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# **City of Homer ADA Transition Plan Parks, Play Areas & Campgrounds**

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## 92 **1.0 Introduction**

93 The ADA National Network estimates the overall rate of people with disabilities in the US population  
94 is around 54 million. In Alaska, the numbers reported having a disability overall were 13.2 percent.  
95 The data show that disability increases with age, for people 65 and over it was reported that 32.9  
96 percent of Alaska residents had some form of disability. In Homer, according to the 2021 US Census  
97 ACS 5 year Survey out of 5416 residents (including children) there are 2129 adults over the age of 50  
98 and of those residents 1123 are over the age of 65. In short, hundreds of people in our community  
99 face disabilities and many of those use Homer's parks, play areas and campgrounds on a regular  
100 basis.

101 Homer's mission is to be a dynamic community where all can live, play, work and invest. To make  
102 that mission a reality, it needs to be accessible. The City of Homer owns and manages 17 parks,  
103 comprised of over 520 acres of land, along with 5.41 miles of maintained trails. These range from  
104 small pocket parks and multi-use trails to forested natural areas, larger established parks with play  
105 areas, campgrounds, and sports fields. To ensure our parks, play areas and campgrounds are  
106 accessible to all, the City commenced the development of an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)  
107 Parks, Play areas & Campgrounds Transition Plan in 2021. This document will be incorporated with  
108 the ADA Facilities Transition Plan adopted by City Council in 2019.

### 109 **1.1 ADA Background**

110 The ADA is a civil rights law that requires all state and local governments to provide equal access to  
111 programs and services for all community members. It was signed into law by President George H.W.  
112 Bush on July 26, 1990 and went into effect in 1992. The ADA is a landmark civil rights law that  
113 prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in access to jobs, public  
114 accommodations, government services and programs, public transportation, and  
115 telecommunications. The ADA treats access as a civil right.

116 **Title I** of the ADA prohibits private employers, state and local governments, employment agencies  
117 and labor unions from discriminating against qualified individuals with disabilities in job application  
118 procedures, hiring, firing, advancement, compensation, job training, and other terms, conditions,  
119 and privileges of employment. The City of Homer is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer  
120 and adheres to the requirements of Title I.

121 **Title II** of the ADA adopts the general prohibitions against discrimination contained in Section 504  
122 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, but applies to all state and local governments, regardless of  
123 whether or not they receive federal funding. It prohibits the City from denying persons with  
124 disabilities the equal opportunity to participate in its services, programs or activities, either directly  
125 or indirectly through contractual arrangements. It is the policy of the City of Homer to make every  
126 reasonable effort to provide equal access to all City facilities, services, programs, and activities for  
127 citizens with disabilities in accordance with the ADA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of  
128 1973.

129 **Title III** applies to public accommodations, which include businesses open to the public and  
130 requires them to make reasonable modifications to accommodate individuals with disabilities.

### 131 **1.2 Community Involvement**

132 Community involvement is a priority of Homer and an essential part of the ADA requirements. The  
133 City is required to involve the public in the evaluation and prioritization process. To ensure the  
134 community had various ways to engage the public, meetings were held via electronic means as well  
135 as in person. The public was invited to attend and participate in the facilities review and site  
136 accessibility audits.

## 137 **2.0 Regulatory Standards and Guidance**

### 138 **2.1 Audit Standards**

139 Multiple federal guidelines were applied to the parks, play areas and campgrounds accessibility  
140 audits. The first is the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG), also known  
141 as the 1991 standards, which addresses entries, doors, service counters, showers, curb cuts on  
142 sidewalks, pathways and trails within parks, and other typical building elements when applicable.  
143 The second is 2010 Standards for Accessible Design, effective March 15, 2012 that includes  
144 requirements for play areas, fishing areas, boating areas, and more.

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146 The Access Board issued accessibility guidelines for newly constructed and altered recreation  
147 facilities in 2002, these supplement the ADAAG. All newly designed, constructed, and altered  
148 recreation facilities covered by ADA were required to comply.

149  
150 Certain parks elements do not yet have a final standard, these include trails, picnic areas and  
151 campgrounds. On these elements, the Federal Outdoor Developed Areas Guidelines (ODAG) were  
152 used. The site accessibility reports cite both the ADAAG 2010 Standards and the Outdoor Developed  
153 Areas Guidelines.

154  
155 This report identifies the barriers and performance-based solutions in the form of project  
156 recommendations. Some of these projects will require further design prior to implementation. All  
157 improvements will require maintenance to ensure continued compliance with these guidelines.

