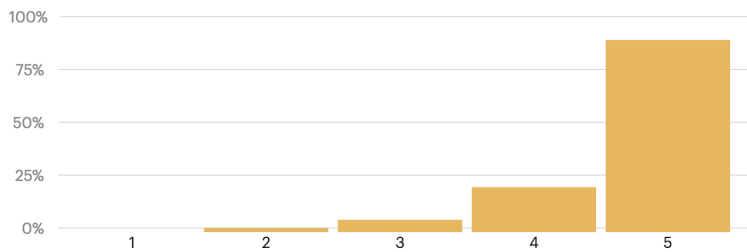


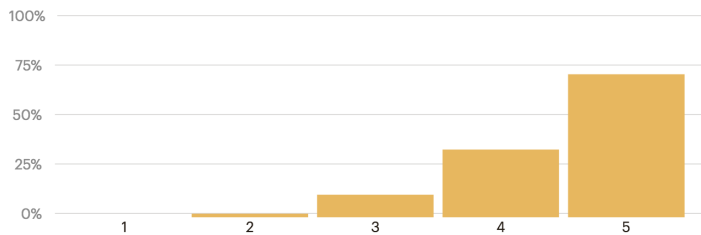
Question 1 has 62 answers (Range) Avg rating: 4.7

“The Arboretum should include quiet walking trails.”



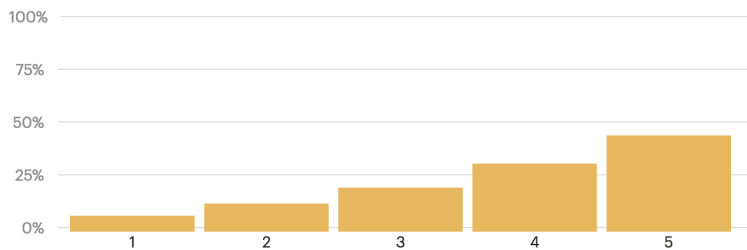
Question 2 has 63 answers (Range) Avg rating: 4.5

“The Arboretum should include educational areas.”



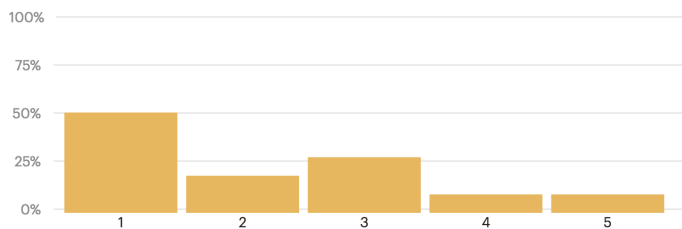
Question 3 has 63 answers (Range) Avg rating: 3.8

“The Arboretum should include areas for quiet meditation.”



Question 4 has 62 answers (Range) Avg rating: 2.2

“The Arboretum should include a children’s play area.”



Question 5 has 35 answers: What else should the Arboretum include?

"Clear labels on plants and trees to identify. "

"Bathrooms "

"seating areas"

"The most important aspect of the Arboretum to me is the display of native plants of the region. Given that the Arboretum is run by a volunteer based organization, which limits the amount of personnel available, I think that gardens should focus on their highest priority which is the display of native plants. To me the arboretum already HAS educational areas. The whole Arboretum is an educational garden. Any actions to improve or add to the facility should emphasize this."

"More signage of the plants themselves"

"Info on pollinators"

"information kiosk with free handouts of where to get native plants and more ideas for your home yard. Little library somewhere on the path for trading books primarily about plants"

"Healthy native plants"

"Native Plants and interpretive signage about them. "

"Education should be a major focus"

"The most obvious are a variety of Native plants/shrubs/trees with signage identifying each. That should be the mission and core purpose of the Arboretum. Do not stray from the core purpose."

"plant other labels if possible. I don't think there needs to be a play area as there are areas in the park for kids to play. "

"Clean, pleasant smelling air"

"Plant signs and habitat descriptions"

"A garden showing how native plants can be used in landscaping,e.g. how replace grass. Plant identification signs with QR codes."

"The play area could be on the edge of the present sort-of arboretum boundary (behind the museum). Soft ground lighting, especially near the cabin and vandalism targets"

"I think a small area for school groups is ok but don't take too much away from the 1 plus acre that is the Arboretum."

"It would be appropriate for picnic tables or an area for children to sit near the Arboretum for educational use but there is open space and a playground in Lakeview Park where children can play."

"The children's play area is about education and attracting young families to the Arb. KNPS REALLY needs to attract younger folks. "

"The arb should add a retail shop/greenhouse that could be open seasonally for 1 or 2 days per

week to sell native plants, yard art, books and other items supporting the goals of the organization. Profits could fund improvements and worker pay."

"Interpretive signage and a meeting/seating area for educational activities."

"A place to post key dates for important KNPS fundraisers and events including QR codes so when you walk through you know when to come back and how to get in touch. Also a sign up sheet for mailing list (with specific email consent to appease current draconian spam laws)."

"Labels of plant/tree species "

"Something about the history of the Arboretum and the connection to the Kinnikinnick Native Plant Society. At one time it was said that the Arboretum included at least one of each of our native tree species. While I am not sure that was actually true, it's a valuable goal to strive for. It should also include examples of all habitat types. In fact the whole topic of 'educational areas' might benefit from being more completely flushed out as far as vision."

"Plant ID tags "

"The park should be the area for children's play area."

