Natural Playgrounds Store

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Tree Decks

GSFD-TD

Shipping Weight: 1300 lbs
Shipping Dimensions: 96"L X 76"W X 34"H
Brand: Natural Playgrounds Company
Toxicity: child friendly wood preservative
Age Appropriateness: all ages

We have made these Tree Decks to go around trees for innumerable playgrounds. This main photo shows one around a new tree (the dark green canopy) that will grow out to make a large shade leafy “roof” over the deck.

The neat thing about them, is that they put children essentially "in the tree” so they get to see the tree canopy up close, and to see the different insects that live in the bark above the ground, and the birds that fly into and nest in the canopy.

If your tree is large, and has a large canopy, the deck is at a perfect level to provide great shade for a class on the deck, or for drawing, or for just reading.

A great side benefit is that under the deck is a great place for a few of our sitting stumps or boulders, because it will always be cooler, and a great place to relax out of the sun!

Tree Decks make for fabulous meeting places, as a top anchor point for one of our slides, or for our shinny logs or log steppers (which all require fall zones). You can also attach a net climber to one side, or a climbing wall, or a notched log ladder.... The deck rail acts as a "sit down bar” for any of these climbing opportunities.

This main picture shows a climbing net, a ladder, and shinny log, and a notched log , all attached to the deck for a number of different climbing opportunities and challenges. These are not included in the base price. (see in other parts of the store)

Deck comes as a kit, but as sizes, heights, and tree diameters can vary so much, please give us details.

Base prices for all decks are for a 6’ high tree deck, treated decking, and no accessories.

We have designed our Octagon tree decks to sit on a square support frame supported by four 6x6 treated posts anchored to the tops of concrete footings.

Because of varying soil conditions a foundation plan calling for 12” diameter 48” deep poured piers is our standard. Please consult local building codes for the required depth of piers for your local requirements.

NOTE that, as with all climbing structures on playgrounds, a 6’ fall zone is required ALL around the deck; if you add climbing features, the fall zone must extend 6’ out from those.

Another NOTER: the center hole may be moved off-center if there is an impediment you need to accommodate. The closest you can get to a fence, wall, or etc, is 19” You’ll need to let us know whether you want the hole offset.

TREE DECK BRIDGES:
Many of our customers had installed a deck near a hill, and thought it would be great if the hill could be connected to the deck!

We now offer the perfect bridge, hill-to-deck, deck-to-hill!

The one shown in the image is 3’ wide and 7’ long, but we can make it any length you want (well, not to the moon... :), so just let us know what you’re trying to do.

NOTE that, as with all wood products, some shrinkage (which will cause boards to separate from one another), checking, and cracking may appear as the wood dries out. This will not affect the structural integrity of the product, but does provide an excellent learning opportunity for the children. You can help them understand what happens to wood after it is no longer being fed by the tree that grew it.

You are encouraged to sand any rough spots whenever they appear, and retreat them with child friendly preservative (sold in our store) at least once a year.

PS: If you wish to rest your deck on the ground around a tree, just let us know! You’ll also save some money!