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Log Sluiceway

HPWP-LS

Shipping Weight: 55 lbs
Shipping Dimensions: 48"L X 12"W X 12"H
Brand: Natural Playgrounds Company
Toxicity: child friendly wood preservative
Age Appropriateness: all ages

It turns out that kids love to watch the water flow down the sluiceway, because they love to put things in its path, or watch items float down with the movement of the water, so if you want a truly Natural Playground, with as many natural features as you can have, this real log play element is a must-have!

Our real Log Sluiceway is made of one 8”+/- diameter x 4’ +/- long, real hardwood log (not concrete, not plastic!) with a square cut sluice that may vary slightly in width and depth.

If you purchase more than one sluiceway, make sure to order different heights so they can be offset vertically to create a slight waterfall -- which gives the entire water play area a lot more character.

This package comes with one (a single) real hardwood log with channel cut into the top sluiceway and two H-supports made with kid-friendly, treated lumber. Installation instructions included. The slight slope that makes water flow down the sluice is built into each support.

Please don't hesitate to call if you want us to make you a sluiceway that is customized for width, length, and number of drops.

Installed size 4’ x 12+/-” x ~2’h.

Log sluiceways are each sold separately, the pump is not included.

NOTE: because these log sluices are made from real logs, we try to maintain all the odd and funky characteristics of the log, which include branch stubs, knots, boils, curves, and other natural features. That means that not every log sluice looks the same. This also gives you a wonderful opportunity to talk with your children about how trees grow, what affects their growth, how branches are formed, and so on.

Please also keep in mind that this is a natural log, which means that it will continue to dry out, and when wood dries out, it shrinks, which sometimes results in cracks, splits, and possibly some minor twisting. This just adds to the natural characteristics of the log, and provides wonderful learning moments for children, and a great opportunity for you to explain how wood changes once it is no longer part of a living organism.

There is absolutely nothing that can be done about it; it’s just the nature of wood. Obviously, the product can still be used for its intended purpose, so we will not replace it for free.

If you don’t like the way it looks, you can always fill it in with wood epoxy/putty and then sand it smooth. If you think that kids handling the wood might get a sliver, just sand the edges of the cracks with 30+/- grit sandpaper you can easily get from the hardware store, and that will eliminate the problem.

During the season when the bark is “tight,” we will probably make the decision to keep it on. However, should it arrive on your premises without bark, it’s because It was cut during the “loose bark” season, and therefore subject to shipping damage.