

2 Spaces

Landscape architecture essentially involves organising and dividing land. Spaces are the result of this division and thus the primary medium of design. Spaces provide for different human uses and enjoyment of the landscape.

In this chapter, a series of conceptual frameworks for designing space are defined. The organisation of space is described as a process of manipulating ground, 'wall' and 'sky' planes. Types of enclosure and their characteristics and issues affecting the design of spaces including social, aesthetic and environmental aspects are explored and illustrated.

Examples of the use of topography, vegetation, structures and water in the formation of spaces are illustrated.