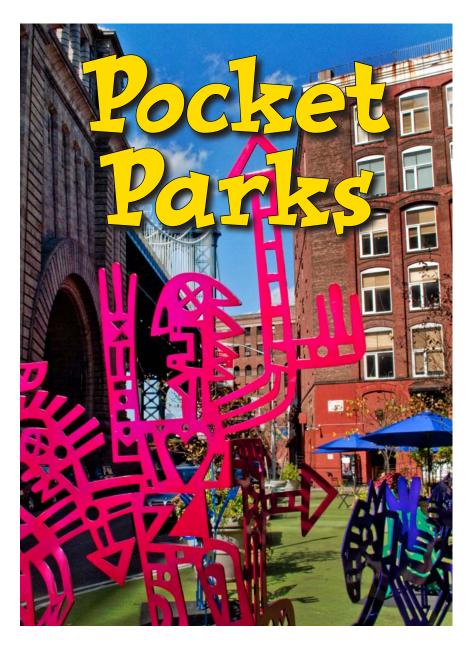


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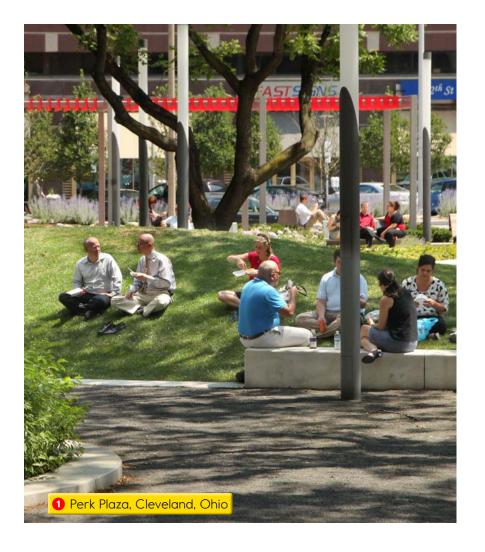


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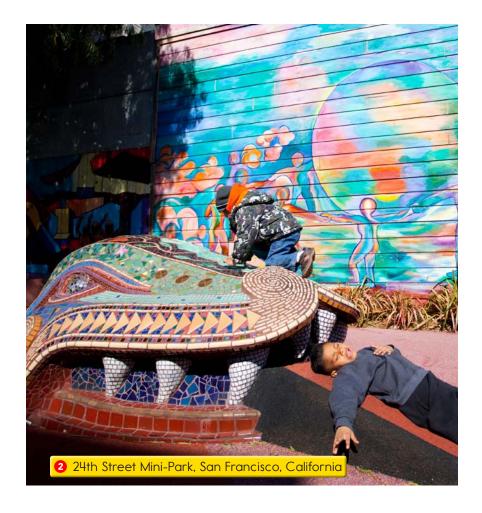
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What Is a Pocket Park?

Some cities don't have space for big, grassy parks.

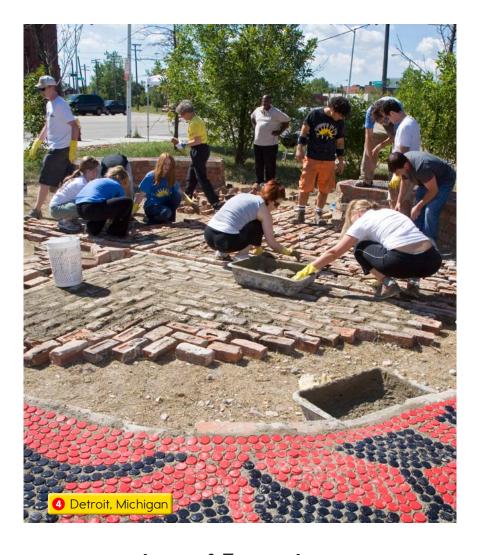
That's why they build **pocket parks** instead.



A pocket park is like a regular park, only smaller.

A pocket park can take up a city block.

It can also be as small as a parking space.



Lots of Empty Lots

An empty **lot** is a great place for a pocket park.

It can take many workers to build one.

