

Emily Min Hunt Snowshoe Outing, February 2020

Background

As part of the program area, *Experiencing Nature*, Huron Pines hosted an all ages event, *Snowshoe Outing*, in February 2020 at the Emily Min Hunt Nature Preserve. This 2 ½ hour event geared towards participants of all ages included guided nature observations along a wooded and grassland trail system. The bedrock glades and water flow within those systems was highlighted as well as Leave No Trace principles.

Methods

A Google Form was used to collect evaluation data. This data was collected anonymously and not required of participants. The evaluation link was provided in a follow up email for the participants to respond.

Participation Summary

The total attendance for *Snowshoe Outing - Emily Min Hunt Nature Preserve* was 9 adults.

Evaluation Summary

7 responses were collected. Based on the total participation (n=9), the response rate for this evaluation was 78%.

Seven (n=7) participants responded to the statement: “*As a result of this event, I could tell a friend information about the Emily Min Hunt Nature Preserve.*” Assigning values 1-4 to the response options below with no value assigned to the response “*I was already comfortable sharing information about the preserve.*”, the average response was 3.5 with the most frequently used response of “*To a Great Extent*” and “*Somewhat*”, n=3 each.

<i>Not At All</i>	<i>Very Little</i>	<i>Somewhat</i>	<i>To a Great Extent</i>
n=0	n=0	n=3	n=3

I was already comfortable sharing information about the preserve.
n=1

Seven (n=7) participants responded to the statement: “*I can state the importance of staying on durable surfaces.*” Assigning values 1-4 to the response options below, the average response was 3.29 with the most frequently used response of “*To a Great Extent*” and “*Somewhat*”, n=5.

<i>Not At All</i>	<i>Very Little</i>	<i>Somewhat</i>	<i>To a Great Extent</i>
n=0	n=0	n=5	n=2

Seven (n=7) participants responded to the statement: “*After this snowshoe event, I intend to visit either the Emily Min Hunt Nature Preserve or a similar piece of land again this winter season.*” Assigning values 1-5 to the response options below, the average response was 5 with the most frequently used response of “*Definitely Will*”, n=7.

<i>Definitely Will Not</i> n=0	<i>Probably Will Not</i> n=0	<i>May or May Not</i> n=0	<i>Probably Will</i> n=0	<i>Definitely Will</i> n=7
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Seven (n=7) participants responded to the statement: “*Name one thing you learned or observed during the snowshoe event.*” Responses are grouped based on themes:

- Questions (n=2): Is there a vernal pond or a sinkhole?; kind of wondered if parts of the preserve had been farmed. Would like to go back in the spring to see how wet the area is.
- Invasive species (n=2): Spotted knapweed. I had not heard of it.; The devastating effect of invasive insects (Ash Trees)
- Diversity (n=3): The diversity of that area; A Porcupine lives there!; Birch trees, apple orchard
- User experience (n=2): Snowshoes were unnecessary that day but had been forewarned; HP will spray for poison ivy and create some parking
- Terrain (n=1): the very natural terrain transition

Five (n=5) participants responded to the statement: “*Please provide any other feedback on this event (ex. event communication and promotion effectiveness, event logistics understanding and communication, things you were expecting that didn't happen, other areas of improvement).*” Responses are grouped based on themes:

- Site improvements (n=3): A looped trail would be nice.; An interpretive map for this site would be a nice asset for those wanting to venture out; Provide trail map with location of each notable feature of the preserve.
- Event improvements (n=2): Have folks introduce themselves?; Keep the tour moving briskly and the leader in the lead.
- Praise (n=2): I took 2 neighbors there yesterday! They love it, too.; We really enjoyed snowshoeing the area Did not know much about it before the event