

Amelia Park Children's Museum

The Farm in the Woods

Outdoor Adventure

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The **Farm in the Woods** is the embodiment of a dream for all children: That they can have access to wild and overgrown spaces, can freely explore the ecology of the land around them, and push themselves to take risks. Not every kid can grow up on a farm, but the lessons of farm living apply poignantly here: Stay curious, have respect for everything around you, and be comfortable with fear. The proposed playscape includes 4 main sections: The Mountain, the Farmyard, The Barn, and the 3 Bears' Cottage. Nestled on and in between are three intimate spaces with their own distinct themes: The Garden, the Big Mossy Rock, and the Underground. Tables and chairs for dining, a fence with a latching gate, and shade sails provide quiet practicality to the busy space

The Mountain is a custom deck designed to mimic a gentle mountain peak, with a climbing challenge to reach the top.



The Farmyard is a sandbox exhibit, which is extensive, giving kids an incredible area for pretend play and building space, so there is no limit to the creative exploration. A cute tractor provides more ways to play with the sand, and more fodder for farm-themed adventures.



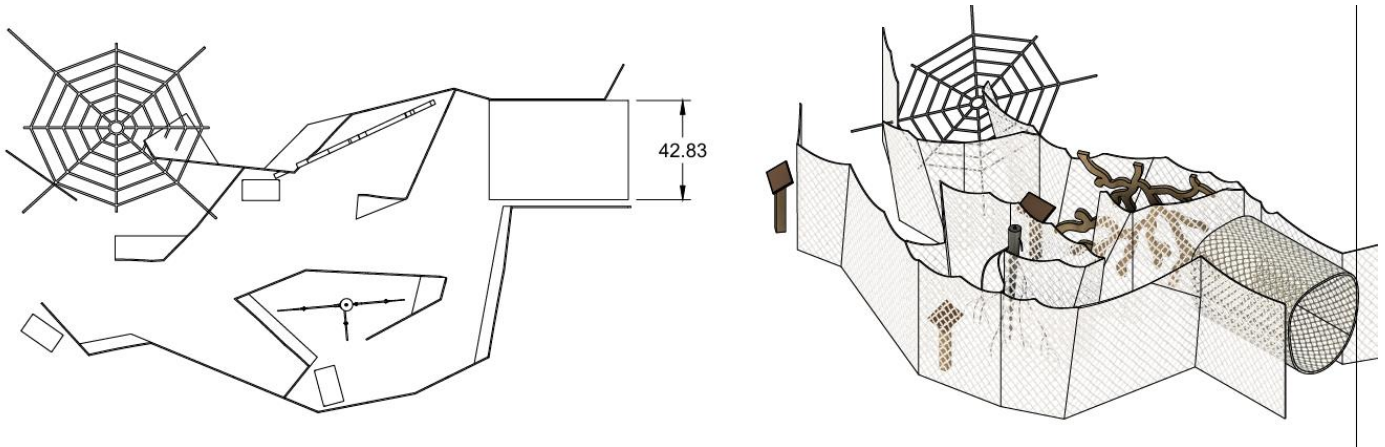
The Well and the 3 Bears Cottage. The Well leads to the underground through a spider web. The 3 Bears Cottage has 5 animal interactive which explore how animals clean, play, store food, build homes and socialize in their homes similar to the way humans do



The Barn includes interactives of a milking cow, secret mouse door, haybale seating and a wall-mounted, egg-shaped, rotating interactive filled with eggs of various sizes. The eggs are each representative of a different type of bird that is raised for egg laying: Goose, Turkey, Duck, Chicken, and Quail, and the real size of each egg.



The Underground includes a spiderweb climber and a slightly spooky maze through a tangle of roots and mycelium. A net maze with surprise interactives that educate about the critical function of roots.



An area for Eating and Relaxing



The Big Mossy Rock is a real boulder for free-form climbing, imagination, and nature exploration adventures for children.



The Garden is a tranquil, green space.

