

Selected Park Poet 5-7 Age Category

Nora F.

Age 7

Vienna ES

I love when I hear the birds

It makes me happy.

I love seeing nature.

It makes me wonder.

I love to look at the animals.

It makes me curious.

I love parks because

They are great!! :-)

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Ishya A.

Age 6

McNair ES

Why I Love Parks

I love going to the park everyday

Where I can run and play.

I ride my colorful bike

Take a long trail hike.

I go so high in the swings

I reach the pretty bird flying with its wings.

At my friends I peek

Playing hide and seek.

I come down the slide shouting WHEEEEE!!!

Showing my delight and glee!!

I miss the park in winter

Wish it was forever summer.

Selected Park Poet 8-10 Age Category

Sakeenah C.

Age 10

Fairhill ES

I am a Forest.

I am a Forest,

I give space,

I hear voices of amazement,

I'm afraid to be chopped,

I live in a great, green park,

I smell the nice nature fresh air,

I feel the wind gushing

"Pop" there goes a leaf,

I love my home,

I grow and grow,

I'm afraid I might touch the sky or the sun,

I hear rushing water,

I like being climbed,

It tells I'm liked,

I am free,

I am tree,

I am a Forest.

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Hannah B.

Age 9

Fairhill ES

Glistening Autumn

As I step into the park

My eyes draw me to behold

All the things outside

To all the untold.

Flowers glittering in the light

In the autumn breeze

The sound of happy children

And birds singing aloud.

Rabbits running through the grass

A waterfall splashing with whispering waves.

Just as I saw how amazing a park could be,

I took one more step as I went out to play.

Selected Park Poet 11-13 Age Category

Sarah N.

Age 11

Fairhill ES

If I Try

If I try sports,
I will have a winner's glory,
Bursting energy,
A windy breeze to sweep up the heat,
An active feeling,
If I try sports.

If I try arts and theatre,
I will feel glee in my voice,
A skip in my step,
Maybe some paint on my hands,
A wonderful creation you can't resist,
If I try arts and theatre.

If I try to discover nature,
I will be attached to the world,
To go outside every single day,
An interest in life,
We could come to the world,
To see our fun inside.

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Christian Y. Age 12

Luther Jackson MS

Parks

I love parks, beauty so great, an adventure anywhere, and no time to wait. Anywhere I walk I see the tall green trees with a hive full of busy buzzing bees.

Nature is so powerful, it captures my eye, I lay down staring at the blue sky.

Large puffy white clouds slowly moving, Like a massage, it's soothing.

Many creatures roam in this place, I love it's music, it's something I want to chase.

Furry squirrels crawl up tree trees, grabbing acorns and dropping leaves.

Nothing can replace parks, they are so unique,
And there isn't anything you can tweak

Contributing Poets

Mimi I.

Age 11

Fairhill ES

The Sounds of Nature

It started with the rain, and the waking sun,

The dark and the night are finally done.

And the sounds of Nature, quickly arise

listen to the sounds of Nature's cries.

The squirrel quickly chatters, in his treetop home,

and the woodpecker pecks out a beat of his own.

The timber wolf howls, a long sad wail,

and thump goes the pound of a beaver's tail.

It started with the rain, and the waking sun,

the wilderness has had its fun.



Fathima Z.

Age 7

Baileys EC

I play.

Like to do a split in the playground.

Ovals are shapes here in the park

volleyball is fun.

Everyone likes peanuts.

Plants are good

apples and oranges

Running is my dad's favorite thing

Kicking ball is fun

Snakes are cool because of their venom.



Katherine & Alexandra R. Ages 10 Colvin Run ES

Spring

Down, down, falls the sunlight,
melting away the snow.

Away, away, goes the snow,
uncovering the flowers.

Up, up, grow the flowers,
to the delight of the children.

Hooray! Hooray! Go the children,
Spring is here!



Isaac Lucas G. Age 8

Fairhill ES

I've had the best fun in a park
I've stayed there 'til it's dark
In a park I play hide and seek,
None can find me; I never speak
When I'm done,
I play tag too It's so much fun,
I lose my shoe
The best thing about a park is not
Playing games or running a lot
What I love the best is spending time With Jacob,
he's a brother of mine
He loves the park more than I do
Actually he does, it's true
He and I can play all day
The park is where we wanna stay.

Annie Y.

