

# REPORT TO THE CITY OF HELENA

## Section 44: Skelton Park

August 5, 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 Skelton Park to conduct an access audit. The findings are below.

**1.1 Parking – not applicable**

**1.2 Exterior Accessible Route - [CHECKLIST]** AR lacks marked path through vehicular way (checklist); 3% curb ramp landing slope at Hummingbird Ct [SK37](#), [SK38](#); side ramp flares- 12.1% R at Ptarmigan [SK29](#), [SK30](#); 13.3% L at Ptarmigan [SK31](#), [SK32](#); 14.5% L at Hummingbird Ct [SK35](#), [SK36](#); 15% L on second at Hummingbird [SK39](#), [SK40](#), deterioration [SK41](#); 3.6% second landing at Hummingbird [SK42](#); 9.5% curb ramp running slope at sand piper loop [SK24](#), [SK25](#); 3.3% curb ramp cross slope at Hummingbird ct. [SK33](#), [SK34](#); curb ramps lack detectable warning [SK20](#); gaps at surface cracks in sidewalk [SK28](#); 2" CIL at sandpiper loop curb ramp [SK26](#), [SK27](#); AR fails to connect to all site elements (checklist)

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

- 1.2.1 **Create lined cross walk** where pedestrian pathway crosses through vehicular traffic as a smart practice (checklist)
- 1.2.2 **Correct curb ramp landing slope** to max 2.08% (SK37, SK38, SK42)
- 1.2.3 **Correct slope** of curb ramp side flares to max 10% (SK29, SK30, SK31, SK32, SK35, SK36, SK39, SK40)
- 1.2.4 **Resurface curb ramp** where deteriorating (SK41)
- 1.2.5 **Correct curb ramp slope** to max 8.33% (SK24, SK25)
- 1.2.6 **Correct curb ramp cross slope** to max 2.08% (SK33, SK34)
- 1.2.7 **Install compliant detectable warning** at curb ramps as a smart practice (SK20)
- 1.2.8 **Correct or fill** gaps along AR (SK28)
- 1.2.9 **Repair, bevel, or ramp** CIL along AR (SK26, SK27)
- 1.2.10 **See 1.10 below** for AR to site elements (checklist)

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**1.3 Playground Designated Entry - [CHECKLIST]** lacks AR (checklist); lacks designated entrance (checklist)

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

- 1.3.1 **Create AR** with crushed and compacted stone or similar outdoor material from parking or sidewalk to new designated entry (checklist)

1.3.2 **Create** designated entry by removing 60” portion of play area boundary as a smart practice (checklist)

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1.4 **Playground Surface/Accessible Route within** - [\[CHECKLIST\]](#) lacks intended route throughout due to mulch surface (checklist); unstable mulch surface (checklist)

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

1.4.1 **Replace existing surface** with an accessible surface such as EWF, PIP or tiles, with compliant slopes and CILs (checklist)

1.4.2 **Frequently inspect and regularly maintain** accessible portions of play area surface that are comprised of loose fill such as EWF so that surface is level with other surfaces (checklist)

1.4.3 **Establish protocols** for regular and frequent inspection and maintenance of accessible playground surface (checklist)

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1.5 **Transfer System** - [\[CHECKLIST\]](#) lacks second transfer (checklist)

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

1.5.1 **Consider** adding second transfer system as a smart practice (checklist)

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1.6 **Ramps** - not applicable

1.7 **Elevated Play Components** - [\[CHECKLIST\]](#) 11 of 15 components accessible: apply incentive scoping due to lack of ramp (checklist)

**1.8 Ground Level Play Components - [CHECKLIST]** lacks one of each type compliant (checklist); surface corrections needed to meet incentive scoping [SK14](#), [SK7](#), (checklist); baseball tic tac toe 70" overhead [SK5](#), [SK6](#), seat swing 39" entry [SK12](#), [SK13](#), belt swings 1-3 high entry: 25" [SK8](#), [SK10](#), 28" [SK9](#), [SK10](#), 30" [SK11](#), [SK13](#)

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

- 1.8.1 **Lower entry point for seat swing** to 11" to 24" aff (SK12, SK13)
- 1.8.2 **See recommendation 1.4.1** for surface corrections (SK14, SK7, checklist)
- 1.8.3 **Leave as is**, remaining GLPCs as the above correction will meet incentive scoping (SK5, SK6, SK8, SK10, SK9, SK11, SK13)

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**1.9 Sand box/Play tables - no issues**

**1.10 Park Site - [CHECKLIST]**

Fitness Stations (2): dirt surface fails [SK23](#), [SK21](#)

Garbage Cans (1): lacks AR [SK22](#)

Picnic Tables (2): lacks knee space (checklist); lacks 36" clear space (checklist); clear space surface fails (checklist)

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

- 1.10.1 **Replace surface** at fitness stations with EWF, crushed and compacted stone, or similar outdoor material (SK23, SK21)
- 1.10.2 **Relocate garbage can** to be along AR (SK22)
- 1.10.3 **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 (checklist)

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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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