

Nature Play Spaces - Natural Materials Fact Sheet

Tree Trunks & Logs



SMALL LOG (EASY)

- Buried in sand, which can double as softfall.
- The height of the buried log makes it perfect for younger age groups.
- Minimal chance of the log moving on a flat pad.
- Not suitable for sloped areas or near drainage channels as wet weather may compromise the log's stability.
- Bark can be left on for children to interact with, perfect for loose parts play and/or arts and craft activities.
- Small logs can also be fixed into the ground vertically to create points of interest, play mazes, arbours etc.

PROPPED LOG (MODERATE)

- Great for any age group but more advanced coordination required.
- Fixed in the ground with a galvanised stirrup and bolts; Can be used on sloped sites with suitable fixings.
- Surround with high grade sand or bark softfall.
- Try to use a tree from the site that would need to be removed anyway, consult an arborist/landscape architect if necessary to determine the best species/specific tree on site.
- Most suited to medium sized logs with at least two larger branches for increased play potential.



LARGE FELLED TREE (HARD)

- Extra large existing or felled tree with extensive branches; most suitable to older age groups and the odd young daredevil.
- The weight of a tree this size would fix it in place, however it may benefit from being dug into the ground to avoid toes and fingers being pinched.
- Sections of large branches can be kept for supplementary play elements/loose parts such as steppers or seats (inset) or even propped and fixed.
- Will require soft fall.

KEEP ALL LARGE FELLED TREES ON SITE

