



design for fun:
playgrounds



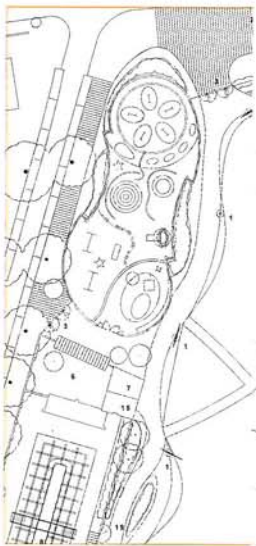
Emslie Horniman Park

London, England

This project involved the total redesign and revitalization of Emslie Horniman Pleasance, a public park located in a particularly deprived neighborhood of North Kensington. The park is now a vital local asset in an area where the ratio of open space to population is by far the lowest in London. The redesign involved major improvements to the park and its environs along with the restoration of its centerpiece, a listed walled garden by the eminent Arts and Crafts architect, CFA Voysey. Different color-designated areas have been included for organized five-a-side sports, children's activities, a dog run and quiet areas. The project won the Kensington & Chelsea Environment Award of 1999 and the Britain in Bloom Environmental Improvement Award of 1999.



The smallest children can play in a reduced area, which has been appropriately walled in so that parents can easily keep an eye on their kids.



Different areas intended for all age groups have been included in the park, with plenty of space for bicycling and playing ball games.



A thousand different details come together to ensure that every child will find something to suit his or her personality and preferences.



The risk of injury has been reduced to a minimum with these soft rolling hills, which comprise a veritable play paradise for small children.