



Firefly Forest Park

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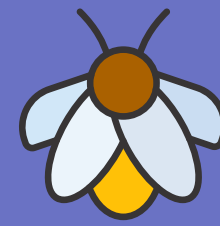
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PARK ENTRANCE



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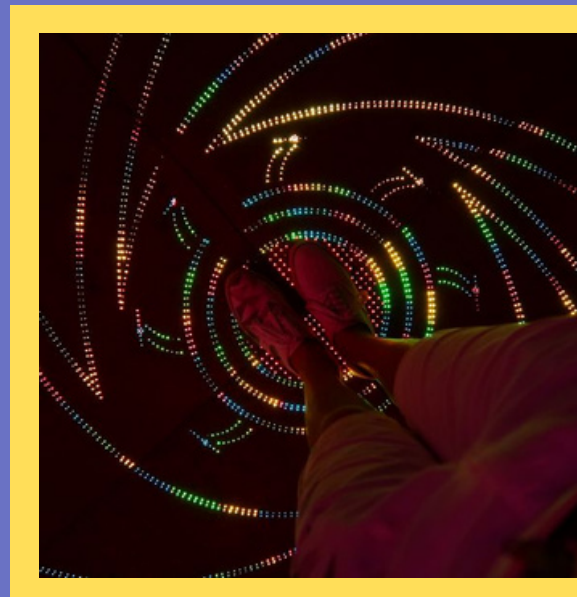


Firefly Forest enchants guests of all ages who come to explore and play under the sun, however, once the moon comes out to play, guests suddenly find themselves in an ethereal, glittering, glowing wonderland! Inspired by the nocturnal critters and life found in Appalachia, Firefly Forest both educates and entertains by letting people experience the otherworldly magic found in their own backyards.

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Solar panels, similar to the ones above help to power the park.



Fiber optics embedded in the main walkway guide guests throughout the park, as well as provide playful lighting at night.

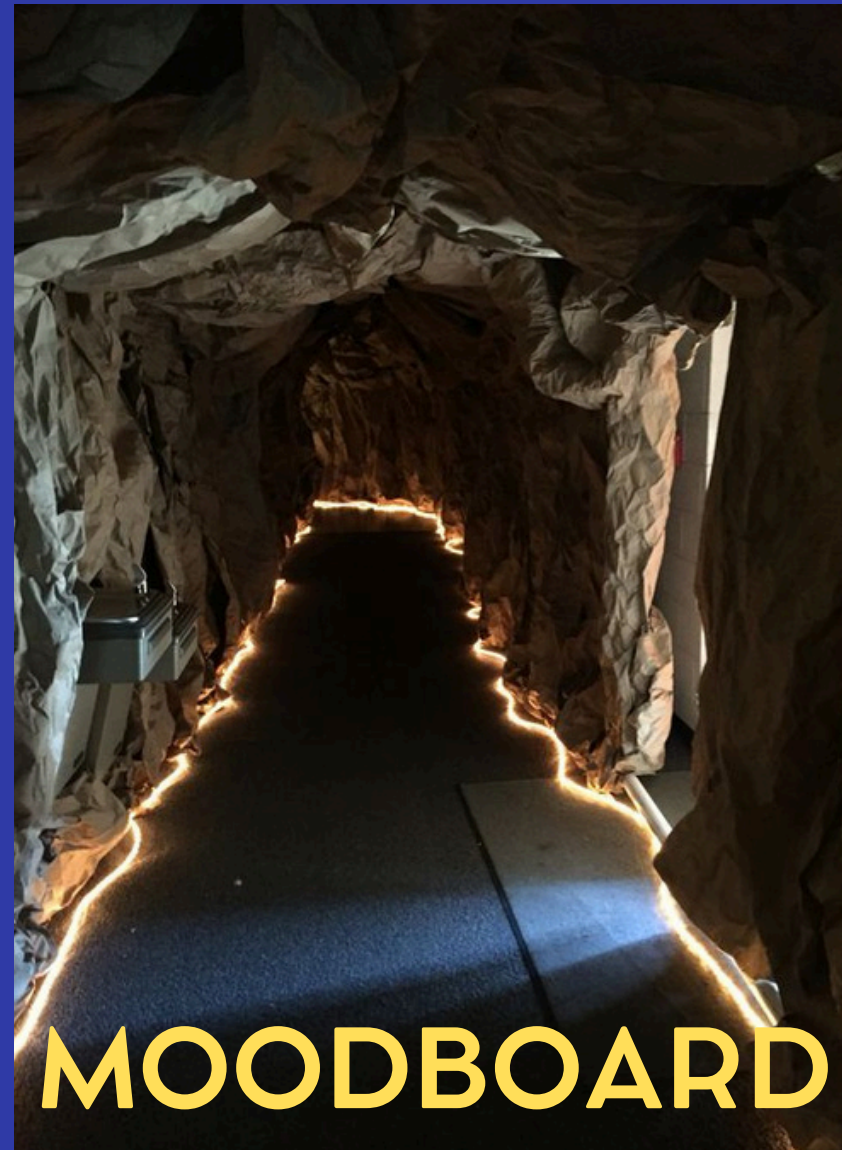
Here you are welcomed into the wonderful transformative world of Firefly Forest. During the day, bright cheerful colors greet you as you walk under the wooded overhang and into the park. At night, a fiber optic pathway lights your way into the park, flickering and shimmering just like real fireflies. The creatures in the park come to life as the sun sets, all powered by solar panels hidden in the trees and shade provided above.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-VwsF-OO-jA>

CRITTER COVE

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Critter Cove provides guests with a hidden-away space littered with various tactile and interactive sensory-providing activities. This cavern is bursting with life thanks to the several nocturnal creatures that live there. Whether during the day or night, the cave is a place where guests can find plenty to do and lots of life within.

