Nature Play
Nature Conservation

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Nature Play is popular & easily accommodated

Minor adjustments and giving regular users permission to play was all that was necessary
Locally there were hard to reach groups

Build on enthusiasm of existing advocates before extending outreach to new audiences
Nature play is spontaneous & unpredictable

Be flexible and value open-ended, generic resources
Taking time pays dividend

Park buggies but provide appropriate places to sit
Guidance is prudent

A tolerance and understanding of nature play help different agendas coexist
Creativity & fantasy are common features

Allow scope for context driven interpretations
There is a longevity and continuity in nature play

Visitors expect constancy – avoid introduction & removal of resources
Work with what each setting affords

Become familiar with what each setting affords before investment in equipment or permanent resources
Monitor impact and diversity

Avoid signs and barriers but design to reduce impact to the habitat
Adults have an impact too

To stimulate the child’s own curiosity and imagination encourage the adults to hold back
Thank you!

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