Park Design

Landscape architects design and create outdoor spaces like parks, gardens, and plazas. Have you ever wanted to plan a new park? Grab a piece of paper and use these symbols to make a map, or plan, of your design! You can also draw a view of your park from the side. This is called an elevation drawing. Don’t forget to add color if you want to show more detail. Share a photograph of your creation on Instagram! Tag @centerforarchk12 and use #architectureathome.

Here are some important ideas to think about before you begin:

- How can your park help nature? Will you add new green spaces for plants and animals?
- Why will people want to visit your park? To experience the peace and quiet of nature or to be active outside? Maybe both?
- How will people move around? What are your pathways made of? Are they curved or straight?

Drawing Symbols

**ELEVATION (SIDE VIEW)**
- Bench

**PLAN (OVERHEAD VIEW)**
- Grass
- Hedge
- Bush
- Evergreen
- Bamboo
- Small Tree
- Large Tree
- Curved Stone Pathway
- Straight Brick Pathway
- Bench
Park Design Examples

Plan Drawing (Overhead View)

Elevation Drawing (Side View)