### 158 159 **2.2 Transition Plan Requirements**

160 The Parks, Play Areas & Campgrounds ADA Transition Plan (Parks Transition Plan) development  
161 includes the following features:

- 162 • A list of physical barriers that limit accessibility of programs or activities to individuals with  
163 disabilities, also known as a self-evaluation.
- 164 • A description of the methods that will be used to remove the barrier.
- 165 • The official responsible for implementation of the plan.
- 166 • A timeline for corrections.

167 The Parks Transition Plan timeline is designed to provide flexibility to the City around specific parks,  
168 play areas, and campgrounds, ensuring that continuous access and improvements are being made.

169 In 2019, the City Council adopted the City of Homer Facilities ADA Transition Plan (Transition Plan),  
170 which identified the ADA coordinator, evaluated communications and other city facilities, and  
171 developed a dispute process and modifications request.

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173 This information is available on the City of Homer website or at the City Clerk's Office. The Facilities  
174 Transition Plan began the audit process with the evaluation of entrances, restrooms, sidewalks,  
175 parking areas and curb ramps at all city facilities.

176  
177 The Parks Transition Plan describes those barriers to and within Homer's parks, play areas, and  
178 campgrounds, and provides recommendations to remove barriers found. This document will  
179 supplement the earlier Facilities Transition Plan to fulfill the requirements in Title II of the ADA.

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181 The Parks Transition Plan and the previously approved Facilities Transition Plan will be integrated  
182 into a single overall Transition Plan after completion.

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184 **2.3 Program Access Recommendations**

185 The US Department of Justice test for existing facilities is known as the program access test. A  
186 program is an opportunity made available by the individual department, in this case Parks. A  
187 program is not just an activity for which a person registers and pays a fee. It can be the program of  
188 picnicking, parking or fishing. It is a program if it is an activity made available by the Parks, Harbor  
189 or Recreation department.

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191 The program access test does not apply to new construction or alterations and additions. New  
192 construction, alterations or additions must be designed and constructed to comply with the 2010  
193 Standards for Accessible Design.

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195 There are multiple ways in which a program can be made accessible. In Title II regulations, Section  
196 35.150(b) describes the methods an entity can use to make programs accessible. They include:

- 197
- 198 • Redesign or acquisition of equipment;
  - 199 • Move program to accessible buildings;
  - 200 • Assignment of aides to program beneficiaries;
  - 201 • Delivery of services at alternate accessible sites;
  - 202 • Alteration of existing facilities and construction of new facilities;
  - 203 • Use of accessible rolling stock or other conveyances; and
  - 204 • Any other methods that result in making its services, programs and activities readily  
205 accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities.

206 The program access recommendations are based on a minimum of **one out of three assets should**  
207 **be accessible**. All unique assets should be accessible.

208 Some barriers, identified in the site accessibility reports will not need to be changed until a  
209 renovation or rebuild based on the technical infeasibility, historical preservation, construction  
210 tolerance or that no current guidance is available.

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## 212 **3.0 Methodology**

213 The methodology of this portion of the transition plan included the following elements:

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### 215 **3.1 Access Audits**

216 Members of the ADA Advisory Board, Public Works Staff, and members of the Parks, Arts, Recreation  
217 & Culture Advisory Commission (PARC), and interested community members conducted  
218 accessibility audits for six parks, including campgrounds, one separate campground and one  
219 memorial park. These audits were conducted July through September 2021 and 2022.

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221 The site visit accessibility audits consisted of an overall site report and individual checklists that  
222 covered parking, accessible routes and means of access, play areas, shelters/picnic areas, outdoor  
223 recreation amenities such as fire rings or bar-b-que grills and park site.

224 • The overall site report for each park facility includes the following:

- 225 ○ a description of the specific barriers at each location
- 226 ○ reference to the regulation or guideline citation
- 227 ○ digital images of the barrier
- 228 ○ location within the site
- 229 ○ methods to meet accessibility requirements
- 230 ○ or recommendations to address the barrier
- 231 ○ priority ranking in accordance with federal guidelines

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### 233 **3.2 Findings**

234 The accessibility audits identified multiple access deficits. This represented a better than average  
235 number of access deficits, meaning City of Homer parks, play areas and campgrounds are less  
236 accessible than many larger communities, but comparable to similar communities across Alaska.  
237 Projects were prioritized using Department of Justice (DOJ) guidance which considers the following  
238 priorities.

- 239 1. Accessible approach and entry (parking, accessible routes)
- 240 2. Access to programs and services
- 241 3. Access to Restrooms
- 242 4. Access to other items (drinking fountains, trash receptacles, grills, benches, etc.)

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### 244 **3.3 Community Priorities**

245 Each location was prioritized based on community usage, survey responses, public comment or  
246 participation, access to park amenities such as playground, trails, and campgrounds and was given  
247 a higher priority.

