



Bowls and hollows

Digging into the ground or raising banks around an area is an immediate and fundamental way of creating space within a landscape. Regular and irregular bowls and hollows in the ground plane attract people and events. The designer can modify existing depressions or artificially excavate them. Bowls form natural theatres, and endless variations on the theatre form (including the

amphitheatre) provide rich themes for the design of public and collective space. As natural gathering places, bowls are focal spaces that bring people together, providing shelter and microclimatic diversity. They are play-inspiring. Hollows are smaller, more intimate spaces for secluded sitting or play, for example.