

**The Tree House natural playground will consist of a variety of different mini environments including spaces appropriate for active play, creative play, and quiet time.**



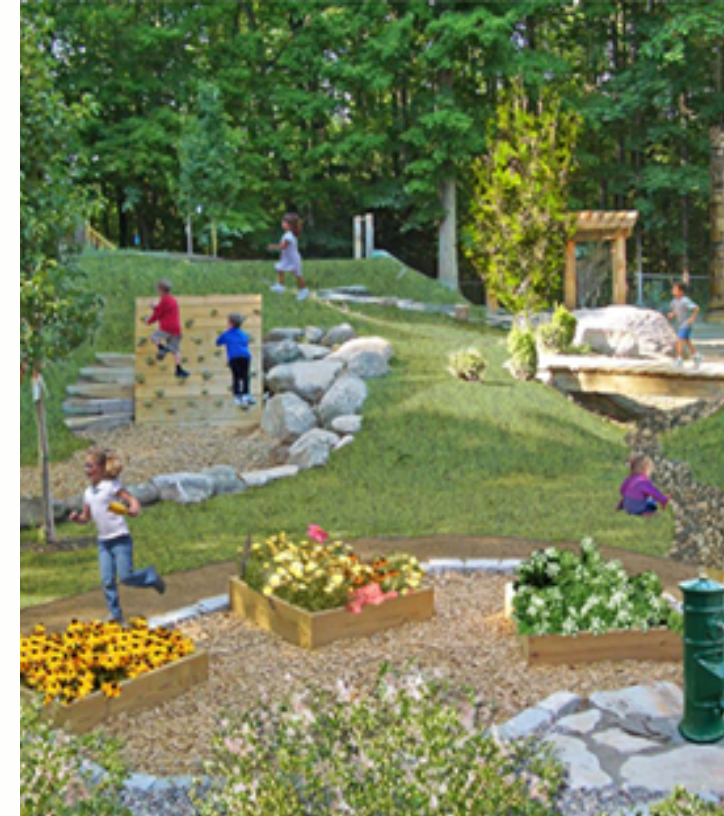
**The Tree House  
Episcopal Montessori School's  
Natural  
Playground**

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The actual product may vary.*



**Nature has so many opportunities to offer children of all ages to play and have fun while gaining a greater appreciation of the natural world.**

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The main objective of a natural playground is to provide the necessary tools for children to create objects formed in their imagination, while also providing them with interesting and entertaining challenges.

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Researchers have found that as children plan and carry out construction projects in natural play areas they are often working cooperatively with other children. The projects may require children to think creatively, innovate, and problem solve.



## What is a Natural Playground?

Natural Playgrounds are outdoor spaces that are carefully created to facilitate nature play in a way that encourages risk-taking, exploration, and hands-on learning. Natural materials such as wood, sand, stone, and grass are used to immerse young children in nature.



Natural playgrounds provide engagement for all five senses, kinesthetic sense, sense of place, and sense of wonder. They include outdoor classrooms, spaces for quiet contemplation, creative and dramatic play, fine motor engagement, balance, agility, gross motor, and cognitive engagement.

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- Varied terrain that may contain one or more hills
- "Adventure Trails" that are usually winding instead of following a straight and regular path
- Lots of movable objects that children can manipulate and use for construction projects. For example- branches, logs, pebbles, and rocks