

# REPORT TO THE CITY OF HELENA

## Section 17: Fire Tower Park

August 3, 2015

### Legend of Abbreviations

<b>aff...</b>	Above the finished ground
<b>AR...</b>	Accessible Route
<b>CIL...</b>	Change in Level
<b>CFS...</b>	Clear Floor Space
<b>CGS...</b>	Clear Ground Space
<b>EPC...</b>	Elevated Play Component
<b>GLPC...</b>	Ground Level Play Component

**Background**

The RAC staff visited Fire Tower Park to conduct an access audit. The findings are below.

**1.1 Parking – [\[CHECKLIST\]](#) gravel lot lacks accessible stalls [FT1](#)**

***Recommendations (in the alternative, leave as is and designate other sites in the City as accessible):***

1.1.1 **Create one or more** 8' accessible parking stalls based on lot capacity, with one 5' adjacent access aisle, with proper signage and striping (FT1)

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**1.2 Exterior Accessible Route - [\[CHECKLIST\]](#) walkway lacks continuous detectable warning through vehicular way (checklist); lacks AR from gravel lot to tower (checklist); steep grass trail [FT2](#); shortest route from apartment parking at top [FT3](#)**

***Recommendations (in the alternative, leave as is and designate other sites in the City as accessible):***

- 1.2.1 **Install compliant detectable warning** at transitions from walkways to vehicular ways as a smart practice (checklist)
- 1.2.2 **Create AR** with crushed and compacted stone or similar outdoor material from parking or sidewalk to tower; consider an agreement with adjacent apartment complex for access (FT3, checklist)
- 1.2.3 **Replace** trail surface with crushed and compacted stone or similar outdoor material (FT2)

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**1.3 Playground Designated Entry - not applicable**

**1.4 Playground Surface/Accessible Route within - not applicable**

**1.5 Transfer System - not applicable**

**1.6 Ramps - not applicable**

**1.7 Elevated Play Components** - not applicable

**1.8 Ground Level Play Components** - not applicable

**1.9 Sand box/Play tables** - not applicable

**1.10 Park Site** - [\[CHECKLIST\]](#)

Fire Tower (1): lacks AR [FT6](#), [FT7](#), [FT8](#), [FT9](#); stair entry only (checklist)

Garbage Cans (1): lacks AR in grass [FT5](#)

Picnic Tables (2): noncompliant tables (checklist); table surface fails (checklist); clear space in grass [FT4](#)

***Recommendations (in the alternative, leave as is and designate other sites in the City as accessible):***

- 1.10.1 **Create AR** with crushed and compacted stone or similar outdoor material from parking or sidewalk to the fire tower (FT6, FT7, FT8, FT9)
- 1.10.2 **Leave as is**, stair access, not feasible to correct; consider a video presentation of the tower (checklist)
- 1.10.3 **Relocate** 20% of garbage cans to be along AR (FT5)
- 1.10.4 **Replace or add one picnic table** with one with knee and toe clearance, 19" deep at 27" high and 24" deep at 9" high, with a 36" AR around table as a smart practice (FT4)

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**1.11 Shelters/Picnic Areas** - not applicable

**1.12 Park Buildings** - not applicable

**1.13 Other** - not applicable

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