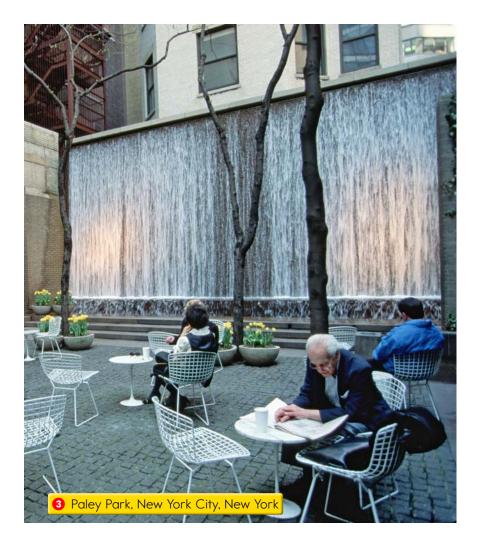


People who live close by can help, too.

They can plant flowers or trees.

They can also help keep the park clean and safe.

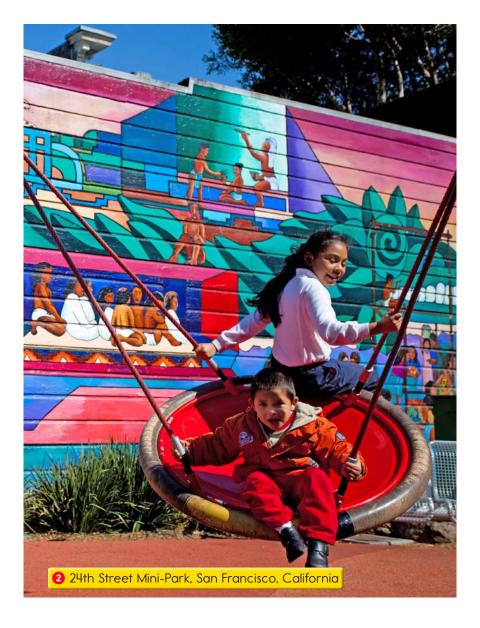
Every pocket park is different.



Different Pocket Parks

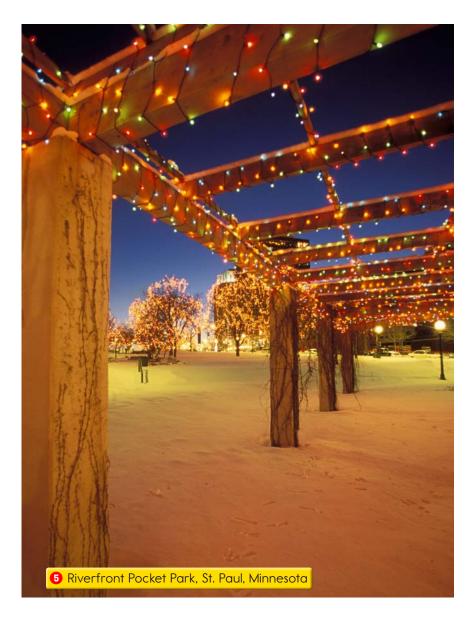
This pocket park has a waterfall at the back.

It also has many places for people to sit.



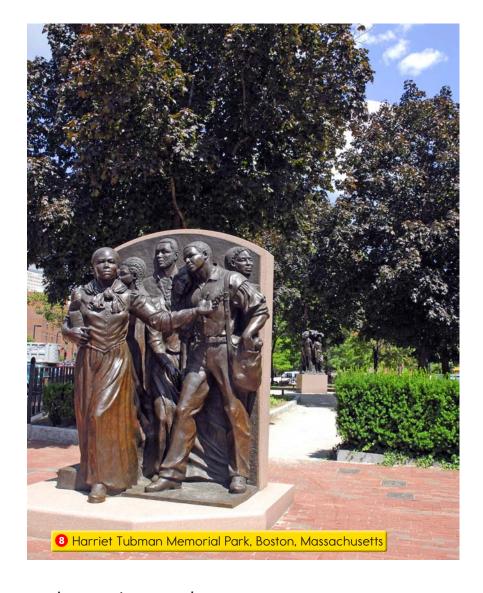
Check out the colorful art at this pocket park.

It has a swing to play on, too.

