

How Big is an Acre??

I'm trying to visualize an acre. Is it about the size of a football field?

The Answer:

Yes. Often an acre of land is compared to a football field. In reality, an acre is equal to about 76% of a football field, when you consider both end zones.

A football field (including the two end zones) is 360 feet long and 160 feet wide for a total of 57,600 square feet. When you take away the two 30-foot-long end zones at each end, the field is 48,000 square feet, making an acre about 91% of the field.

The "fair play" zone at Yankee Stadium is 113,000 square feet – about 2.6 acres.

An acre is equal to 43,560 square feet.

Acre trivia:

Acre, measure of land area used in the English units of measurement. The acre was originally the area a yoke of oxen could plow in a day and therefore differed in size from one locality to another. It is now fixed as 10 square chains or 160 square rods, i.e., 4,840 sq yd, 43,560 sq ft, or 1/640 sq mi. It is equal to about .4047 of a hectare or 4,046.9 sq m.

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