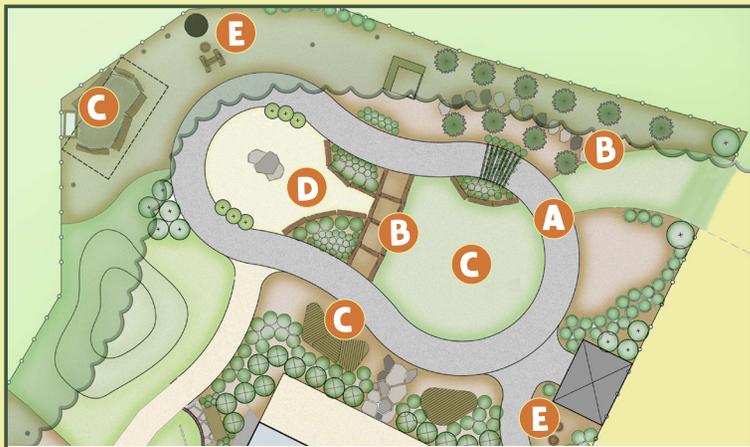


DESIGN TIPS for Play Yards

To design an outdoor area, choose elements with play value and learning potential. Surround them with hardy, diverse, non-toxic plants that create an intriguing, comfortable place for children and leaders to linger.



The diagram shows how elements are arranged in the Toddler Area here. Find more ideas in the photo gallery at right.

A Main Path

A primary path organizes the space. It lets children navigate easily, and adults move quickly if needed. Wide curves offer a wheeled play journey.

B Side Paths

Narrow “shortcuts” and adventure trails with varied surfaces encourage exploring and movement.

C Gathering Places

A variety of spaces for large and small groups provide active and quiet settings for games, storytelling, art, snacks, etc.

D Sand and/or Water Play

These creative and social play settings have endless appeal. For safety, contain sand with rocks, timbers or plants.

E Affordable Additions

Simple ideas can increase an area’s versatility and accommodate the needs of its users.