"Native plant gardens to inspire homeowners to plant their own"

"perhaps sculpture? From local artists only -donated or purchased by Parks Planning & Development"

"Continue with plant labels, signs. The Arboretum is so lovely as it is."

"Instead of paper for maps, how about a permanent map as a guide. QR codes for those with phones are at least no waste. With good plant info and labeling at the plants themselves, self guided should be easy."

"Signs! for individual plantings and trees!... a very important way to help folks learn about native plants, purchase ones that will suit their home garden environments. Paper maps might be a bit wasteful? we could certainly improve the educational experience with upgraded/updated habitat signs. Perhaps posted somewhere on the shed, links to websites with further info???"

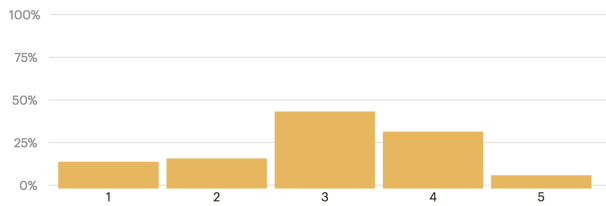
"Perhaps establish a Story Walk - partner with the Librarian Youth director to choose nature based stories. QR Code, paper maps, plant signage aid are ongoing educational outreach. Perhaps add QR Code stations within medicinal garden highlighting pioneer and Native American uses of herbs."

Natural elements that celebrate plants & trees in home town setting. Do not remove any trees or plants. Do not erect giant building or create mini-Disneyland park. "

"Care for native plants. Ideas on incorporating into a traditional yard. Benefits to the yardowner"

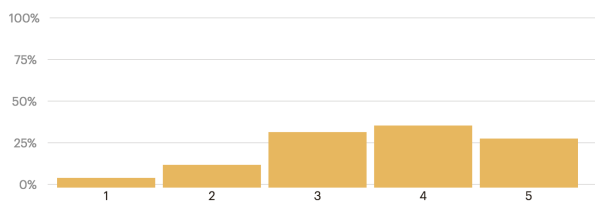
Question 6 has 61 answers (Range) Avg rating: 3.0

“Should Arboretum guides be available via paper maps?”



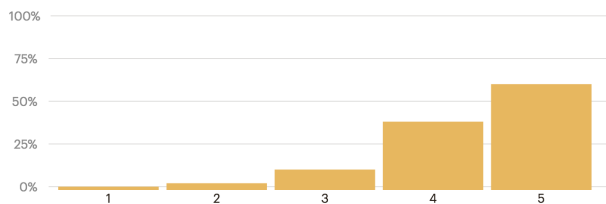
Question 7 has 61 answers (Range) Avg rating: 3.6

“Should Arboretum guides be available via QR Codes? (A QR code (short for Quick Response code) is an array of black and white squares or pixels set in a grid that stores data for a smart phone to read.)”



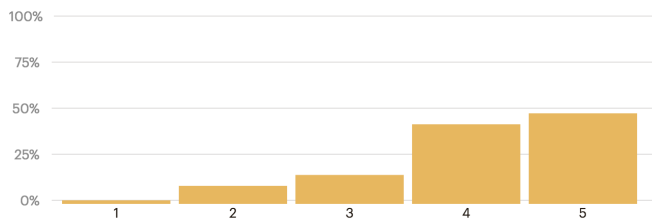
Question 8 has 60 answers (Range) Avg rating: 4.3

“Should the Arboretum include permanent, individual plant signage?”



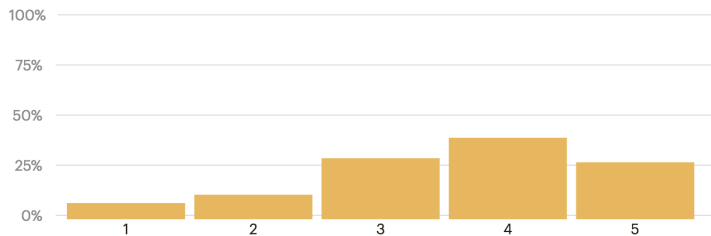
Question 9 has 61 answers (Range) Avg rating: 4.1

“Should the Arboretum include habitat signage?”



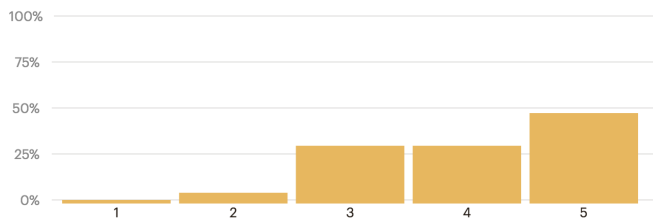
Question 10 has 59 answers (Range) Avg rating: 3.6

“Should the Arboretum include ADA compliant signage (Braille, readable from wheelchair level, etc.)?”



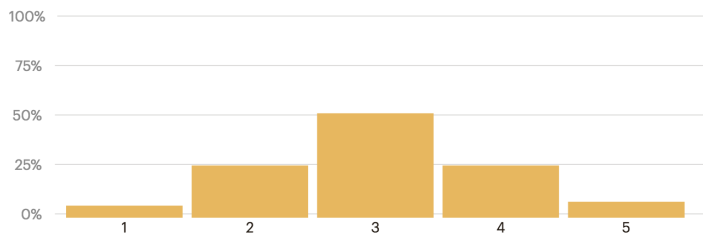
Question 11 has 61 answers (Range) Avg rating: 4.0

“Should Arboretum signage include references to Native American heritage?”



