Kennard Playground

Location
At the intersection of Kirkpatrick Street and Reed Street

Hours
6AM - 11PM

Directions
Buses: 81, 82
Stops at Kirkpatrick and Rose, Kirkpatrick and Centre

Bonus Points: Bike or hike to the park!

History
Kennard Playground (originally Soho Playground) was built in 1918. After construction, it was named in honor of Beulah Elfreth Kennard. Ms. Kennard helped open Pittsburgh’s first public playground at the Forbes School Yard in 1896 and went on to become president of the Pittsburgh Playground Association. In 1944 her playground was going to be renamed to honor a local judge, Ralph H. Smith. Local opposition prevented the change, and it is still called “Kennard Playground” to this day.

Facilities

Other Resources
Keep up with what’s happening in the Hill District by attending Hill District Consensus Group meetings or visiting www.hdcg.org

For more parks and activities, visit Pittsburghparks.org/rx
Find the rivers! A path runs around the park, behind the football field, toward the Monongahela River. Follow it and peek through the trees to catch views of the Birmingham Bridge, the South Side, and the meandering Mon.

Painted games! Painted asphalt up by the basketball courts includes a number of fun games, from foursquare to a bumblebee trail. Find and name all the painted critters, find out what the letters spell out, or make up your own painted game!

Sign the planets! Use the sign language chart at the playground to spell things out silently, from the names of the planets, to the names of your friends!

100 yard dash! Feeling especially fit? Try running the 100 yards (300 feet) of the football field as fast as you can. If you can, challenge a friend to a race.

Scavenger Hunt