



Furniture

The design and siting of landscape furniture is a complex part of landscape architecture. Furniture such as seating, bollards, lighting and litter bins can either clutter or unify designed places. Designing furniture specific to a site or context is desirable in providing distinct identity to places but is expensive. Prefabricated furniture is less expensive but often fails to 'fit' or reinforce a sense of place.

Seating

Most public places lack sufficient or appropriate seating. Seating should be provided everywhere in the landscape that people wait, meet, stay or socialise. One aim of seating design, particularly in public squares, is often to integrate it with other elements to avoid the forlorn appearance of many empty seats when not in use. Sitting in the landscape enables more intimate contact with a place, especially through touch, because it provides the opportunity to pause and rest.