Question 12 has 59 answers (Range) Avg rating: 3.0

“Should there be docent-guided tours in the Arboretum?”



Question 13 has 21 answers: Do you have other suggestions for Arboretum guides and/or signage?

"I think maps are very helpful. The use of a lot of paper does seem wasteful and since smart phones are so readily in use, I think maps could also be shared in this method as opposed to using paper. I would go to paper as a last resort"

"I think if you had guides regularly it would take away from the quietness of the Arboretum"

"Plant name signage could include both Kalispel and Kootenai names and uses of plants, when known.

Re Braille signage: a blind person would need some more extensive plant and habitat descriptions, requiring larger signs"

"It should be simple and self-guided "

"Signage. I think the signs should be readable from wheel chair level but not necessarily braille. If the plant was important to the Native Americans, I think its uses should be briefly noted. If QR codes keep gaining popularity then they should be included. I think in some other places they have been vandalized. Maybe a docent tour occasionally on special days"

"Audio guides would be great but present a management of equipment challenge, since we're not staffed full time....."

"signage makes a visit a garden or arboretum enjoyable. There is a botanical garden on Widby Island that did not have signage when I visited it. I thought it was needed. "

"Signage is very important. It would be helpful if there was signage close by to all plants. Including references to Native American heritage--Indigenous names and pronunciation of plants and their uses would be great!"

"I don't think choices about ADA compliance are ours to make."

"Information for ADA or Native American could be in the QR reference and/or paper map, and so signage wouldn't be necessary. But if there is a ton of money, sure, signage would be wonderful."

"There should be an entry sign added beside the path coming from Memorial Field, as the other entry point have."

"Docent guides would be valuable for special events."

"An online encyclopedia of featured plants where visitors can read more about plants they've discovered at the arboretum and also possibly a map of the area showing habitats so people are encouraged to get out there and see plants in the wild."

"As many QR coded signs as possible. No paper products (maps, brochures, etc). A separate children's area with a storybook pathway showcasing something special (Examples: some of our busiest pollinators, or the life cycle of a Monarch butterfly, or the most beneficial natives to our ecosystem -- see Homegrown National Park for ideas or details)."

"They should be mobile device friendly."

"Too many signs can be distracting and an eyesore."

"Docents should depend on volunteer availability. It appears the arboretum is a size that could be easily self guided."

"ADA question.. it seems that the arb habitat, itself, is not a setting that most differently abled folks would come to on their own. Possibly QR code for link to general native plant info. In my opinion, the arb is fairly limited in terms of "tactile experiential learning". One could feel bark on different trees but do we want to encourage wandering off paths? I'm thinking some native plants could be trampled in the process. Maybe a "bark board" attached to one side of the shed or kiosk? Guided tours on request ?? Often I sense folks just appreciate the green space as a relatively quiet, "open ended" space for wandering at one's leisure. If our signage is up to snuff, that might be the most practical, efficient, and educational "avenue"."

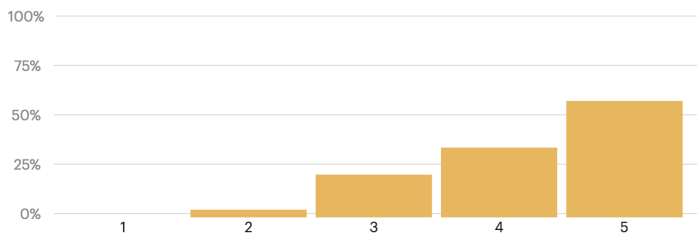
" Perhaps in the center of Arboretum have a pole with multidirectional arrows labeled pointing to habitat areas?"

"Keep it low-key and unobtrusive "

"You say permanent for the plants, and that's hard to imagine as I have noticed the plants move. I would suggest metal stakes signs and they just be moved every year to that current year's most prominent example of that plant."

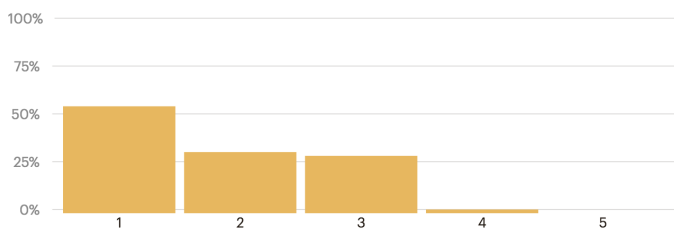
Question 14 has 61 answers (Range) Avg rating: 4.2

"Arboretum seating should include benches (rock, wood, metal, polywood, etc)."



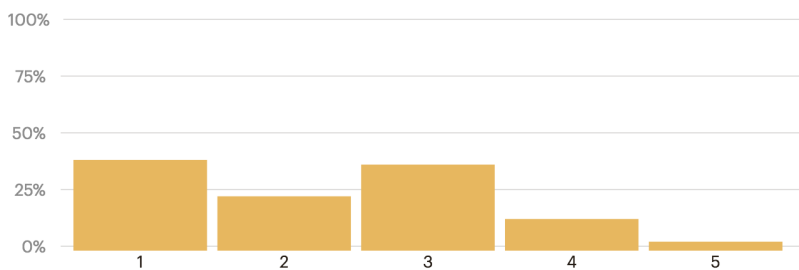
Question 15 has 60 answers (Range) Avg rating: 1.8

"Arboretum seating should include individual chairs."



