


Ben Allison Park

Ben Allison Park is small neighborhood park that provides a sledding hill, ballfield, playground and walkway. The main issues at this park are providing accessible routes, slopes too steep, protruding branches, clear floor space at elements, accessible picnic table and accessible grill. **Please Note:** When a **UD** is indicated, this is a Universal Design (**UD**) recommendation to enhance accessibility. The **UD** recommendation is not required to meet the minimum accessibility standards but it would be encouraged.





The report uses two different accessibility codes. The Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) can be down loaded from the Access Board website. The website is www.access-board.gov. In addition, the Illinois Accessibility Code (IAC) was also used in this report. This code can be down loaded from the website, www.cbd.state.il.us/IAC.

The park district is part of a local government which requires compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Changes to the park district would allow for equal opportunity to participate in programs and activities, effective communication, and program accessibility. Access of programs and activities can be achieved by removal of physical barriers, modification of policies, practices and procedures that discriminate against a person with a disability and relocation to an accessibility facility. In existing facilities, the ADA does allow the relocation of a program from an inaccessible facility to an accessible facility until all access barriers have been removed. See 28 C.F.R. §35.150(a)(1);(b)(1) for additional information.



PLEASE NOTE: Any references for Outdoor Developed Areas is presently not approved by the Department of Justice. However, it would be recommended to follow these standards as "Best Practices" at this point in time. In addition, in existing facilities, the ADA does allow the relocation of a program from an inaccessible facility to an accessible facility until all access barriers have been removed. See 28 C.F.R. §35.150(a)(1);(b)(1) for additional information. ADAAG 206.2 requires that at least one accessible route be provided within the boundary of the site. The reports provide comments on all routes that when upgrades are made in the future modifications can be made to correct the access barrier or in some cases modify to the greatest extent possible.

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	No accessible route is provided to the sledding hill.	ADAAG 403.3	Designate the sledding hill in Eldridge Park as the accessible sledding hill. If changes are made to this sledding hill, then provide a new accessible route with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope no steeper than 2% and a minimum clear width of 36".		Team Riel	TBD	2016	As part of 2016 Capital Plan renovated hill to provide accessible route Feb. 2016 actual cost \$118,000


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	There is no access to the ballfield, equipment box and trash can for 38'.	ADAAG 403.3	Provide a new accessible route with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope no steeper than 2% and a minimum clear width of 36".			\$1,250	2021 Capital Plan/ Playground Repair and Replacement Plan	
	There is an abrupt transition at the gutter to the playground of 3/4".	ADAAG 303	Grind down or fill-in/replace section of walkway to provide a smooth transition.			To be completed as part of playground replace	2021 Capital Plan/ Playground Repair and Replacement Plan	
	At the curb ramp to the playground, there are no truncated domes.	ADAAG 705	Provide truncated domes that go the width of the sidewalk and 24" deep where it meets the road. Provide a color that contrast with the walkway surface. Truncated dome tiles are typically a more durable solution.			Total playground renovation including accessible routes \$320,000	2021 Capital Plan/ Playground Repair and Replacement Plan	
	The branch of the maple tree on the walkway to the playground protrudes at 75".	ADAAG 307	Trim the branch to provide an 80" minimum clear head space and back to the edge of the walkway.			\$50	2012	Staff trimmed branch 4/12

