

The tree form of a straight trunk and broad canopy is recognized universally across cultures as a **powerful symbol of life**. An area covered with trees creates a forest setting which is often sought after for an immersive experience of beauty, relief and peace.

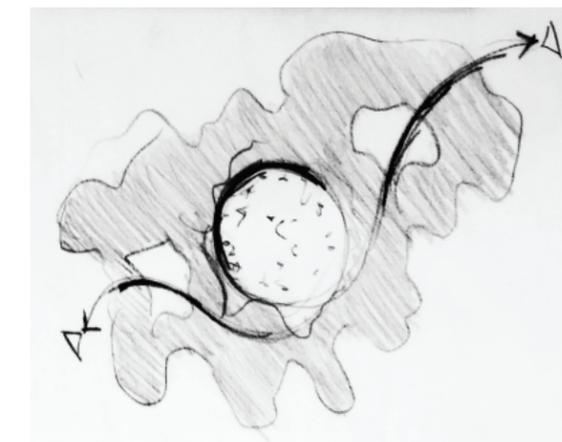
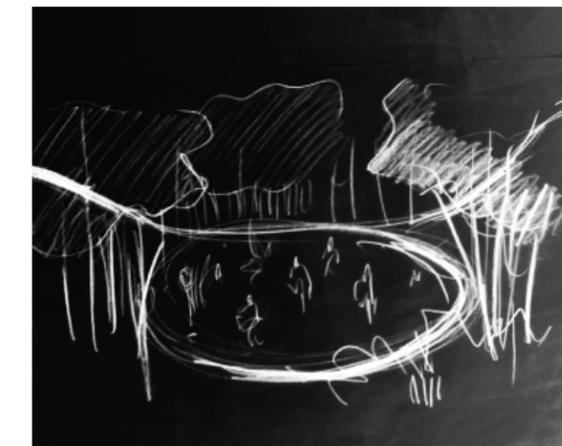
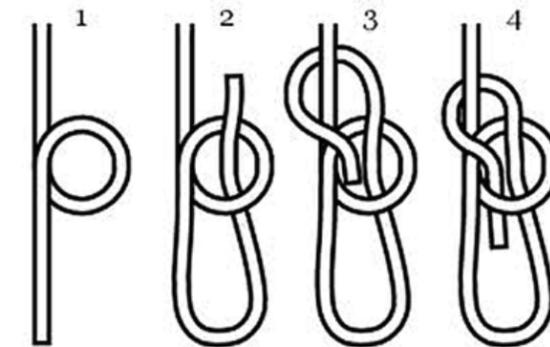
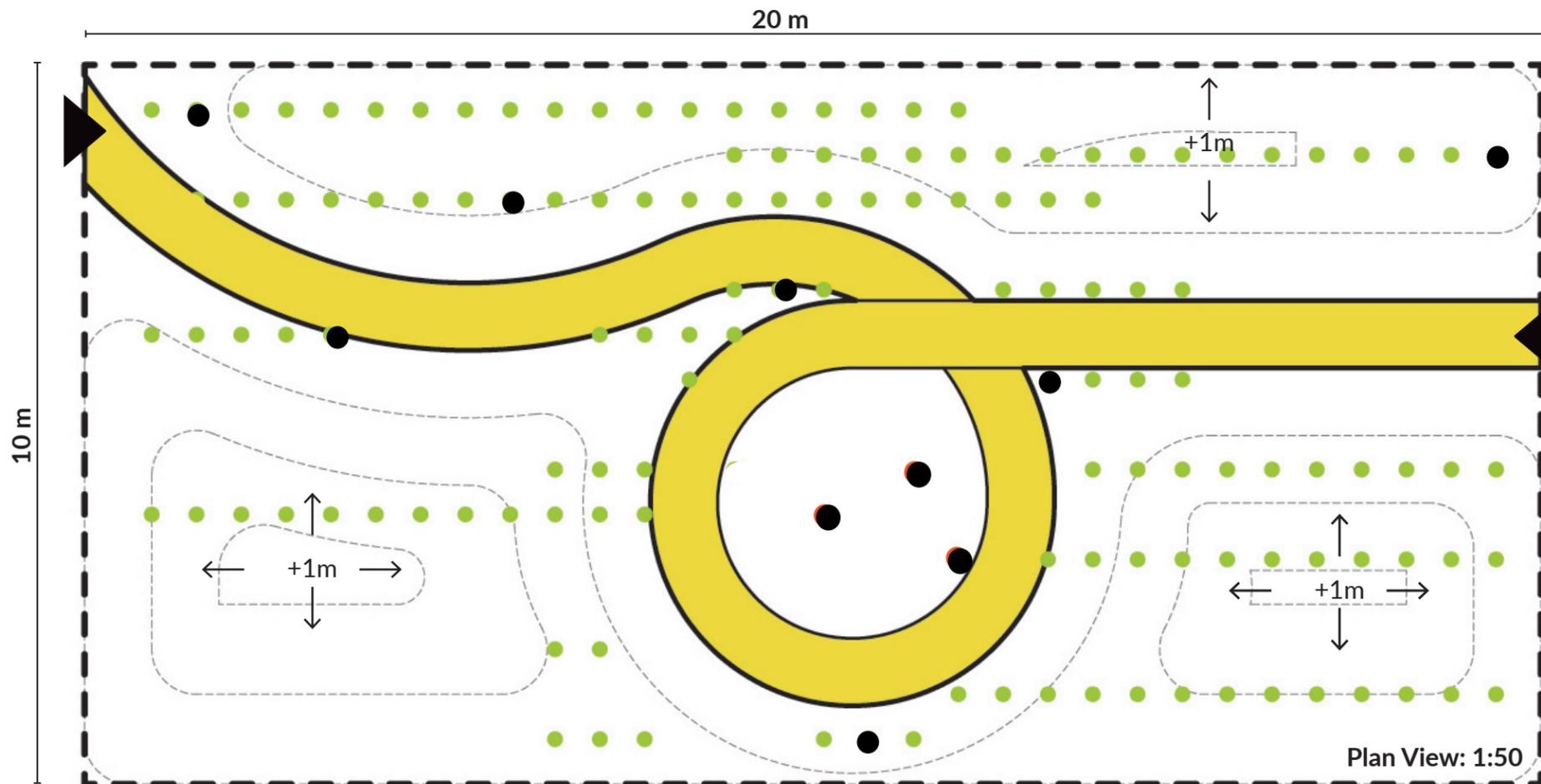
The Knot Forest is a **playful spacial experiment** for visitors to step into a forest with a **fun fundamental twist**: Tree trunks are tied into knots. This simple distinct alteration to the basic tree form allows visitors a multi-sensory opportunity for visual reflection of the unique trunk shapes along with access to feel living bark growing around itself. While sitting at the garden's center, contemplation is invited into the space. Visitors may ponder both the horticultural nature of these knot trees along with broader questions of whether the Knot Forest is **peaceful, playful or provocative**. The materiality of the Knot Forest is a consistent understory laid beneath a grove of living hybrid poplar trees. As the poplars mature over time, these **fast-growing tree species** offer visitors a **unique experience** upon each journey into the Knot Forest.