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## 249 **4.0 Transition Plan**

250 The accessibility audits identified multiple access deficits across the system. To effectively and  
251 efficiently improve accessibility they were prioritized over a ten (10) year timeline to ensure  
252 program access. The prioritized list includes barriers to access all features at each location.

253 This prioritization of the projects within the Parks Transition Plan was accomplished through  
254 meetings and site visits open to members of the community, in collaboration with the ADA Advisory

255 Board members and Public Works Staff. This work sought to identify the most efficient and effective  
256 way to make the City's parks, play areas and campgrounds more accessible. The prioritization  
257 focused on all of the deficiencies that could be addressed in the recommended timeframe while  
258 working on program access.

259 These priorities concentrated on which parks, play areas, and campgrounds were most used by the  
260 community and visitors to improve accessibility, evaluating which deficiencies to correct first for  
261 the most benefit. Lastly, that all program types are accessible somewhere within the system.

262 The transition plan works toward this goal with the expectation that any new construction will be  
263 fully compliant and help the departments move over time to a completely accessible parks system  
264 within the City of Homer.

265 See Exhibit A for Accessibility Audits on the following:

- 266 1. Karen Hornaday Park including playground, campground and ballfields
- 267 2. Mariner Park including Day Use Area and campground
- 268 3. Beluga Slough Trail
- 269 4. Bishop's Beach Park
- 270 5. Bayview Park
- 271 6. Jack Gist Park including ballfields and access to the Disc Golf Course
- 272 7. Seafarer's Memorial

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## 274 **5.0 Cost Estimating and Financing**

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### 276 **5.1 Cost Estimating**

277 The timeline for this work outlined in the Parks Transition Plan is ten years which takes advantage  
278 of the biennial budgeting process the City follows. Initial work has been focused on cost estimates  
279 for the projects undertaken in the biennium budget period and a five-year proposed project list.  
280 Maintenance and smaller capital projects would occur in the annual budget established and as  
281 needed. Detailed development of budget offers would be written and submitted over the next three  
282 biennia. More detailed cost estimates for future projects would be developed for those budget  
283 offers. Any new construction undertaken is required to be fully accessible.

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285 Upon completion of the prioritization, the City of Homer Public Works performed cost estimating  
286 with park maintenance operations, administration and planning to further understand the project  
287 groupings and how we might contract for certain work such as paving parking lots vs. a discrete set  
288 of access projects at a single park. Original cost estimates were based on past experience with  
289 similar projects and assumptions regarding future economic conditions and related to construction  
290 only (no design or project costs).

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292 These numbers were reviewed and revised with a multiplier to bring to 2024 cost estimates.  
293 Additional work on costs will occur leading up to development. Potential cost savings may be  
294 realized from strategic scaling of contracts. Analysis of the project list identified 6 major types of  
295 work that include the following six trades or project types:



- 296 • Parking/Paving/Concrete
- 297 • Labor
- 298 • Plumbing
- 299 • Electrical
- 300 • Signage
- 301 • Potential Capital Improvement Plan Project

302 Further costing will evaluate opportunities to do multiple projects across the park, play area or  
303 campground system, such as all sign upgrades.

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### 305 **5.1.1. Cost/Impact Ranking**

306 Public Works and Port and Harbor Staff were consulted to rank each compliance issue based on the  
307 level of impact to the department's budget and staff time required to complete the project.

308 Definitions for Cost/Impact Rankings are:

- 309 1 – Project can be completed by City of Homer staff at low cost and with a low amount of effort.
- 310 2 – Project can be completed by City of Homer staff, the cost would be moderate and/or would  
311 require a moderate level of scheduling in association with other staff duties to complete.
- 312 3 – Project can be completed by City of Homer staff; however, the cost for materials would be  
313 high and/or the time required to complete would be high. Use of a contractor would allow  
314 project completion sooner.
- 315 4C – Project requires specialized tools, skills, and/or level of warranting the use of a contractor.

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### 317 **5.2 Funding**

318 There is no dedicated source of federal funds for accessibility renovations to existing sites. The work  
319 will be done through three main funding channels as follows:

- 320 • Maintenance and repair
- 321 • Small capital projects
- 322 • Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects.
  - 323 ○ Current CIP projects will be reviewed to see if they may be amended to capture  
324 additional access improvements. An example of this might be the Bayview Park.  
325 This will increase the available number of accessible play areas.
- 326 • Available Grant funding and other sources that could help implement some of this work
  - 327 ○ ADA modifications are common, and grants will be competitive. Some  
328 opportunities may be available through the following:
    - 329 ▪ Community Development Block Grant Funds: Many agencies receive  
330 federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for  
331 accessibility renovations at existing sites. CDBG funds often have a  
332 scale of priority. It is important to establish accessibility as a priority for  
333 CDBG applications.
    - 334 ▪ State/Federal Grant Programs such as the Land & Water Conservation  
335 Fund, The Great American Outdoors Act; Community Facilities Direct  
336 Loan & Grant Program in Alaska, or Recreational Trails Program

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- State Appropriations: The City has successfully competed for appropriations for larger projects and if offered by the State, would be an avenue for funding.
  - Local organizations such as Rotary, Homer Foundation, Rasmussen, etc.