Age 10

Fairhill ES

Oh how I love parks,
Their beauty so great,
Through the golden gate,
So close I can't wait!
I am amazed,
By the beautiful nature glaze,
The birds sing a song,
That lasts very long,
For us to enjoy,
Such magical joy!
The people take a walk around,
The ground, The greenest of green grounds.
The grounds. The trees so tall,
You feel so small!
The squirrels jump from tree to tree, to tree,
So you can see,
The wonderful sight,
That makes you have great delight
delight!
The rabbits hop,
And drop,
Beautiful parks,
Have such bright sparks,
For children to play,
All throughout the day!

Kiara F.

Age 10

Providence ES

The Parks, My Home.

Snowflakes flutter down,
as the car rolls tracks in the snow.

Almost there, almost there.

Buds bloom and blossom into flowers.

Grass sways in the soft golden wind.

So close, so close.

Heat wafts into the window,
the dawn of a new season is in the air.

Nearly done, nearly done.

I get out and stretch my legs,
golden, brown leaves crunch underfoot.

We set up our tent knowing,
there is no more moving.

Because this is home.

Xavier P.

Age 7

Laurel Ridge ES

The Birds in Jefferson Park

Swooping, Swerving, Daredevil stunts.

It's the birds of the park.

Eating bread from kind people.

That's the birds of the park.

We know those great birds!

They're the birds of the park.

Karl H.

Age 8

Fairhill ES

Parks are awesome with animals and trees,

the flowers and bushes blow in the breeze,

the clouds way up high in the sky,

Parks are awesome and that is why.

Andie H.

Age 10

Fairhill ES

Nature, Nature

Rivers rushing

Nature, Nature

Trees tall up

Nature, Nature

we love you

Nature, Nature

Animals running

Leaves keep falling

Crickets chirping

Nature, Nature

we love you

Nature, people love you

Nature, animals love you

Nature, stay this way

Nature, Nature

Kolos B.

Age 8

Fairhill ES

Jump squirrel, jump

Jump squirrel, jump high and tall

Come on, squirrel, shake the leaves

Make them sprinkle like rain

Run down the lane/Jump on the tree

Come on squirrel, jump the tree!

Thomas S.

Age 8

Fairhill ES

My Life is a Tree

My life is a tree

My friends are the roots

My family is the stem

What I like are the branches

And my heart is the leaves

My life is a tree

Sam R.

Age 8

Fairhill ES

Parks are fun. Sometimes they have pools.

Pools are fun. They are cool.

If there is no pool,

I go on the playground.

If there are no features, I will plant a tree.

Why?

Because trees are what make parks beautiful.

Isabel D.

Age 9

Fairhill ES

Deep Inside a Park

Deep inside a park.

What can you see?

Deep inside a park.

What could there be?

Hares, foxes and deer you see.

Deep inside a park.

That's what there could be.

Sean F.

Age 9

Fairhill ES

I am a Part

I am a part of bees and trees,

I am a part of water and fish,

I am a part of rocks and soil,

I am human.

We all share Earth.

I love parks because I interact with them.

I love trees and plants.

I love deer, bears and mammals.

I love Earth.

Conner E.

Age 8

Fairhill ES

Nature is beautiful!

Nature, oh nature, I am trees.

I am flowers.

I am everything you see when you walk into a park.

I am water, a glistening stream.

I am everything you see when you walk into a park.

Cameron N. Age 8

Fairhill ES

Memories

Children playing in the playground.

Bunnies playing in the grass.

Deer hiding in the trees.

Birds singing a lovely tune.

A memory of a place where kids used to play.

Maya C. Age 10

Animal Lover's Tanka

Seeing animals

I have loved them all my life

never abuse them

I love going to that place.

Frying Pan Park is the best.

Jance P.

Age 11

Fairhill ES

WOODEN HEARTS

Don't you Love Museums? I Do.

I love the Fascinating Things That come Alive At
Museums.

Love how Everything Looks Brighter Under The
Spotlight.

My Favorite Museum? The Park.

Such Wondrous Sights Are Displayed- Sunlight Trees
Ground Grass Birds- So Many Beautiful Things.

But this Museum? It's Alive.

Special People Live There.

Those People Cool You Down and Keep You Dry and
Make You Feel like You Can Finally Breathe. We Call
Them Trees.

The Museum's History Is Embedded Within Those
Trees.

Trees know Fantastic Secrets.

They're carved into their wooden hearts, penned in a
language only the trees know.

Jonah H.

Age 9

Herndon ES

Why I Love the Parks

I like the park because of the animals

the little tractors

the cows

the goats

the peacocks

the ducks

the farm is a place where animals live

I like to see them play, sit and eat

it's close to my house

Sarah H.

