

Nature Play Spaces - Natural Materials Fact Sheet

Rocks

ORNAMENTAL ROCKS

Large rocks can be used as sculptural displays and climbing elements.

Depending on the height of said rocks, softfall may be necessary.

Extra large rocks that are already on site won't require fixing and will sit under their own weight. Adding extra smaller rocks can create interesting crawl spaces and fill pinch points to avoid injury.

Rocks can, of course, double as tables and seats in most instances as well.

Aim to arrange rocks in a way that maximises seating space.

Refer to **SANDSTONE BLOCKS** for similar ideas.

MULTIPURPOSE ROCKS

Rocks used for retaining can also double as climbing elements if they're staggered and set at appropriate heights.

Turning drainage channels into rocky dry creek beds is not only a practical way to filter pollutants and oxygenate water; but it also provides a lot of loose rocks for children to play with.

Depending on the proximity to grass, consider the risk of mower blades catching loose rocks.

NOTE: The addition of an interactive element like a hand pump will keep your creek bed flowing and give the user a good workout.