Question 16 has 60 answers (Range) Avg rating: 2.3

"Arboretum seating should include picnic tables."



Question 17 has 19 answers: Do you have other suggestions for Arboretum seating?

"just more seating and no picnic table. The park already has those."

"Simple seating with benches that include space for WC placement"

"I don't think it is a big enough area to have picnic tables and lots of seating. The plants might get damaged from too much traffic."

"Seating should be based on cost...there are picnic tables in the park."

"It is important that any area created is in alignment w/ the entire Arboretum space. It is a very natural and inviting place and attracts folks for a variety of reasons. "

"Benches in various spots throughout the Arboretum for weary individuals or those wanting a quiet or meditations spot. Picnic tables at the edge of the Arboretum for educational purposes (writing info, projects would enhance information intake"

"A lot of people use the far eastern end to listen to the festival. We should locating some of the seating with that in mind."

"Community donations for more memorial-dedication benches."

"Picnic tables would be nice, but people aren't good about taking their trash with them, so trash bins would be necessary, and who will empty them?"

"I like natural rock and wood materials for seating, but metal seating is durable and may be easier to source and install."

"Metal picnic tables like the ones common to the forest service are ideal. I think they are actually enameled cast iron or steel for durability. They can bolt to concrete and are impervious to weather."

"If there's picnic tables, there needs to be garbage cans"

"The overall Lakeview Park has a lot of seating and picnicking options. They should be coordinated overall. The process of Arboretum planning should be interactive with plans for the rest of the park."

"There is some seating and picnic tables in Lakeview Park already. I don't think it is a priority to provide these. However, benches give people an opportunity to spend more time in the Arboretum and appreciate what it offers."

"Not too many picnic tables."

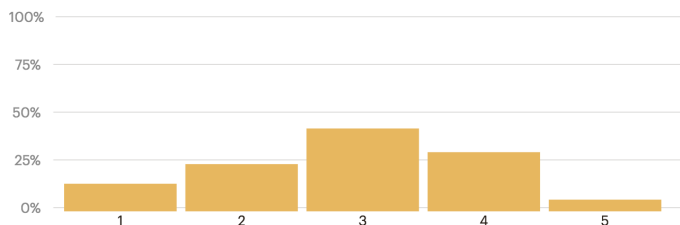
"Keep it simple and accessible in places where "tromping" can be minimized."

"Could movable seating be small rectangular stackable benches with donor's name (memorial) engraved? They could be similar to those used at the EBCL Library's garden area. Also a couple collapsible combo bench/table design for additional seating for adults."

"Several small natural seating areas nestled among trees/plants "

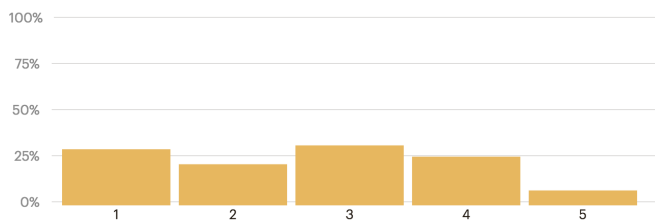
Question 18 has 58 answers (Range) Avg rating: 2.9

“Outdoor space for educational activities should be a movable classroom with stumps for seating.”



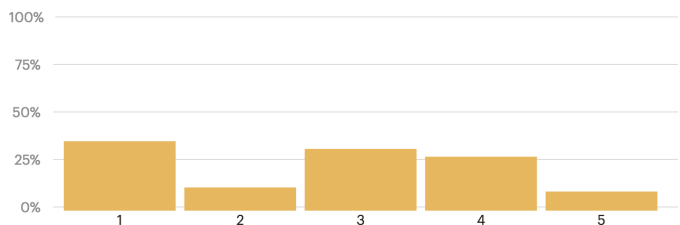
Question 19 has 59 answers (Range) Avg rating: 2.7

“Outdoor space for educational activities should be a permanent classroom made of natural materials.”



Question 20 has 59 answers (Range) Avg rating: 2.7

“Outdoor space for educational activities should be a covered area with permanent seating.”



Question 21 has 23 answers: Do you have other suggestions for an educational area?

"I would suggest keeping it simple. I like the idea of using stumps and keeping the area potentially portable."

"there is no need for covered seating there is enough tree canopy"

"Learning about the plants and habitat I think is best done by walking the paths with a docent, as opposed to sitting on a bench listening to someone."

"Keep it simple, stick to core purpose "

"I think the education area might be similar to what has been done at the Kootenai school. Because it is a small space I don't think there should be more than one small area. Could some of the education be done by a path of signs to learn something new at each stop?"

"I don't like the use of stumps for seating. They are heavy to move and not very comfortable."

"Having a semi-permanent spot for classes would be good - people would know where to go. At some point in the future, build an indoor classroom (or use the museum building if they ever move) that could be used for winter workshops and classes, and during bad weather. It could also be used for meetings and an actual office. "

"Why doesn't KNPS delay conversations with Maeve to see what the fall out from the election might bring. Maybe Feb or later."

"See above response for Arboretum seating. The same applies for a designated educational area. "

"An open structure with a covering would be a great place to place picnic tables for educational purposes. Kids and moveable stumps--not a good mix"

"I think we should expand the Arb behind the Museum for the play area."