### 342 **5.3 Timeline Ranking**

343 Public Works and Port and Harbor department staff also evaluated the items based on current  
344 department workloads and schedules for when in-house and contractor-hired projects could be  
345 completed. The timelines for projects completed in-house would be as follows:

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- 347 A. Project can be completed in between regularly schedule work as time allows, with  
348 completion within one year.
- 349 B. Project requires additional scheduling and budgeting and may be completed within one  
350 or two years.
- 351 C. Project requires significant scheduling and budgeting and may be completed within three  
352 to five years; could be completed sooner if done by a contractor.
- 353

354 If a contractor is hired to complete a project they may have a more definitive timeline because they  
355 must be budgeted in advance. For these items, the Transition Plan lists the estimated year that  
356 staff will prepare an Invitation to Bid, include it in their budget requests to City Council, and have  
357 the project completed by.

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### 359 **6.0 Recommendations**

360 In addition to the audit findings, opportunities to improve accessibility via policies and procedures  
361 were identified through the self-evaluation. The following recommendations are not an exhaustive  
362 policy review, but highlighting best practices based on discussions with staff, ADA Advisory Board  
363 members, PARC Commissioners and interested members of the community.

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- 366 1. Implement modifications according to the approach proposed in Section 4.0 and the  
367 Parks, Play Areas and Campground Transition Plan to accommodate all users.
- 368 2. Develop maintenance staff training and checklists to improve accessibility during  
369 routine maintenance.
- Items such as accessible routes, gaps, changes in level, door closing force and  
370 common obstructions can be scheduled as part of ongoing routine maintenance  
371 work.
- 372 3. Update website with more details regarding ADA access at each park, play area or  
373 campground. This would include parking and restroom accessibility, along with what is  
374 accessible so patrons can make informed decisions before traveling to a specific park, play  
375 area, or campground.
- 376 4. Ensure all contracts have language regarding ADA compliance and or modifications that a  
377 contractor will make to provide equal access to services, programs and activities.





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5. Involvement of the ADA Coordinator in review of project design to ensure the contractor is fully aware that ADA regulations and guidelines are to be included within the project at the beginning.
  6. Improve wayfinding signage so people with disabilities can more easily and conveniently navigate the park system and the city as a whole.
  7. If portable toilets are provided make sure at least one is accessible.



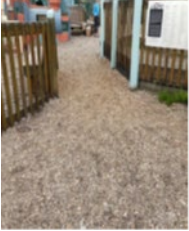


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385 **7.0 Parks Listing**

386 The following details the physical barriers of the City parks, play areas and campgrounds that limit  
 387 the accessibility of its programs, activities or services to individuals with disabilities and the  
 388 methods suggested to remove those barriers, make the area accessible and the schedule for  
 389 achieving compliance.





390 **7.1 ADA Compliance Issues**

Location	Image	ADA Code Reference	Priority Level	Cost Impact Level	Timeline	Accessibility Issue, Solution/Remedy & City Staff Direction
<b>FACILITY NAME:</b> Karen Hornaday Hillside Park			<b>TIME OF ASSESSMENT:</b> JULY – SEPTEMBER 2021			
<b>STRUCTURES/FACILITY/AREA(S):</b> Karen Hornaday Hillside Park has only portable toilets at the time of accessibility surveys. Project is in the planning stages for redesign of entrance road, parking lot, pedestrian trail and new restroom facilities. A new updated master plan is in funding process for FY24/FY25 Capital Budget. The campground has been closed temporarily and was not audited.						
Karen Hornaday Park		206.2.1; 206.2.2	1	2	A	No Accessible route from Parking lot to Pavilion or ballfields. Accessible route is required to all sports fields and to the pavilions from parking area
Karen Hornaday Park		208.2; 502.2; 502.3; 502.6	1	1	A	Designated accessible parking stall not identified; no signage Recommend paving parking stalls and striping, installation of signage
Karen Hornaday Park		1011.2.1	4	2	A	Pavilion has one ADA Compliant Picnic Table recommend to place at minimum one additional due to high use of pavilion
Karen Hornaday Park		302.1; 402.2; 403.2	1	4	C	Activity is surrounded by rocks with no accessible entry. Remove rocks to allow for accessible access. Suggest installation of materials to have firm stable ground.