Age 9

Herndon ES

Why I Love the Parks

The thing I like about Frying Pan Park is pretty much everything

the tractors the rocks the pigs, cows, sheep, goats, the ducks,

Jesse peacocks and the chickens

The Carousel, The Country Store

the pigs like to sleep a lot

the cows like to eat a lot

Jesse looks lonely without Michael

but we always go to see him and say hello

Summer, Winter, Spring and Fall visit the park and see it all

Sophia L.

Age 11

Fairhill ES

I am Nature

I am nature

Trees sit still

Birds flutter restlessly

A deer prances

Wind streaks through the trees

The rain swirls and splashes

A few leaves fall and crunch

A squirrel hides his treasures

I am nature

Becky R.

Age 12

Lanier MS

The whir of the rides Children upon them
And the sounds that mean A prize has been won
Beautiful photography And creative crafts Ribbons
fastened Onto each one
Barks and yip-yaps As dogs jump through hoops
And the click-clack of paws Up and off of see-saws
Munch a snack Ice cream, cake Munch, crunch!
And please participate In all these fun fair
competitions
Pull a tractor, Guess a pig's age
Or if you're not into that
Bring a picnic! Lay down a blanket And eat your
lunch
Enjoy the fair! It's so much fun.
It has something For everyone!

Abhiraj T.

Age 7

McNair ES

I love park because

There we can play sports,

I love park because

There we can make new and awesome friends,

I love park because

There we can play on slides,

I love park because

There we can swing and run,

I love park because

There we can sprint, walk and jog,

I love park because

There we can jump and gallop,

I love park because

There we can get fresh air,

These are the reasons, Why I love parks.

Finn K.

Age 11

Fairhill ES

Parks are the basis of knowledge

Parks are the start of fun

Parks are there for everyone

Parks are fun

Moubon Ray K.

Age 7

Fairfax Villa ES

Five big parks all in a row

The first one said, Kids love me!

The second one said, yup, all in my trees!

The third one said, All I have are bees!

The fourth one said, Birds and bats are all I see!

The fifth one said, Oh! Someone hurt their knee!

Zenie N.

Age 11

Fairhill ES

Why I love Parks

The birds are chirping,
the trees are swaying,
that's why I love parks.

The kids are laughing,
The dogs are barking,
That's why I love parks.

The grass is mowed,
The smell is nice,
That's why I love parks.

The spring is on,
The flowers are blooming,
That's why I love parks.

The spring is gone,
The winter is coming,
Why do you love parks?

Ryder G.

Age 10

Fairhill ES

A Walk in the Park

Birds fly

in the sky

Water falls

Bouncy Balls

Kids play

It's a wonderful day

At the park

Ants work

Squirrels go nuts

Up the cuts

in the tree

the trees' bark

It's a park.

Architha V. Age 7

McNair ES

W - Wonderful

H- Happy to play out

Y-Yuppie

I- I love the slides and tunnels

L - Lots of fun

O - Our family will have fun

V- Very cool

E - Exciting

P - Play hide and seek

A - Awesome to see squirrels around

R- Ride on bike to ride on sea horse

K - Kind to other kids to take turns on swings.

Wendy A.

Age 12

Glasgow MS

I enjoy playing

Love

Outside

volleyball is awesome

Explore

Play

Around the Park

Race My Friends

Kickball and

Soccer!

Jennifer P.

Age 9

Baileys ES

I like camping

Look at the Butterfly

or

very interesting animals

Exciting

Places

At

Recess at Bailey's Park.

Kids

Share the time with my friend and family.

Adelmo R.

Age 10

Baileys ES

I like to walk

Looking

Over at animals

Very exciting!

Play

Animals

Run

Kids

Skate Boarding

Andrea B.

Age 8

Baileys ES

I am Andrea

Like the swings

Of the park because it's fun

Very fun to go

Everyday

Places

Always Want to Go to the Park

Running and Playing Tag with

Kids on

Sunny Days

Bernabela M. Age 10

Baileys ES

I like camping

Look at the Butterfly

or look at the very interesting food

Enjoy the

Playing

at

recess or

Kicking the ball and

Sliding down the slide.

Franklin L.

Age 10

Baileys ES

I adore

Lakes

Otras Niñas Pequeñas

Vengo al parque con mamá

Es Todos Juntos

Play

Ay Mucho y árboles y plantas

Recardeo es mi amigo

Ketan es mi amigo

Soccer

Edwin Z.

