

The Forest

Fresh Air

Trees help us breathe — and not just by producing oxygen. Trees absorb odors and pollutant gases such as nitrogen oxides, ammonia, sulfur dioxide and ozone, and filter particulates out of the air by trapping them on their leaves and bark.

Biodiversity

Trees Provide Habitat for Wildlife. It is only natural that wherever trees are planted, wildlife and other plants are sure to follow. Trees provide shelter and food for a variety of birds and small animals. Many animals also use trees for resting, nesting and for places from which to hunt or capture prey.

Community

Trees enhance community. Multiple studies have shown that having trees in streets lowers crime, enhances our neighbourhoods and strengthen community bonds.

Clean Water

Trees reduce runoff by breaking rainfall, allowing the water to flow down into the earth below the tree and thus preventing the stormwater from carrying pollutants to the ocean. In doing so, trees also prevent soil erosion, by using their roots to hold the soil in place.

Climate

Excess carbon dioxide is building up in our atmosphere, contributing to climate change. Trees absorb CO₂, removing and storing the carbon while releasing oxygen back into the air. In one year, an acre of mature trees absorbs the same amount of CO₂ produced when you drive your car 26,000 miles.

TREES MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE

LEARN
REFLECT
TEACH

The Wisdom tree

Bodhi Tree

The Bodhi Tree or Bodhi Fig Tree "tree of awakening" was a large and ancient sacred fig tree located in Bodh Gaya, Bihar, India. Siddhartha Gautama, the spiritual teacher who became known as the Buddha, is said to have attained enlightenment or Bodhi circa 500 BCE under it.

The Bodhi-Tree or wisdom-tree is the world tree, and its roots drink deep of the waters of infinity. Its branches and leaves blow in the winds of the Void, and it is lit by the clear light. It is a tree of refuge, a place of safety from the raging tigers and dragons of desire.

This world tree, the Bodhi-Tree, unites all worlds, and it has no guardians to protect it. All sentient beings are welcome to gain as much wisdom as their minds can hold. But it is a long journey to that state, for the traveler must unravel the current life and many other past lives to see the components that have been woven together into the patterns of life. Then the strands must be woven again, to create a mind capable and worthy of returning to the source.

Exhibition Display

The wisdom tree

The exhibition consists of a circular object that serves as seatingplace and tables for the exhibition object and information.

In the middle is a large tree, the "wisdom tree" Here hangs information and facts about forests and the importance of trees. It is a place to learn and reflect. It is located as an entrance to the exhibition, and in interaction with the existing forest. The forest will then be an even larger place for reflection at the end of the exhibition. To integrate the object, I have used the existing design as my starting point, with levles and warm colors.

