

Module 3: Peculiarities of Garden/Park Types

- Amusement Park and Garden

Main purpose is providing recreation and relaxation with commercial undertone. Could be thematic in terms of target interest, e. g. children only, it could also satisfy a vertical interest, i.e. across ages or classes. Components depend on target interest. (A list of relevant items for each interest group is compiled in class).

- Social parks and gardens

Established principally for social reception and events as a commercial enterprise. Its components depend on the designed scale and scope as well as available resources of capital and space. (Major components and their relevance in the design of social parks are to be enumerated and explained in class).

- Educational parks and gardens

These are designed for the enhancement of client's knowledge in aspects addressed. Such aspects could be plant based (i.e. botanical gardens) or animal (wildlife) based in which case it is a zoological garden. Cases of combination of both interests are common. All components are properly labeled such that a client can have a fair knowledge of each component even without a human guide. (Major components of educational parks, design and structure are to be highlighted in class and discussed).

- Historical parks and gardens

These are parks established to serve cultural and historical interest. They could be community based, regional or national. Usually they preserve objects and features of historical significance including artifacts. They are often viewed as dual or even multi purpose parks because they often serve the interest of education.

- National Parks and gardens

National parks are established to portray and preserve significant features of a country. They are often financed by the state, may be a means of revenue generation as they often serve as tourism centers. Notable national parks in Nigeria include;

- The Yankari Games Reserve in Bauchi state upgraded to a national park in 1992 but later handed over to the state in 2006.

- Borgu Games Reserve in Niger state
- Gashaka-Gumti national park in Kwara state is the largest in Nigeria with a land area of 6,000 sq km made up wildlife and forest species.
- Kainji national park in Kwara state was established in 1979
- Obudu Cattle Ranch, now known as Obudu Mountain Resort is an emerging modern park in Nigeria. Located in the northern part of Cross Rivers State. Has become a notable holiday resort in Nigeria.