Age 10

Baileys ES

I play in the soccer field

Like the

Outsides to

Play

Volleyball sometimes

Even

Play in the

Arcade I do not have

Right and like

Kicking balls

For

Soccer.

Adonis V.

Age 10

Baileys ES

I enjoy

Lots

Of

Very

Exciting

Parks

And

Rivers

Knowing People

Swimming in Pools

Dayanaia R.

Age 10

Baileys ES

I like to walk

looking at leaves

Orange, red, yellow

Very fun to play and

Explore

Playgrounds

Animals

Running with

Kites in the

Sunshine

Francisca A. Age 10

Baileys ES

I enjoy sitting down

Love baseball

Outside

Volleyball

Everyone

Picnics with

apples

Run Around

Kickball - now

Sleepy!

Suzanne S.

Age 11

Springfield Estates ES

Nature is all around
In the sky and on the ground.
I love going to the park
And it's open until dark.
Animals frolic and have fun
All are happy till the day is done.
At the park it may rain or snow
But I always love to go.

Mahalakshmi C. Age 9

McNair ES

Why I Love Parks

I love parks because they are peaceful to play as long as I stay.

When I see a park I yell hurrah! Because I know it's time to play.

Looking at the swings I feel like a fairy with wings.

Hanging on the monkey bars where I see passing cars.

Playing on the see-saw I scream hee-haw!

There's a great place to hide which is nothing but under the slide.

As it gets dark I have no choice but to leave the Park!

I love parks and hope it should never get dark!

Ava L.

Age 9

Fairhill ES

Parks can take you many places even when it is not a trail.

When I take a step in I feel the summer breeze.

I smell the fresh grass but when I enter the trail, I hear the crunch of the leaves.

Then I see a fox. It is red. It is hard to spot like the autumn leaves

Rayna J.

Age 5

Belvedere ES

Lizards are blue

Birds are yellow

Turtles are green

And sunset is pink.

Because there's pets a lot & because there's lots of farm animals & because I like to find some squirrels

Because they eat cutely

And because there's a lot of mouses.

That's why I love the park.

Sophia J.

Age 8

Belvedere ES

Foxes sneak.

Turtles creep.

Beavers build their lodges to sleep.

All the birdies go tweet, tweet, tweet.

Turtles walking,

Turtles swimming,

Froggies jumping,

Birdies singing.

For 65 years a park's been here.

Huntley meadows is my favorite park,

On a wonderful mission we embark.

Steven P. L.

Age 10

Fairhill ES

The pond

In a park there could be a pond,

a gloomy old stinky pond,

its what everyone thinks.

If you look under the water,

you will find much more.

You will find fish, lots of fish, big and small alike.

You may even find tadpoles and eventually frogs!

There could be more if you just took a better look

at what you think is a pond.

Mohammed E. Age 11

Fairhill ES

Ibrahim

We were walking alone.

There's a pile of bricks ahead.

We both glance at it.

I know what he wants to do.

Before I know it, he rushes ahead.

He's too quick.

I blink.

And then a missile hits me.

He runs off laughing.

And I just lay there in pain.

Lily S.

Age 11

Fairhill ES

Parks

Which to choose,

Skyline drive where I crushed a penny,

or Elk Neck State Park where we took the wrong way,

maybe great falls with beautiful scenery,

or camp creepy with the girl-scouts,

how about fountainhead where I played miniature
golf,

maybe van dyke where I'd play till dusk,

Burke Lake Park with the vintage train,

I'm running out of time and ideas, and room on the
page,

but I would, I could, and I should write them all

Emujin D.

Age 9

Fairfax Villa ES

The Great Woods

The Great woods is a magical place to be.

Where the leaves float in the sky,

where the people stare with amaze.

As the birds tweet as they fly,

where the flowers grow with grace.

The flowers burst like cannon balls,

Oh, My, Oh, dear, it sure is a magical place to be.

As the trees are filling in the walls of the halls,

come on, come see, the wonderfulness is waiting

Oh, see. Oh, please never stop,

the Great Woods is exactly what I need.

Madeline S.

Age 8

Fairhill ES

The trees way high up in the sky.

The grass planted in the soil.

The monkeys swinging on the trees.

The people stepping on the grass.

Ethan S.

Nysmith School for the Gifted

Parks bring someplace to rest, someplace to play

Parks bring joy to the child's face in the warm
autumn day

Parks bring smiles to the saddest of them all

Parks bring memories of a place far off over the
rainbow

That is what parks bring.

So what do you?