Location	Image	ADA Code Reference	Priority Level	Cost Impact Level	Timeline	Accessibility Issue, Solution/Remedy & City Staff Direction
Karen Hornaday Park Play Area		208.1 208.2; 208.2.4; 502.6	1	2	B	Parking for play area has no designated accessible parking. Construct and Install Accessible parking stall for appropriate signage.
Karen Hornaday Park Play Area		240.1; 240.2.1; 1008.1; 1008.2.1	4	4	C	Ground area should be better maintained to afford accessibility.
Karen Hornaday Park Play Area		302.1; 302.3; 303.1; 304.1; 403.1; 402; 403.5.1; 1008.1- 108.2.1; 1008.2.4; 1008.2.6	1	3	C	Entrance to play area is not compliant. Entry needs to be widen. Play are has wood chip base which is not accessible material. Furnish & Install accessible ground material throughout the play area to ensure accessibility by providing stable, non-slip material.
Karen Hornaday Park Play Area		1008.2.4; 1008.2.6; 1008.4.3	4	1	A	No accessible entrance to this feature. Recommend relocating or provide ADA Compliant Access
Karen Hornaday Park Play Area		1008.4.2; 308; 1008.2.6; 1008.2.4	4	2	B	Recommend modification to ensure reach is compliant to green wheel





Location	Image	ADA Code Reference	Priority Level	Cost Impact Level	Timeline	Accessibility Issue, Solution/Remedy & City Staff Direction
Karen Hornaday Park Play Area		308; 1008.4.2; 1008.2.6; 1008.2.4	4	3	C	Climbing Wall – ensure approach is compliant for access from a wheelchair
Karen Hornaday Park Play Area		302.1; 303.1 305.2; 1008.2.4	1	3	B	Play area is surrounded by a wall or fence and is not accessible by those with mobility or vision impairments without assistance. Modify to provide accessible route to this area and install ground materials to make firm stable and non-slip
Karen Hornaday Park Play Area		303.1; 1008.3.1; 1008.3.2	2	4	C	Play component is not accessible from a wheelchair or without assistance. Install chair level transfer
Karen Hornaday Park Play Area		1008.2.1	2	2	B	Provide accessible entry to sand box.
Karen Hornaday Park Play Area		240.2.1.2	4	3	C	No accessible transfer point. Open portion of side for accessible entry/transfer.
Karen Hornaday Park Play Area		240; 403	4	2	A	Recommend adding additional accessible swing option. Currently there is only one









Location	Image	ADA Code Reference	Priority Level	Cost Impact Level	Timeline	Accessibility Issue, Solution/Remedy & City Staff Direction
Karen Hornaday Park Play Area		240; 302; 304; 305; 404.2.3	1	3	C	Entrance is non-compliant. Widen entry in order to bring the gateway into ADA compliance.
Karen Hornaday Park Play Area		1008.2.1	1	1	A	Remove. Safety hazard as logs are rotten.
Karen Hornaday Park Play Area		206 404; 1008	1	3	C	Remove and replace ground materials with level, firm non-slip materials
Karen Hornaday Park Play Area		1008.2.6; 206; 404	1	3	C	Replace materials so ground stays level and firm. Remove and replace materials with suitable ground materials that are level, firm and non-slip.





Location	Image	ADA Code Reference	Priority Level	Cost Impact Level	Timeline	Accessibility Issue, Solution/Remedy & City Staff Direction
Karen Hornaday Park Play Area		1008.2.1; 1008.2; 1008.2.4.1; 1008.2.6; 1008.2.6.1	4	4	C	Various play components in the Play area that have limited or no access without assistance. Recommend installation of transfer system from wheelchair; modification to approaches or sidewall barriers on the play component.
Karen Hornaday Park Play Area		1008.4	4	4	C	Only component of its kind. Not required but recommend remove and replace with similar component that has adaptable reach
Karen Hornaday Ballfields		221.2; 221.2.1.4; 221.2.3; 221.3 1016	1 & 4	2	B	Bleachers at upper field – no accessibility, too close to the fence, no handrails or safety railing to prevent falls; no designated wheelchair spaces Furnish & Install or modify existing to provide better safety provide accessible seating as well as wheelchair seating



Location	Image	ADA Code Reference	Priority Level	Cost Impact Level	Timeline	Accessibility Issue, Solution/Remedy & City Staff Direction
Karen Hornaday Park – New Pavilion		1011.2; 1011.3 1011.5	4	1	A	Grills swivel and requirement is 40" x 48" clear ground space on all sides; 2-5% slope & 15"-34" height required Remove and reinstall in regulation height and clearance and slope.
Karen Hornaday Park – Old Pavilion		206	1	3	B	Pavilion approach is not ADA Compliant; attached tables are non-compliant; Regrade slope and install accessible routes
Karen Hornaday Park – Old Pavilion		1011.2.1	4	2	A	Available Picnic Tables are not ADA compliant. Provide a minimum of one ADA Compliant Table of universal design would be preferable.
Karen Hornaday Park Ballfields		1008.2.6; 206.7.9; 404.2.3; 404.2.4.4	4	4	C	Entrances to dugouts are not compliant; grade has high step up; opening is too narrow to dugout. Ground surface must be maintained and inspected on a regular basis; remove and replace gate and fencing to provide required clearances