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Guests can learn about nocturnal creatures and help “guide” them back to where they call home by using a themed physical maze panel.



Along some of the walls, guests can experience some of the textures of underground dwellers, such as snakes, skinks, and box turtles.



Guests can guide fireflies along their way, using the play equipment seen here. The tube will pulse and glow along with the bugs.



GLOW JAR JUNCTION



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Glow Jar Junction is an area absolutely buzzing with energy! Here guests can cycle, push, whirl, jump and spin to bring about life and light all around them. Whether the sun or the moon is out to play, there is plenty to do within Glow Jar Junction!

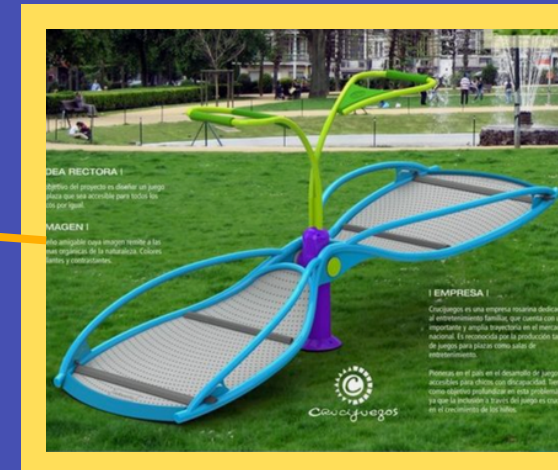
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Jumping spots light up as kids bounce or roll over them!



Guests can pedal or spin the wheel on firefly trikes to make their wings flap and their lights glow!



Guests both with or without mobility devices can teeter back and forth on the wings of firefly see-saws.



Guests can whirl and twirl on firefly-inspired play equipment, both sitting and standing!



QUIET ZONE



The Quiet Zone is the perfect place for guests to set up a lunch picnic, charge their phones, sit and watch their kids, or even just to take a quiet break for a moment. This serene area has plenty of shade, tables, and green spots for guests and families to just relax.

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Public solar-powered phone chargers will be provided here for grown-ups to charge their devices.



Tables and seating, perfect for picnics or just a little break, will be available for guests of all ages and sizes.



Plenty of shade, both natural and built, can be found here to help provide a cool and serene environment.



GREEN SPACE



Green space will be featured in Firefly Forest in a variety of ways. Both live grass and rubber/play-safe flooring will be provided to give guests plenty of space to run, skip, jump, and roll around. A portion of the live grass section will include a small shallow creek for guests to explore and enjoy.

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A small creek will provide a calming sensory and hands-on experience for guests.



Plenty of trees will litter the expanse of green space to provide plenty of shade.



A green rubber/soft flooring will also be a large part of the green space to ensure that guests with various levels of mobility can enjoy the space.



TWINKLING TREE

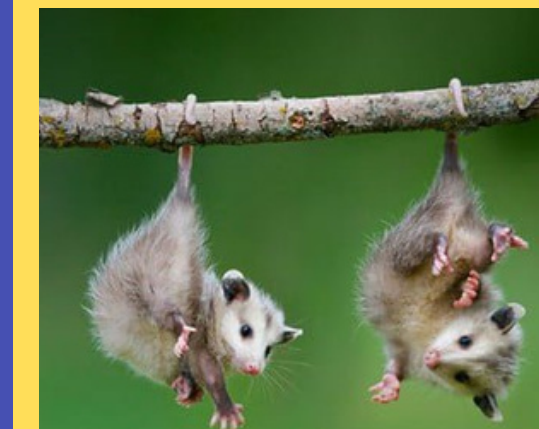


The Twinkling Tree, whether it be during the day or night, is full of things to do! Guests can climb, slide, hang, and explore this massive tree. The treetops have solar panels on the tops of them to help the tree glitter and glow in the evening. There's plenty to discover at the Twinkling Tree!

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Fiber optics will be used to help create the twinkling fireflies found within the branches and leaves of the tree.

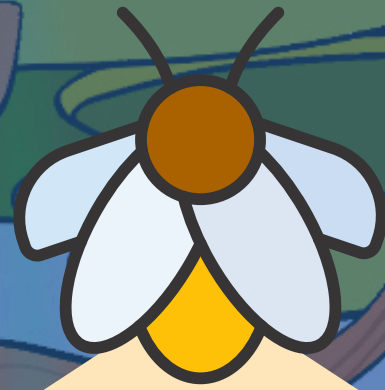


Here guests can play in the limbs of the tree and even hang upside down like nocturnal baby opossums do!



Solar panels hidden on top of the tree's canopy will help to power the glittering effects during the evening.





Thank you!

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