"All these things are good possibilities depending on how much money there is and how much space there really is."

"Because of our strong emphasis on education, it would be ideal if we had a designated area in the Arb that serves as an outdoor classroom and is conducive to learning about native plants and their habitats."

"I think there should be some sort of monitored indoor area with a screen for playing videos, an introduction to the group with clips from past events, etc. or possibly an interactive screen set-up."

"Stumps would be fine but it should be covered"

"I didn't answer these questions about 'outdoor classroom' design because I'm not an educator and don't know what will work best in the arboretum setting."

"Educational kids programs can already use the city's covered picnic area near the new cedar arbor."

"Use the covered picnic area for educational activities. Reservations should be free of charge for KNPS Ed activities.

An area to promote landscaping at home with a small, well designed example."

"There is already that large tabled (maybe new tables) covered area. I suppose that is the park's however."

"WA school already has an Outdoor ed classroom area. Our best bet might be to take educational experiences to individual schools, then schedule any requested follow-up as a field trip. Current state educational requirements are fairly specific and numerous. Not many elementary classroom teachers would ask for more than 1-2 arb experiences if that. Charter School and Middle School might differ.....the area behind the shed, where Cindy centers her summer activities is great. Not sure how we would secure log rounds from wandering away. Having tarps for seating might suffice... easy to move and pack up and store. And kids think nothing of plopping on the ground. And site for educational experience could vary according to topic covered."

"Could we reserve the pavilion on a regular basis for a nominal fee or for free when conducting KNPS educational events? "

"Do not remove any trees or plants. Do not erect buildings or create mini Disneyland park. "

Question 22 has 47 answers: Currently the Arboretum has several entry points: Museum parking lot, Ella Street, Ontario Street, and Memorial Field. How should entry points be identified? Signs, arbors, gates, or other identifiers?

"signs please"

"Signs"

"Signs "

"signage"

"Signs and some structure that indicates entrance"

"none"

"Signage and arbors to help define the Arboretum would be nice."

"Signs - an arbor would be nice - maybe a native vine over it"

"Two main entries with a nice arbor/gate. All others appropriate signage."

"Signs & if feasible, arbors"

"Keep it simple, use natural materials "

"A sign at each entrance."

"I think the main entry point should be at the Museum parking lot because of the Kiosk. The other entry points should have signage indicating they are entering. Maybe a map at the Kiosk of the habitat areas and something similar but not as important at the other entry points Not sure about the entry by the shed."

"Signs and arbors"

"Having a sign or other identifier at each point of entry would be helpful. Our interpretative signs were a good beginning."

"I don't think that gates would be appropriate. Signs would be better. "

"A simple arbor, but nothing is simple with the City, would be nice along with a sign at each entry point."

"Arbors or gates with signage above - signage should fit with the woodland/botanical "character"."

"Signs at Ella and parking lot are sufficient. Who will make them? Will they be expensive?"

"Arbors and signs"

"Easily seen signage that fits in w/ the natural environment of the area"

"Signs"

"Signs, possibly with QR codes that link to our website."

"Gates or arbor entrances should be located at all entry point to better define the arboretum boundaries and add a more immersive experience. Provide a more secret garden feel."

"Yes"

"Signs would be good"

"A sign beside the path at the east entry to the Arb from Memorial Field should be added."

"All! With signs. Please contact www.selledesigngroup.com for signage designs and sourcing."

"signs"

"Signs"

"I think they should be identified, but it can be with a mix of media as there are significant differences among the entries."

"It would be nice to have a sign at each entrance that identifies the property and that KNPS is the caretaker."

"Perhaps a simple Welcome to the Arboretum sign at ALL entrances where there currently is not a welcome sign"

"Something that is easy to see and is welcoming"

"Signs "

"Arbors are very welcoming. Too many signs detract from the plants themselves."

"Arbors"

"I like the idea of signs and arbors - depending on which direction one is approaching from"

"Signs, for sure. Arbors are lovely and inviting (and suitable for clematis) but maintenance is required."

"arbors, maybe permanent maps"

"Signs are important"

"combination of signs or arbor when appropriate."

"signs or arbors might be helpful"

"Sign with arrow pointing the direction"

"Simple unobtrusive signage."

"Small, community-painted signs. Can be updated with new "classroom activity" each year"

Question 23 has 32 answers: In addition to the entry points listed above, should there be other Arboretum entry points?

"Not necessary"

"no"

"I think what we have is plenty"

"No, keep it simple"

"No, what is there seems sufficient."

"I think that is plenty to keep looking good"

"No"

"Three is plenty."

"Definitely not"

"No"

"If not too costly"

"No"

"No"

"Not necessarily."

"No"

"not sure"

"Four entry points are sufficient to indicate the main paths that enter the Arb from the Museum parking lot, Ella, Ontario, and Memorial Field."

"No I think that a minimum of entry points is best, but every entry point needs excellent signage, branding and welcoming language."

"Not really"

"Four entry points seems sufficient."

"no"

"There are probably enough right now."

"No"

"No signs and arbors"

"No - keep it simple."

"no need"

"Sure, from the east. It would help define the Arboretum too."

"no"

"4 entry points seem adequate"

"No"

"No"

Question 24 has 28 answers: With the loss of tree cover and changing climate, do the currently defined habitats still effectively represent the native plant species located within them? Please provide as much information as possible in your answer.

