

**Moors
Valley**



Help us design our new Barefoot Trail and Sensory Garden

We are looking for feedback from visitors of all ages and abilities. Your comments will help us to design a space that provides maximum benefit to as many people as possible.



Aims

We hope to create:

- a multi-functional space that can be enjoyed by individuals and groups with a range of abilities
- a unique barefoot trail - one of only a few in the UK
- a peaceful and secluded area encouraging mindfulness and sensory exploration
- a community space where volunteers can develop new skills

Location

The area is within close reach of the Golf and Activity Centre and Kingsmere Station (200m) where toilets, including accessible toilets, are provided.

It is a quieter and more peaceful area of the country park that doesn't attract large crowds.

What we need

We would be very grateful if you could spare a few minutes to provide your feedback:

→ take a look at the ideas below for items that could be incorporated into the space

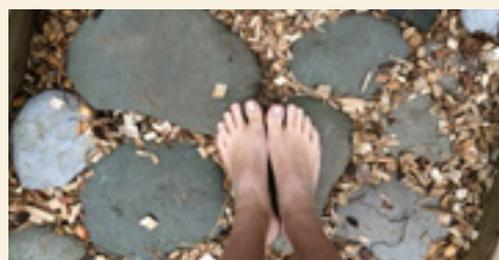
→ fill in a short online questionnaire (6 short questions) or send us an email with your thoughts and suggestions

Thank you!

Barefoot trail

The central feature of the garden will be a barefoot trail

- a sensory experience where visitors feel different textures underfoot along a purpose built trail with a variety of loose and fixed surfaces.

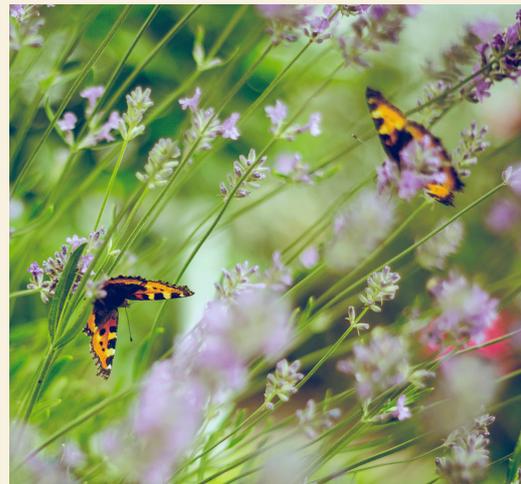




- some sections will be wheelchair accessible
- fixed surfaces will include bricks, stones, wood and logs
- loose surfaces will include sand, gravel and bark chips

Sensory planting

- a variety of plants with different textures and smells throughout the garden
- wildlife friendly plants to attract insects and birds



Lawn area

- a level grassy area for eating picnics, relaxing and for special events
- with a picturesque view over the river
- shade is provided from a large willow tree



Wood sculptures

- carved wooden animals
- spaced throughout the garden
- textural carvings that can be touched



Musical objects

- instruments that you can play to make different sounds
- these can be along the path leading to the garden or in the garden itself



Community garden

- community garden for use by schools, groups and individuals to learn about gardening
- raised beds for easier access
- volunteering opportunity for individuals and groups



Mirrored sculptures

→ multi-surfaced sculptures made from reflective material



Balancing boulders

→ boulders and rocks for climbing and balancing



Fallen log

- section of felled tree trunk
- to climb on or use as a place to sit



Cloudwatchers

- wooden seats for watching birds and clouds or relaxing
- ergonomic design with full back support



Touch activities

- finger mazes
- touchy-feely panels with different textures



Your feedback

We are very grateful for all your feedback.

You can:

→ fill in a short online questionnaire at

surveymonkeys.com/r/MVSensorygarden

→ email us with your thoughts and suggestions at

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Thank you!