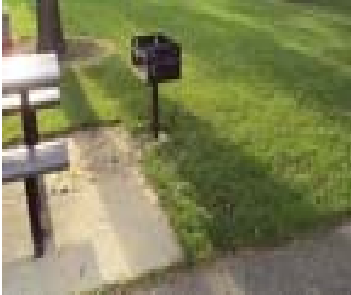

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	<p>The black trash can is off the accessible route for 4' and the green trash can is off the accessible route for 9'.</p>	<p>Proposed Outdoor Developed Areas Guidelines 1011</p>	<p>Trash Can Recommendation: Locate trash cans on an accessible route as part of your regular policy. For a forward approach provide a trash can within 24" and a minimum clear ground space of 36" by 48" or for a side approach provide a trash can within 24" and a minimum clear ground space of 30" by 60".</p>			<p>To be completed as part of playground replace</p>	<p>2021 Capital Plan/ Playground Repair and Replacement Plan</p>	
	<p>The hot coals container is off the accessible route from the picnic table for 16'.</p>	<p>ADAAG 403.3</p>	<p>Provide a new accessible route with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope no steeper than 2% and a minimum clear width of 36".</p>			<p>To be completed as part of playground replace</p>	<p>2021 Capital Plan/ Playground Repair and Replacement Plan</p>	





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	<p>One picnic table is provided that is of an accessible design but does not allow an accessible route to the accessible side.</p>	<p>Proposed Outdoor Developed Areas Guidelines ADAAG 245 & 1011</p>	<p>Picnic Table Recommendation: At least 20% of picnic tables, but no less than two, be of accessible design, connected to an accessible route. Relocate or purchase one more accessible picnic tables (\$750/each) and locate them on an accessible surface (\$900). Also turn or slide the present picnic table over to provide the accessible route to the wheelchair side.</p>			<p>To be completed as part of playground replace</p>	<p>2021 Capital Plan/ Playground Repair and Replacement Plan</p>	



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	There is no access route and surface is provided around the grill.	Proposed Outdoor Developed Areas Guidelines ADAAG 1011.5	Grill Recommendation: Follow Outdoor Developed Area Report that states 20% of grills, but at least two, be of accessible design, and connected to an accessible route. The accessible grill should provide a cooking surface a minimum of 15" to 34" maximum AFF above the ground surface, a clear floor space and controls that are within a maximum reach range of 48" AFF. And a 48" by 48" space centered on the usable sides of the grill is required. The height and reach range on this grill meets standards.			To be completed as part of playground replace	2021 Capital Plan/ Playground Repair and Replacement Plan	
	An accessible sand digger is provided but its ground surface does not go around the edges to prevent falling off the edge with the front casters of a wheelchair	ADAAG 240.2 & ADAAG 1008.4.3	Provide additional walkway surface around the sand digger to prevent the front casters of the wheelchair front falling off the edge.			To be completed as part of playground replace	2021 Capital Plan/ Playground Repair and Replacement Plan	

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	The tree branch on the walkway near the playground protrudes 63".	ADAAG 307	Trim the branch to provide an 80" minimum clear head space and back to the edge of the walkway.			\$50	2012	Staff trimmed branch 4/12
	A branch from the bush on the walkway near the playground protrudes 51".	ADAAG 307	Trim the branch to provide an 80" minimum clear head space and back to the edge of the walkway.		Staff	\$50	2012	Staff trimmed bushes 4/12
	The walkway in front of the picnic table has across slope too steep at 2.6% to 4.3% for 9'.	ADAAG 403.3	Remove and regrade section to provide a cross slope no greater than 2%.			To be completed as part of playground replace	2021 Capital Plan/ Playground Repair and Replacement Plan	
	The walkway on the west side of the sand area has a cross slope too steep of 2.6% to 3.3% for 16'.	ADAAG 403.3	Remove and regrade section to provide a cross slope no greater than 2%.			To be completed as part of playground replace	2021 Capital Plan/ Playground Repair and Replacement Plan	

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	The dog waste bag dispenser is off the accessible route for 36".	ADAAG 403.3	Relocate the dog waste bag dispenser closer to the walkway or provide a new accessible route with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope no steeper than 2% and a minimum clear width of 36".		Staff	\$50	2012	Removed dispenser 11/13
	A branch of the pine tree at the south end of the walkway protrudes at 64".	ADAAG 307	Trim the branch to provide an 80" minimum clear head space and back to the edge of the walkway.		Staff	\$50	2012	Staff trimmed tree 4/12

Estimated Total Cost for Accessibility Upgrades of Ben Allison Park **\$ 1,500.00**