"I think this question should be directed to someone most knowledgeable in this area for advice. Contact the regional Extension Forester for this type of information and advice. A Forest Service botanist might also be a good resource."

"yes. With the loss of any of the trees some of those were not native trees."

"No, the habitats are losing their definition due to plants re-seeding and growing in their preferred location."

"Unknown - may require a study to review."

"Yes, no do remove any shrubs or trees. Do not create another incident like Travers Park. Keep it simple"

"I don't know enough to comment"

"We need to study our current habitats and see how much sunlight they actually get, to evaluate whether "the moist forest" still exists, for example. I think "wet" and "dry" are still useful for learning about plants that naturally occur together in the wild, but we need to review our current listing of habitats."

"Not qualified to answer"

"The current habitat boundaries do not reflect the present reality. Some plants have died out and some have spread. The inability to have different watering regimes means we can't really have a wetland vs a moist forest limit future. It is also such a small area that having delineated boundaries is difficult. They also limit future changes."

"This is very important and deserves attention from members. When plans for the Arboretum re climate change are made, I think this could be a signate project."

"Yes"

"Yes, and this can vary according to the changes that we see in our general community."

"I think there needs to be a re-organizing of the habitats. One or two should go away and others should be combined. Also, a recognized standard system should be used for naming the habitats. Such as: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/research/treesearch/37632> for example."

"I'm unsure about this. Perhaps some of the more shade tolerant species will have a harder time thriving in hotter locations."

"Not sure as I'm not certain what the current habitats are. But a good arboretum should reflect how habitats change with the changes subjected upon them. They shouldn't be 'idealized', but what is realistically happening in current times."

"They may not, but the appropriateness of the currently designated habitats should be analyzed moving forward, and modified if necessary. If tree cover is lost, due to disease or blow down, then that area shouldn't be considered forest habitat."

"Yes, I just looked at them this summer at the arboretum. However, new copy such as "global warming and loss of tree cover are currently affecting this zone in our area" should be added to educational signage."

"Some habitats may have to move. It happens in nature as tree cover, water availability, etc. change with time. A transition could be signed and used educationally. That would mean moving the plants first that react most to the additional sunlight and heat, etc."

"Without significant management efforts, it is almost impossible to recreate some of the habitats. For ex, without running water, riparian plants will not thrive. Sub-alpine plants also would not be well presented."

"I think the real question is just the opposite - that is do the plant located within the habitats actually reflect those habitats - that is probably something best evaluated by a specialist, not a member survey. And it is a good question. Also whether or not there a plants missing that need to be included."

"Many of the current habitats don't naturally occur in the arb, for example, the wetland, riparian and subalpine. Because these are created by humans in the arb, they aren't true examples. I recommend doing away with habitats and emphasize native plants that do well in home landscapes."

"Habitats will change. Notes on the individual plants should include the best habitat instead of trying to force the Arb into unnatural habitats."

"no - even now, I don't even "recognize" different habitats"

"The existing tree cover should remain to continue to offer shade, protection, and compatible habitat for the understory plants. If wind storms or other natural forces change the nature of the canopy, decisions can then be made on how to support existing native plants and/or consider replacement with appropriate native plants."

"I am not sure. Good point however."

"WE need to really re-evaluate habitats and labels, given loss of tree cover, "moist forest" in its current signage location, is not accurate. Educationally, habitat knowledge is important as well as plant labels. Moist forest is a perfect example of what happens when conditions for "moist"

changes and what plants no longer thrive/survive there."

"Yes. Do not remove any trees or plants. Do not erect buildings or create mini-Disneyland park features. Keep the focus on plants/trees"

Question 25 has 29 answers: Would you like to see the current Arboretum expanded? If so, what would you like to see added?

"I don't think at this time we should be looking at expansion. It seems like we are not able to maintain, and weed the current Arboretum, expanding the size is just going to exacerbate the issue with finding enough volunteers to do the work. I think we should emphasize quality over quantity."

"When there are classes in the summer there is such a great turnout. More classes I would be better to get more foot traffic in the Arboretum" "Do not expand unless there are sufficient volunteers to maintain it!!!"

"Yes but where?"

"No, keep it simple"

"I would worry about maintaining a bigger place. It is a lot of work to keep what we have looking as tidy as possible. I think the primary objective is to showcase the plants with good healthy specimens."

"The lawn behind the museum could be utilized in some way, perhaps as an educational space..."

"It would be nice, but maintaining it would be difficult."

"Yes. The area on the north side of the museum and on the east side of the Lion's building don't get used. The Museum and caboose could be inside the Arboretum boundary and then skirt the west and south sides of the picnic shelter. That would allow future expansion for full-light plants. It would also give us room for a natural play area that is further away from the quieter meditation area."

"No, we don't have the manpower and also the City would have to agree to it. "

"Yes, In consideration of available 'man power' but also to protect and educate folks about our native environment"

"Yes, as answered above."

"No, unless the sewer treatment plant is relocated and the arboretum, museum and park could be expanded to that area."

"Expansion would be great, but market analysis would probably show interest."

"A pollinator garden area would be nice to have, showing the use of native plants in a home landscape situation. But, we should recognize the volunteer capacity limitations of KNPS, so that we don't take on more responsibilities than can be maintained by member and guest volunteers."

"Yes. 1. Edible/foraging garden specifically. Possibly a "how native Americans used native

plants" section with demos and especially how they saved food for winter. 2. Security cameras or at least a Ring doorbell (cheap and easy) to deter vandalism. Signs indicating as much. 3. An area devoted to making your home safe from wildfire using native plants."