Location	Image	ADA Code Reference	Priority Level	Cost Impact Level	Timeline	Accessibility Issue, Solution/Remedy & City Staff Direction
Karen Hornaday Park Ballfields		206.2.1; 221.4; 221.2.1.4; 221.2.3; 221.3	1	4	C	No accessible Route from or to the parking spaces, Bleachers do not provide accessible seating or companion seating. Furnish & Install accessible route from parking lot (when complete) provide designated wheelchair seating with companion seating Provide regular maintenance to grounds.
<b>FACILITY NAME:</b> Bayview Park				<b>TIME OF ASSESSMENT:</b> July –September 2021		
<b>STRUCTURE/FACILITY/AREA(S):</b> Is a lovely neighborhood park located at the top of Main Street. This Park is traditionally known for being used as a toddler and young children’s park since it was fenced, small and located within the neighborhood. Currently there are plans in motion to improve the park. Installation of new play equipment with ADA compliant access routes to each piece of equipment and placement of picnic tables as well as installation of paved accessible parking making it Homer’s first fully accessible park. It will be done at a future date when completed. At the time that Site Audits were conducted this location was non-compliant for access, play areas and parking.						
<b>FACILITY NAME:</b> Bishop’s Beach Park & Beluga Slough Trail				<b>TIME OF ASSESSMENT:</b> July – September 2021		
<b>STRUCTURE/FACILITY/AREA(S):</b> Bishop’s Beach Park provides access to miles of public beaches, a picnic pavilion with fire ring and bar-b-que grill and picnic tables. There is a large grassy lawn area that is maintained. Currently restroom facilities are portable toilets and new plumbed restrooms are in the planning/design phase with expectation for construction 2024/2025. The Park provides vehicle access to the west for the public and to Beluga Slough Trail which runs along city and state owned land. No camping is allowed on the beaches or in the park.						
Bishop’s Beach Park – Parking Lot		208; 208.2; 208.2.4; 302; 502.4	1	4	C	Accessible parking has more than 2% slope. Recommend regrade and repave parking lot to include pavement marking for minimum number of accessible parking spaces and the required number to be van accessible.
Bishop’s Beach Accessible Routes		206; 206.2.1; 502.1-502.3.4	1	2	B	Restroom closed permanently and temporarily replaced with portable toilets. Plans are being developed for permanent restroom facilities. No accessible approach to portable toilets or pavilion Furnish & Install accessible walkway to pavilion and restroom from parking spaces.





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Bishop's Beach Park Access to Beluga Slough Trail		402; 404	1	1	A	<p>Transitions from ground to elevated walkway is too high in some areas; too steep in other areas within slope; vegetation impairs visibility of edge and clear safe path</p> <p>Recommend regular maintenance to remove vegetation, correct slope and transition from ground to elevated walkway by maintaining gravel</p>
Bishop's Beach Park Beluga Slough Trail Access		402; 404	1	2	A	<p>Nominal Transition issues on this segment. Good example of what access should appear and resemble.</p> <p>Recommendation: Regular maintenance to keep gravel supply appropriate.</p>
<b>FACILITY NAME:</b> Mariner Park and Campground				<b>TIME OF ASSESSMENT:</b> July – September 2021		
<b>STRUCTURE/FACILITY/AREA(S):</b> Located on the base of the Homer Spit, Mariner Park and Campground is a 111 acre multi-use area that is one of the most popular beach access points for dog walking, coal collecting, and horseback riding in Homer. There are 34 camp sites available April 1 <sup>st</sup> through October 30 <sup>th</sup> , a Day Use Area along the northern border of the park with fire rings, picnic tables and a small gazebo, which is available for reservation for private events. Seasonal restroom facilities are provided May through September/October (weather dependent).						
Mariner Park Day Use Area		206.2.1; 502	1	4C	B	<p>No Accessible parking designated. No accessible route to gazebo. Construct and furnish accessible route and parking space install signage per regulations</p>




