



**Roadside Park Plan**

Keith's Landing on the far east side of Veterans Park is an underutilized area. Some participants in the design workshop noted that they didn't know what was in that portion of the park or had not ventured over there. This parcel of the park is adjacent to Highway 169 and is very visible from the road. Enhancements to this location would not only increase the roadway experience, but would also bring more attention to Veterans Park

and its amenities, which are not clearly visible from the highway.

The proposed improvements to the hillside park area of Keith's Landing include large swaths of native grasses and wildflowers, a modern shelter, an entry feature with a stone council ring, nature playscapes, and open areas for picnics and other gatherings.

**Roadside Park Experience**

During the design workshop most participants expressed a desire to have Keith's Landing developed in a style that was naturalistic and tied into the beauty and character of the river. Many people noted that they would like to see this site offer an experience not found in the many other parks found throughout town. Below, we have proposed a landing made for food truck festivities, a retaining wall made for seating, a nature play area, a picnic area, and areas designated to native plantings.



Updates to Keith's Landing at Veteran's Park creates a welcoming environment for social gatherings and imaginative play, immersed in a natural setting that creates a buffer from the adjacent roads

**Accessible Launch**

To improve connections to the river, an updated canoe and kayak launch is proposed. This launch would have features such as a handrail and wooden slats that would increase accessibility for a wider audience of water trail users. The updated features would be located at the launch immediately off the main parking area, with a more informal launch located east of the bridge. Native vegetation plantings along the bank will help with erosion and create a connection with the other swaths of plantings proposed for the hillside park area.



Proposed launch provides enhanced access for visitors to explore the river

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