

# The Black Willow Nature Experience is nestled within Wasatch Mountain State Park and Soldier Hollow Nordic Center

The purpose of this project is to create an experiential nature trail and preserve within the surrounding area while connecting the community and visitors to the importance of the trees within the ecosystem.

The design of the trail will focus on the restoration, regeneration, and preservation of the designated emergent wetland and historical site.

The Black Willow Nature Experience will also create an opportunity to protect and sustain natural and cultural resources while integrating learning, observational skills, awareness, and interconnectedness through interpretive signs. Incorporating the use of original black willow trees removed from the area throughout the trail through artistic expression.

Wasatch Mountain State Park with the support of The Friends of Wasatch, community members Stacey Heverling and Kelley Ingols, and other organizations plays an integral part in creating an interactive, artistic, multisensory, interdisciplinary, and educational experience for the local community while incorporating universal connection and welcoming visitors from around the world.

With future expansion in the park and the Soldier Hollow Olympic Park, the projected use of the trail and surrounding area will see a significant increase in visitors for years to come. Educating visitors and maintaining boundaries throughout the nature experience will assist in preserving the quality of the wetlands and natural resources for future generations.

Thank you for your support!