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Mariner Park – Day Use Area		210; 504; 505.10.2	3	4C	B	Gazebo, has no hand rails, no ramp, stairs are steep, narrow steps and tall rise All steps on flight of stairs shall have uniform riser heights and uniform tread depths. Recommend rebuilding stairs to include handrails and placement of a ramp.
Mariner Park Day Use Area		903	3	2	B	Bench needs to have the required transfer back support and seat width. Wheelchair space is limited within structure dependent on number of people. Bench shall provide back support or be affixed to a wall. Grab Bars should be installed to provide assistance for transfer, seat width should be 42 in long by 20 in. deep
Mariner Park Day Use Area		ORAR 244.2.3.1; 244.3 245.2.5.1 244.5.3	3	4C	B	Fire Ring is not compliant No accessible route Review Height and reach in accordance with regulations
Mariner Park Camp Host Cabin		ORAR 1016.2; 1016.3; 1016.4 1016.7.1;	3	4C	B	No ADA parking designated No accessible route from parking space to Host cabin. No Ramp Access or alternate method of notification to get camp host attention if not outside. Install and designate accessible parking space, place signage with alternate method of contacting Camp Host







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Mariner Park Campground		1011.2; 1011.4; F244.2.3.1; F244.3, F245.2.5.1; & F244. 5.3	3	4C	B	No ADA Compliant Camp Site Per Regulations Total of Camping Sites required is 2-3 based on overall # of sites. No ADA Compliant picnic tables. No accessible route from parking. No designated accessible parking. Create and designate 1-2 sites as ADA Compliant with appropriate signage. Designate and mark accessible parking spaces Campsite 21'3" w x 22' L Fire Ring 17" H
Mariner Park Entrance Area with Kiosk and Bathrooms		ORAR 1016.2; 1016.3; 1016.4 1016.7.1; F244.2.3.1; F244.3; F245.2.5.1; F244.5.3 703.4.1; 703.5.5; 703.5.6; 703.7	3	4C	B	Fee Kiosk Area Bulletin Board Height is 50"; Doggie Bag Dispenser is 38.5" No accessible route defined for portable toilets; dumpster is not accessible; Picnic tables are unsafe and rotten Furnish & install clear access to kiosk, R & R Doggie Bag Dispenser to correct height; F & I Accessible route to portable toilets, Remove & Replace with Accessible Dumpster; Remove and Replace Picnic Tables with Universal Design models




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<b>FACILITY NAME:</b> Fishing Hole Campground				<b>TIME OF ASSESSMENT:</b> July – September 2021		
<b>STRUCTURE/FACILITY/AREA(S):</b> Located next to the Nick Dudiak Fishing Lagoon, this campground on the Homer Spit features 80 campsites, 9 sites are located on the edge of the fishing lagoon and is a popular destination for campers. Amenities at this location include Fishing Hole camp sites, beach campsites, fish cleaning tables, picnic pavilion, grill, accessible restroom facilities, potable water and easy access to one of the city's RV dump stations. The Fishing Hole Campground has 16 camp sites that are available during the winter months, October 31 <sup>st</sup> through March 31 <sup>st</sup> annually.						
Fishing Hole Campground		703.4.1; 703.5.5; 703.5.6; 703.7	1	1	A	Accessible Camping Spaces Signage Placement. Paved connection to pavilion and walkway to restroom signage placement requires correction
Fishing Hole Pavilion		1011.2; 1011.3; 902.3 ABA	3	1	A	ADA Compliant Picnic Table provided, recommend adding additional table. Requirement is based on 24LF of usable space around table top, there should be a minimum of one wheelchair space.
Fishing Hole Pavilion		1011.2; 1011.3; 1011.5	3	4C	B	Grill does not have required access all the way around it. Relocation to maintain the required distance on all sides. Grill does swivel, but must be accessible with clear ground 48" x 48" clear ground space on all sides 2-5% slope 15"-34" max height
Fishing Hole Pavilion		402; 403	1	NA	NA	Paved area next to Pavilion provides accessible feature. ADA COMPLIANT



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Fishing Hole Campground Pay Kiosk for Camp Fees		307.3; 308.1; 308.2; 308.3	3	4C	B	Kiosk is 48" height Reach should be no more than 24" from side approach. Recommend filling in the area with additional concrete pad to make fully accessible from all approaches
Fishing Hole Restroom Potable Water Access		402; 403; 502	2	4C	B	Accessible Route is required to access potable water; recommend installing a suitable material preferably asphalt and ADA Parking Space; Accessible route connecting to Restrooms from parking
Fishing Hole Restroom Potable Water Access		309.4	4	1	A	Spigot handle is non-compliant install lever handle
Fishing Hole Notice Board		206; 308; 302	4	4C	B	Accessible route; reach. Remove rocks and install asphalt or concrete pad around information kiosk

