

FACILITY RECOMMENDATIONS / MCEWEN ENTRANCE

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The reimagined McEwen Entrance will create an arrival experience that draws visitors into the park- to the meadow, creek, Rotarian memorial, trail system; to improved and better organized programing with the buildings; and provide additional parking with improved pedestrian safety.

The proposed improvements reorient the circulation and parking areas to organize the site and draw attention to the Kennard Nature Nook, the historic barn, and the meadow beyond. The main trailhead kiosk will be located at a central drop-off area to provide a gateway into the park, parks maps, and educational information. From this location, visitors will be able to visit the Nature Nook to participate in park programs, view the historic barn, picnic under the tree canopy, play at the Mark Kreusch Nature Playce, and access the park's vast and improved trail system.

ENTRANCE DRIVE AND PARKING AREAS

The new parking area will be visible from the entry but nestled into the existing evergreen forest to soften the look. The loop design will provide a clear circulation pattern with forty parking spaces and a large drop-off area that can accommodate up to two buses or five vehicles at any time. Stormwater will be collected and managed in the center of this parking lot and provide an additional educational opportunity. The existing overflow parking lot on the north side of the Nature Nook will maintain its current green lawn at the front of the park and be expanded with open cell pavers to accommodate up to thirty additional parking spaces if needed.

TRAILHEAD KIOSK AND ROTARY CLUB MEMORIAL

The new trailhead kiosk will be framed by two rows of shade trees that will draw visitors from the parking area into the park. The columns of trees will provide a natural picnic and gathering area as well as a new location for the Rotary Club Memorial. The memorial plaque, boulder, and bricks will be salvaged and rebuilt beyond the kiosk and overlooking the meadow.

