FINDINGS & THEMES CONT.

Preferred Activities in the Visitor Center

1. Nature exhibits
2. Flexible seating area
3. Small resource library
4. Children activity zone

*Guided tours of wildflower trails for children.*
*We have a 3-year-old and she LOVES your visitor shelter. Similar and new activities would be appreciated!*’
*Educational - botany, ethnography, local history, arts (both hands-on like natural dyes and performance or exhibits)*’
*Touch & see area for young ones should be continued ...Also, if there is a new entry the current in area for small class....’
*Education may require expanded classroom space.*’

Ideas about how to use the space outside EBWG’s Garden boundary

There was general excitement about re-envisioning the space between the parking lot and the front Garden gate. Additional to the survey question that asks which Design Elements folks would be excited to see, conversations with staff and volunteers confirmed that stormy weather has resulted in program cancellations, and elements like a temporary or permanent sheltered, outdoor gathering space beyond the Garden’s fence would be one way to address this issue. Another theme that surfaced through stakeholder conversations included the idea to move the Garden fence line to better accommodate views and specific habitats or garden space; it was noted that the current fence line can feel like it’s encroaching on pathways and space in the Garden.

Feedback from the survey and conversations shaped priorities for the Garden entrance and fence line recommendations.

1. Nature-inspired art
2. Native plantings
3. Small nature play area
4. Accessible path

"Expand the garden. It’s too small. Too much land is dedicated to skiing. Keep the bog!"
"...With the influx of so many mountain biking trails, that place no longer feels like the quiet sanctuary it once was. The bikers are often traveling in large groups (high school teams, Loppet kids)."
"Look for ways the small nature play area could be combined with the area for gathering or programming. Let kids get the wiggles out before they go in with a class."
"Please don’t clutter up the entrance... keep it as a simple gateway to the wonders of the Garden itself."