



Country Parks

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Traditional country parks, which originated in the United Kingdom, are very different to the country parks we know today. With the development of urbanisation and the improvement of living standards, city dwellers were no longer satisfied with small urban green spaces, and a new style of country park was born. Conveniently located in the outer city suburbs, with tranquil, natural environments, this new type of park met society's desire to return to nature, and these spaces have since become hotspots for tourism and leisure. **Country Parks** includes detailed theory and case studies showcasing outstanding international country park design; analyses and promotes the current status and development of the country park and its role in urban development; and provides valuable guidance for professional designers working in the field today.

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