



Your school, and most likely your home, is in a pretty unique place. Milton Keynes has many fantastic features, including over 6,000 acres of greenspace. The Parks Trust is the independent charity that cares for the parks and grassland across Milton Keynes.

This project will help you to find out more about the artworks that can be found on The Parks Trust land and give you an opportunity to design your own piece of park art!



The parks are home to nearly 30 pieces of public art. Many pieces can be found in Campbell Park, as the original vision for the park saw it as being the cultural heart of the city. Some pieces can be found in new areas of parkland, like the Ashland snake and some sculptures have been able to call their park home for over 20 years, like the Triceratops at Peartree Bridge.

1. Do you think having art in outdoor public spaces is a good idea? Explain some of the arguments for and against putting art in the parks.
2. Visit <https://www.theparkstrust.com/our-work/public-art-in-our-parks/> to explore the different pieces of art on The Parks Trust land. If you can, try and visit some of these pieces of art. Which is your favourite? Explain what you like about it.



Your challenge



Imagine that you have been commissioned to design a new piece of art for a park for The Parks Trust that conveys the message "We are the charity caring for your parks, woodlands and lakes forever."

Things to think about and include in your plan:

- What medium will you work in? Why did you choose this?
- Which park is your artwork intended for? Why did you choose this park?
- What would the dimensions of the final piece be (you won't have to actually make it full size but think about what size it would need to be to be seen in a park)?

Sketch a plan of your piece
Create a 3D scale model of your piece.

**Don't forget to share your creations with us
online @theparkstrust**

