

# PARC Factsheet 3: Parks and Leisure

The PARC regeneration area will offer easy access to more than 150-acres of new open space – in addition to Craigmillar Castle Countryside Park and Arthur's Seat.

PARC is working with a number of partners to ensure open spaces and sports and leisure opportunities are an integral part of the regeneration process and available for all. PARC is also working with Council play staff and youth workers to plan new play areas and kickabouts around Craigmillar, and improve existing ones.

The new parklands include:

## The Meadows

- A new 40 acre public park with a range of facilities and informal activity spaces
- A park that lies in the heart of the community
- Linking Greendykes with Edinburgh's Royal Infirmary
- Safe, secure footpaths

## Edmonstone Policies Park

- A new 50-acre public park accessible to everyone
- Design will reflect the original 18th century layout of the Policies
- More tree planting is planned, together with open meadows and fields

## Niddrie Burn Park

- A restored burn which will be both longer and wider
- A river footpath and cycle way to follow the course of the burn
- Several bridge crossing points and other connecting footpaths
- Lots of opportunities to see river wildlife and plants

## Community Woodland & Arboretum

- A large area of community woodland with a variety of tree planting of both community and scientific interest
- Open spaces for picnic spots
- A network of paths and cycle tracks
- Open views to Craigmillar Castle and the Forth Estuary

## 'Third Generation' Sports Pitches

- £500,000 pitch, located next to Castlebrae High School
- All-weather pitch will be used for competitive football matches and hockey and rugby training by both schools and the local community
- Floodlighting and a sports pavilion, containing four changing rooms and a club room, will be completed by PARC in 2008



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## PARC Facts

PARC is a joint venture company which brings developers The EDI Group and the City of Edinburgh Council together with groups and representatives from the local Craigmillar community.

PARC is spearheading the regeneration of Craigmillar, involving a total investment of around £200 million. For Craigmillar, PARC wants to achieve:

- Quality, affordable new homes promoted and sold under the ParcLife name
- New primary schools - including a joint primary schools campus at The Square
- A new community high school and library located in the town centre
- A new, revitalised town centre providing some 300,000 sq ft of space for commercial and retail development
- A network of public parks bringing together 150 acres of green space
- More local job and career opportunities
- Improved learning and leisure facilities for young people
- Better transport linkages and traffic calming measures

