion's Pride Park supports the township's commitment to creating more beautiful and sustainable public spaces. Viridian's design is informed by extensive public engagement, including: surveys; interviews; and multiple design workshops with stakeholders, staff, and kids from the neighborhood.

Viridian reimagined the flat area with a play "mountain" that creates a sense of place where none previously existed. This new local landmark is blanketed in pollinator-friendly plants and unique play equipment, offering places to climb, slide, sled, balance, and swing. Multiple paths invite exploration and discovery, including a fully accessible ADA-compliant trail so everyone can scale Kids Mountain. Two other accessible paths circle the park, guiding visitors through new wetland areas and rainwater basins.

Across the playground, a grove of trees offers a scenic spot for parties, picnics, and percussion that the whole family can enjoy. The Grove's kid-friendly diatonic instruments empower aspiring musicians to create beautiful symphonic landscapes no matter what note they play.

Both plants and play features, including sandpits, climbing structures, and tactile ropeways for users with limited or no sight, were selected for their sensory engagement properties. This inclusivity has earned Lion's Pride the support of Roseann C. Schaaf, Ph.D., director of the Jefferson Autism Center of Excellence at Thomas Jefferson University, who lauded the park's inclusive features and opportunities for development.

Location: Warrington, Pennsylvania
Client: Warrington Township Lions Club
Size: 65 acres
Cost: \$2.4 million
Status: Completed 2020