"More native species with labels"

"The space is large enough. Can some areas be used more intensively? It all depends on the availability of volunteers."

"It's already a sweet little gem. Too bad for the proximity of the waste water treatment plant."

"See above - if there are missing species, they need to be added, also the development of an educational center and signage."

"Good pollinators and beneficial insects could be identified."

"no because it takes a lot of work as it is and expanding would only add more, unless the expansion would mean some non-growing areas for perhaps the education areas ("paved" with stone or other material that would not allow weeds)"

"I'm unsure where there would be room to expand. That said, I support some expansion, with the condition that it doesn't become too onerous for volunteers to care for."

"Only that that would be easily maintained and natural."

"I feel we have our hands full just caring for the existing area. Relying on volunteers means we must be very realistic. I would rather see us focus on what we already are responsible for... we can barely cover that "base". If City plans were to add a feature such as a labyrinth or meditation spot adjacent to the arb, that feels very appropriate."

"Additional shed or air tight storage area for educational materials on the property."

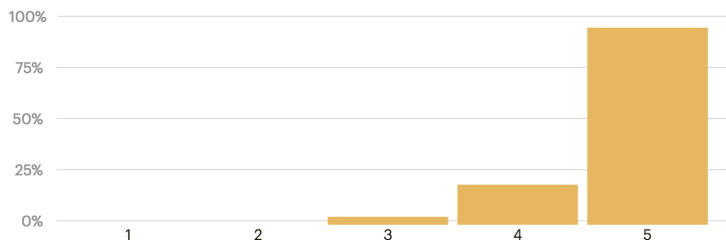
"No expansion is needed. Haven't we learned from the Travers Park debacle? Keep the focus on natural elements that celebrate plants & trees in home town setting. Do not remove any trees or plants. Do not erect buildings or try to create mini-Disneyland park."

"Grassland"

"Yes. I would like to see a sunny garden added."

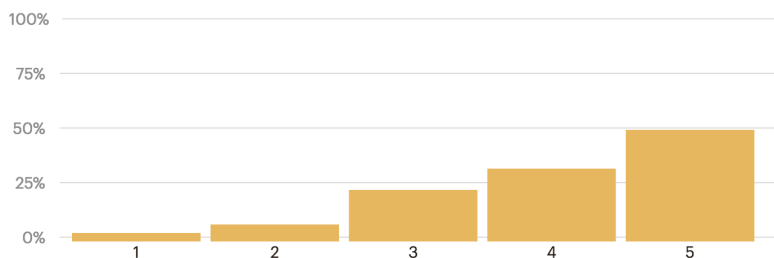
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“How important is it to retain the mature trees in the Arboretum?”



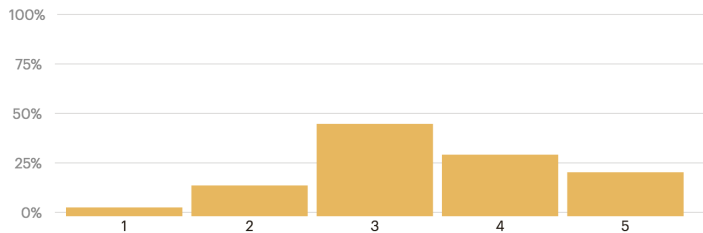
Question 27 has 61 answers (Range) Avg rating: 4.0

“How important is it to retain designated habitats in the Arboretum?”



Question 28 has 54 answers (Range) Avg rating: 3.4

“How important is it to retain the rock wall in the Arboretum?”



Question 29 has 22 answers: What other features of the Arboretum should be retained?

"the rock wall is a VERY must-have as well as the trees. I would give both of those a 5 ++"

"Mature trees should be retained, as well as new native trees interspersed throughout to maintain the feeling of a forest."

"Do not alter the Arboretum basics, do not remove any trees or shrubs."

"I think the habitats give visitor an idea of what can be grown in each type, if they can be maintained. The rock wall probably takes quite a bit to maintain but it gives an example of the types of native plants appropriate for that type of habitat. If maintenance and viability is not

possible then maybe not. IMHO The plants are in charge."

"The "pioneer plants" around the homesteader's cabin should be retained for their educational value. Arbors, benches, etc. should be made of natural materials. The kiosk and big signs (off museum lot and at Ella St. entrance) should be retained for their historical feel."

"New cabin"

"Everything but the weeds."

"The mature trees will eventually come down due to the dangerous winds that are now part of our environment. The Habitats are Lois and Sylvias way to inform the public about this amazing ecosystem. The rock wall does keep the sewer plant a little less noticeable (not the odor though) "

"I think the labeling of plant species should use more robust signs with QR codes that connect visitors to information stored somewhere. Probably our website."

"More interpretive signs."

"Mature trees die. It is part of the lifecycle. Any forest would change with the loss of nearby mature trees, and a contrived arboretum should evolve similarly. I think if there is a way to have a variety of habitats at the arboretum, they should be designated. It helps people understand you can't plant a native plant ANYwhere... it must go in the proper habitat. And when the habitat is changed (for whatever the reason), the plants will likely change as well. As for the rock wall, I can't remember where that is or its function. I apologize for not having been to the arb recently enough to remember this stuff."

"Of course, we should retain our new cabin."