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<b>FACILITY NAME:</b> Seafarer's Memorial Park				<b>TIME OF ASSESSMENT:</b> July-September 2021		
<b>STRUCTURE/FACILITY/AREA(S):</b> Seafarer's Memorial is a 2.52 acre lot located off of the Sterling Highway near the end of the Homer Spit. A memorial gazebo honoring those who were lost at sea, 45 parking spaces and open green space providing unobstructed views of the surrounding mountains and Kachemak Bay and access to the Spit Beach.						
Seafarer's Memorial Park - Parking lot		206.3; 206.4; 216.5; 302.1; 403.1, 403.2;405.3; 502.1, 502.2, 502.3,502.3.1, 502.3.2,502.3.3, 502.3.4	1	4C	B	Parking is adjacent to entrance to the Memorial and not accessible. Pave and mark accessible parking spaces with paved accessible route to memorial pavers
Seafarer's Memorial Park		305; 903	4	3	B	Bench is not ADA Compliant. Location on accessible route compliant with 404. Preference for Bench to not have arms for ease in transfer however having arms allows aid in person rising from seated position. Replace with compliant bench 17" - 19" seat height; able to withstand horizontal force minimum of 250 pounds at any point of the seat, Back support shall be 42"L minimum & 20"-24" deep
<b>FACILITY NAME:</b> Jack Gist Park				<b>TIME OF ASSESSMENT:</b> July - September 2021		
<b>STRUCTURE/FACILITY/AREA(S):</b> Donated by Jack Gist's estate for new softball fields, this 10 acre park offers stunning views of Beluga Lake and Kachemak Bay. Three fields are utilized by the Homer Adult Softball Association and the Homer High Mariner Softball team. There is also a disc golf course located in the park. Portable Toilet Facilities are available during the summer season. Plans are in process to draft a Master Plan for the park to include proposed field updates, plumbed restrooms, road access from a new subdivision to the west, parking configuration, and a new play area.						
Jack Gist Park Path to Disc Golf Course		206.2.1; 403; 403.5.3; 1016.2; 1016.3; 1016.4	1	4C	C	Walkway to Disc Golf Course is not ADA compliant. Remove and replace with accessible route using materials that would provide a stable and firm ground, width to be 36" wide with passing lane or widen areas to allow passing



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Jack Gist Park - Lower Fields		206.2.1; 403; 403.5.3; 1016.2; 1016.3; 1016.4	1	4C	C	Lower Left and Right Ball Fields do not have ADA Accessible Routes. Furnish & Install accessible route from parking to playing fields spectator areas, dugouts, etc.
Jack Gist Park		206.2.1; 403; 403.5.3; 1016.2; 1016.3; 1016.4	1	4C	C	Ground access is not firm and stable - ADA Accessible Route. Furnish & Install accessible travel route from parking to amenities
Jack Gist Park - Ball Field Spectator Seating and Access		206.2.1; 403; 403.5.3; 1016.2; 1016.3; 1016.4	Access Route Priority 1  Seating Priority 4	4C	C	Spectator bleachers are not ADA compliant, no accessible seating, no accessible route from parking area. Where provided, fixed team or player seating areas must contain the number of wheelchair spaces and companion seats required by ADAAG, but not less than one space.
Jack Gist Park - Field Access		404.2	1	2	B	Gate Access is not compliant. Provide clear pathway and level ground, remove overgrown vegetation to ensure proper width requirement is met

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Jack Gist Park - Dugouts		903	2	2	B	<p>Player dugout does not have accessible seating, too high or too low and seating is too narrow, no hand rails or access to allow for transfer from a wheelchair to the bench. Benches must have seats that are a min. of 20" to a max. of 24" in depth and 42" min. in length. The seat height should be a min. of 17" to a max. of 19" above floor. If the bench is not located next to a wall, the bench must have back support that is 42" min. in length and extends from a point 2" max. above the seat to a point 18" min. above the bench.</p>
Jack Gist Park - Fence		307; 403.5	4	1	A	<p>Fence has protrusion. Remove and relocate or furnish and install barriers to direct pathway around the protrusion.</p>
Jack Gist Park - Dugouts		221.2.1.4; 206.7.9; 802.1	4	2	B	<p>Entrances to dugouts are not compliant; grade has step up; Dugout entrance is not ADA compliant - opening is too narrow. Maintain areas of access by keeping gravel/fill materials level and compacted to maintain even surface levels with concrete pad; remove and replace existing gate with ADA compliant gate; maintain vegetation to keep sight lines and changes in elevation minimal</p>

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Jack Gist Park – Upper Field Approach		1016.2; 1016.3; 1016.4; 1016.7	1	3	C	Access Route is steep; Furnish and install accessible route to upper field from parking area; correct slope percentage
Jack Gist Park – Spectator Seating		206.2.1; 403; 403.5.3; 1016.2; 1016.3; 1016.4	4	2	B	No ADA Compliant seating available; no accessible route to seating from parking area. Install ADA seating along with accessible route from parking to seating area.

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