

**ENVIRONMENT:**

**Reflection**

Here, you can explore two places that the children in Sande kindergarten use for play and exploration. Children’s age and physical abilities are factors that can be taken into account when assessing the opportunities and limitations provided by the various locations. By clicking on ‘hotspots’, you will get more information and questions. Feel free to include these more general questions in your discussions:

- Children’s physical abilities vary with age. Describe how you would use the local environment and the characteristics of the physical environment in the extended outdoor kindergarten environment to facilitate children’s exploratory play in different age groups.
- Boys and girls sometimes play different types of games. As an educator, how would you support and/or expand children’s play from a gender role perspective?
- How would you use the extended outdoor kindergarten environment to facilitate good interaction between the children so that the relationships between the children are strengthened?

360 image:



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Escarpments as steep as this can be challenging for children. Here, someone has fastened a rope at the steepest spot. What opportunities and limitations do you see for children’s use of this space?



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Someone has cut down a tree. What do you think this new surface can be used for?



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What sensory experiences do children get from this loose material, and how do you think children can use these pine cones and sticks that are on the forest floor?



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Hidden places can be found on the outskirts of the area. How do you think these places can be utilised by children at play?



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Clearing the forest has left some loose material behind. Is this heap of twigs and branches an opportunity or a limitation?



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Long roots in the forest floor invite sensory exploration, but perhaps they also excite the imagination and invite conversation? What kind of conversations might arise, do you think?



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This path leads away from the play area. How far away should we allow children to walk on their own?



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What can this formation in the landscape be used for?



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**SPACE:**

**Assignment:**

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This nature lavvo that the children in Sande kindergarten have made encourages many different types of play. In the interview, Yvonne Hoff Standal uses the term 'interspace' (cf. academic text 3). What kind of exploration and fun can the youngest children realise with the help of this nature lavvo?



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A path makes it easier to move in a forested area. In a large group of children, some will want to stop, while others will want to be at the front and arrive as quickly as possible. What educational opportunities and challenges do you see with regard to the route to a destination in a forested area?



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A stone wall attracts one's attention. How did the stones get there, and why are they there? What might be hiding in between them? Discuss how traces left behind in nature can serve as a starting point for imaginative conversations.



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The transition between mowed lawn and wild undergrowth can stimulate safe exploration for the youngest children. What opportunities and limitations does the regulated nature offer versus nature that is allowed to grow wildly?



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A long log can encourage many different types of experiences and play. What types of experiences do you think children will gain through their own exploration, and what can the kindergarten employee contribute?



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This large, open grassy area is adjacent to the kindergarten's own outdoor area. It is maintained by the municipality. What opportunities and limitations do you see for this area regarding different age groups of children?
