



BJERKEDALEN PARK

AND DAYLIGHTING OF HOVINBEKKEN CREEK

Bjerkedalen Park, opened 2013 in outer Oslo, in an area with few public spaces. New trails meander through the park alongside the opening of Hovinbekken Creek, was daylighted after being piped for over 50 years. The creek now runs open for 300 meters with 15 meters elevation change.

The creek banks are planted with native, water-loving plants such as elm, bird-cherry, alder and willow creating a green thread along the waterway. Oak, linden and maple species are planted in the slopes as an interpretation of Norway's hillsides.

A central promenade and smaller trails create a coherent trail network, with maximum 5% slopes. Benches and lighting along the promenade create an even lighting plan throughout the park. Basketball and sand volleyball courts are also placed along the promenade. A terraced pavilion contains the amphitheater, café and restrooms surrounding a large outdoor terrace: the park's midpoint.

Bjerkedalen Park has become the natural meeting place for the Bjerke District and is the winner of the Oslo Architectural Prize 2015.

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