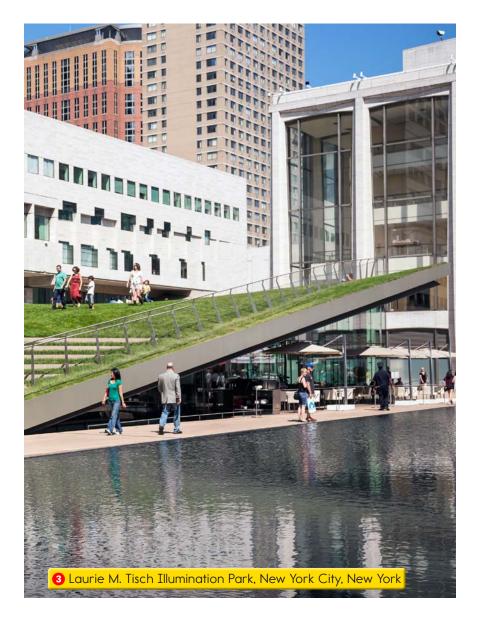


People **decorated** this pocket park with many lights.

They twinkle at night.

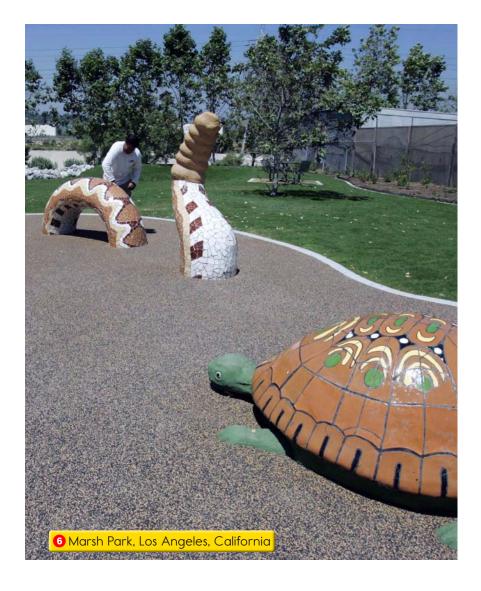


An artist made a **statue** for this pocket park.
It reminds people of someone important.



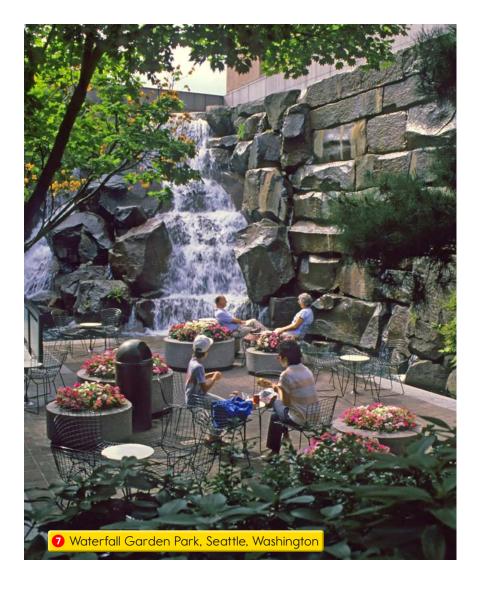
This pocket park has grass and a large pond.

People can come here to think.



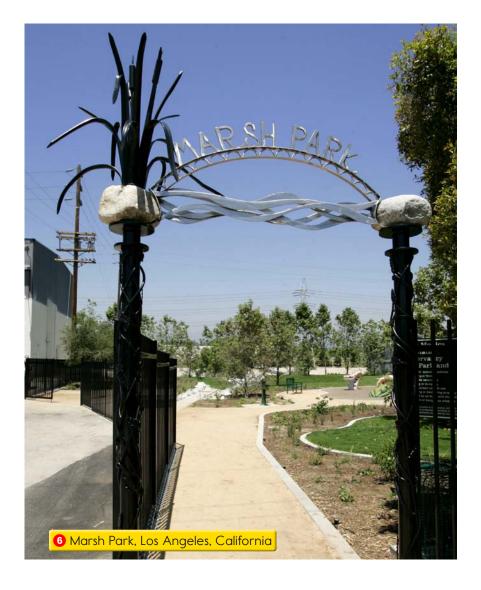
A man paints a big snake and turtle in this pocket park.

They look as if they would be fun to play on.



This tiny pocket park is almost hidden in trees.

People can **relax** and listen to the waterfall.



Conclusion

Pocket parks can be found all over.

Do you have a pocket park where
you live?

Glossary

decorated (v.) made something more attractive by adding color or an ornament to it (p. 10)

lot (n.) a piece of land (p. 6)

parks (n.) small areas of land used for play and exercise (p. 4)

relax (v.) to spend time resting or doing things for pleasure (p. 14)

statue (n.)

a work of art, usually in the shape of a person or other animal (p. 11)

waterfall (n.) a stream of water that falls over the edge of something, especially from a high place (p. 8)

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