"The medicinal garden by the Museum cabin could be jointly managed by KNPS and the Museum, as it benefits the Museum's historical presentation of a pioneer cabin. Perhaps, we could provide maintenance to the medicinal garden and the Museum could add interpretive signage to that area."

"FREE and open to the public. Location. Devotion of KNPS staff and volunteers."

"The rock-lined pathways are cute and keep (most) people off the plants!"

"The rock wall is important only as much as it is needed for the habitat it represents"

"The lovely cabin!

P.S. Back to the mature trees: they are inherently precious and beloved by the community. People have get-togethers and meetings under the trees because they offer so much more to the hearts, minds, and souls of humans than just shade. I can't imagine Lakeview Park without them. With proximity to the museum, the trees add their own history of Sandpoint, a Tree City."

"The best feature of the arboretum is that it provides living examples of native plants. It is useful to have these grouped by habitat, and that should be retained. To facilitate use by school groups, a covered area with tables and benches should be retained. It is not large enough, or quiet enough, to provide a quiet meditation space"

"Memory rocks"

"If the Arb is about education, signage needs to be in place. We can work with the City to keep mature trees as healthy as possible... they are so important. And having younger trees as examples is the perfect educational contrast."

"Moon gate, shed (expanded storage space would be nice). Arbor, dry rock creek, benches made of natural materials, metal info signs, watering system, kiosk"

"Keep all features in simple, natural setting. Do not remove trees or shrubs. "

"One of the features of the Arboretum that I enjoy most is its quiet nature. I would not like it to turn into a playground. Nor would I like to have more "art" added. Keep the Arboretum for plants!"

Question 30 has 23 answers: Is there anything else you'd like to provide as planning for Lakeview Park moves forward?

"Please preserve this beautiful natural wild area!"

"Eliminate the smell from the water treatment plant "

"Stress importance of native plants and their pollinators. With population and building growth on the rise, we are losing native habitats to lawns and manicured landscapes."

"I am unaware of what is being planned for Lakeview Park. I suggest that you seek broad input from the community."

"Thanks for working so hard to continue to make the Arboretum an asset to the community."

"The Arb is a meditative space and hopefully can retain its tranquility, along with its educational function as a showcase for native plants. The increasing focus on education (tours, workshops) is positive."

"I have several years of general planning, exhibit planning and design (including natural play areas), as well as natural history interpretation training and experience. I have visited nature centers, zoos, botanical gardens, and arboretums all over the country just to get ideas. Use my experience."

"Delay it if you can (see my note above)"

"I like the layout of Lakeview Park and the balance of the various designated activity and open areas. It is a great addition to the surrounding neighborhood and represents Sandpoint in a hometown community way."

"We probably should be talking about replacement trees for all the big cedars that climate change will probably be taking out."

"I think it is very important to retain habitat designations in the Arb so that plants are grouped by the habitats that they are adapted to. We should recognize that these habitats are artificial, because there is no way all of them could be present in the small area that the Arb occupies. Our mission states that we "foster an understanding and appreciation of native flora and its habitats." Therefore, habitats are a major component of our mission and so should be retained as an educational feature in the Arb. We could envision the habitats like subject categories in a library, with the native plants present in each habitat like the books within their subject category."

"Drinking fountains. Old cabin needs to stay."

"You haven't asked about deleting something. The medicinal garden reflects Lois's passion. But, those aren't native plants. Over time, I believe that KNPS should be open to a native plant area there."

"One objective should be the removal on non-native plants and nativars unless they are identified as such through signage. The medicinal garden area should be exempt from this which includes mostly non-native plants."

"Thank you for asking. Keep asking--that's all!"

"I hope Maeve keeps us abreast of the plans."

"Do not remove trees! "

"Keep it simple, educational, peaceful, KNPS has limited human and financial resources for anything more.... in my opinion."

"I think the best place in the city for the carousel is in Lakeview park...a historical piece (the carousel) next to the history museum. Possibly could attract more people to the arboretum as well."

"No expansion or enhancement is needed. Travers Park debacle taught us the importance of respecting park heritage and culture. Keep the focus on natural elements that celebrate plants & trees in home town setting. Do not remove any trees or plants. Do not erect buildings or try to create mini-Disneyland park."

"Keep the plants native and growing as they would naturally"

"Planning should include all of the membership. Perhaps this can be guided by the Arb committee, but the Board and other members should be included throughout the planning."

"I think the emphasis on upgrading and expanding our Arb signage(plant/habitat info) is important. The more self-guided the better(and more educational) for everyone in our community. At this time,I feel it is unlikely we will be able to get much more "buy in" for on site educational experiences beyond the tree tours scheduled at the end of the school year.... when everyone is looking for diversions and experiences outside the classroom.... at least with public schools. (Exception would be any environmental/ecology class at Middle/High School.... John Hastings should be a great resource for understanding how to augment that curriculum?)

It would be nice to have some sort of educational area, but practically--I am not sure how useful or used it would be... beyond anything in mid-late May/June... once standardized testing window has closed. If other summer programs were developed, that might be another use of an outdoor classroom space? AND... private schools, home schools could be another audience. That would need research and marketing.

Re the wall.....might there be spaces within existing habitats for some of the plants IF we have to dismantle the wall?? I know children LOVE running all the paths,,,, I'm not sure how many adults gain info or experiences , from the wall, as it is now? It is a lovely visual feature... but would it need to be rebuilt? Realistically? Could we keep a portion or relocate a small portion.....?????"

