

# Evaluation Report - Wisconsin Summit for Natural Resources Volunteers

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Below is a summary of evaluation results from the 2022 Summit for Natural Resources Volunteers. 138 attendees filled out the online post-event survey about what they liked and what they'd like to see in the future. Questions? Contact: [greta.landis@wisc.edu](mailto:greta.landis@wisc.edu).

## Summit by the numbers:

- 236** participants
- 38** events and workshops over **3** days
- 7** parks, nature centers, and event spaces
- 73%** of registered attendees participated in **multiple events**.
- 94%** of survey respondents agreed or strongly **agreed that they would participate in a similar event** in the future.
- 90%** of survey respondents were able to **find events that fit their schedule and their interests**.

## What they liked:

**98% agreed or strongly agreed** that they enjoyed socializing with other attendees. When asked what other things they liked about their events across the three days, they said:

- **85%** liked the **event locations**
- **81%** liked the **teaching styles** they saw
- **79%** liked **content and information**
- **70%** liked the **site logistics** and organization

"I am so very glad I attended the Summit. It was money and time well spent. **I know I will continue exploring the topics / resources from each event that I attended.** I am so very grateful to all of the Summit organizers, partners and presenters"

## What they said:

**"Great Summit! I thought all aspects were well planned and organized. The variety of programming and venues was great."**

"I appreciated the variety of session options available to choose from. **I liked that all my sessions contained an outdoor component to them.** Thank you for a well planned and executed Summit!"

**"Just being a member of an enthusiastic audience was great!** The subject matter experts were equally excited to share the depth of knowledge in fun inviting ways."

**"Appreciated the economic hardship reduced rate!** I liked the longer classes so you could go deeper in experience and knowledge. I liked going to different parks in one day [...] and the online map worked well!"

## What they want to see in the future:

**More central event structure:** attendees **loved spending time outdoors in the parks** and enjoyed the variety of topics and speakers available. However, many noted that the decentralized structure meant **fewer opportunities for networking**. They suggested using a central location like the hotel for hosting informal networking and conversations.

**Increased financial aid, especially for the keynote:** the survey responses expressed appreciation for the **financial aid** and cost reductions offered. However, many referenced **the cost and timing of the keynote and awards dinner as a barrier** to attending.