**Suggested plant list**

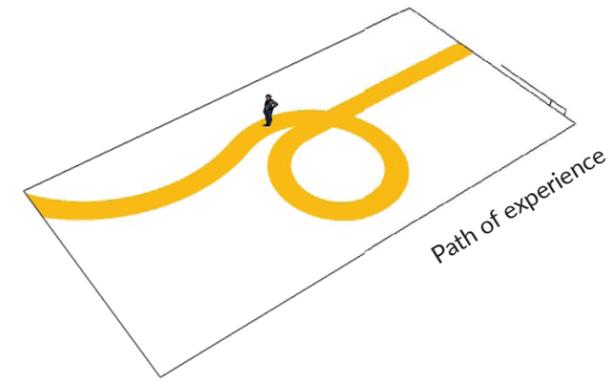
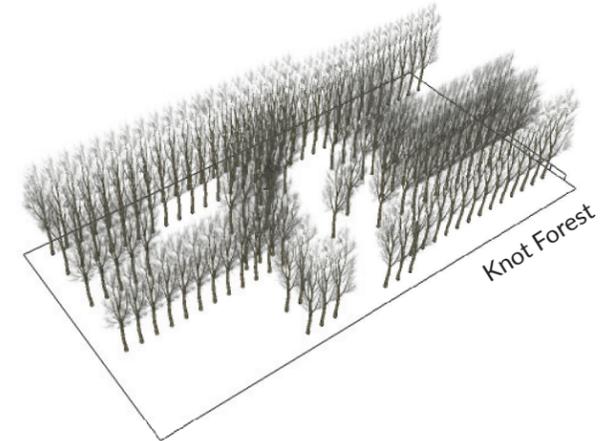
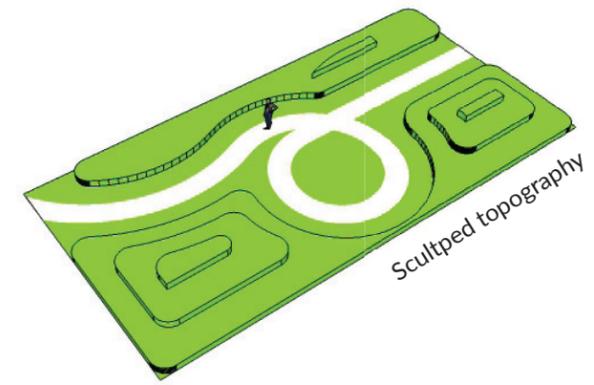
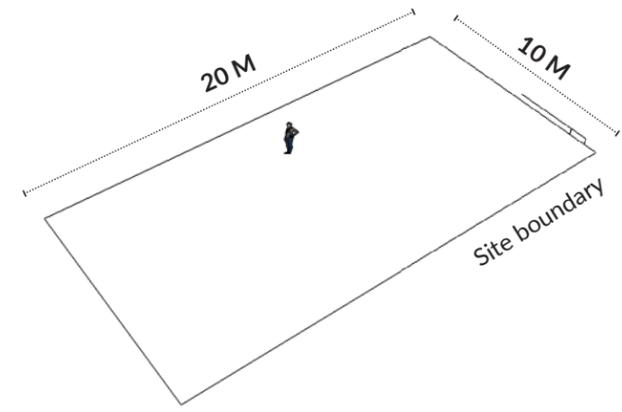
For standard and specimen trees: *populus deltoides* x *populus nigra* or equivalent fast growing hybrid.  
 For all exposed soils: native perennial grass/wildflower mix. up to 20" mature height and 100% cover after first growing season.

**Legend**

- = Trees: Standard tree, 140 shown at 60 cm on center. Actual caliper, height, spacing and quantity to be determined.
- = Knot trees: Specimen Trees "Knot", 10 shown. Actual caliper, height, spacing and quantity to be determined.
- = Path of experience: decomposed granite path or compacted material, typ. Actual material contingent on availability.
- - - - = Sculpted topography: Imported planting soil to create 3m high mounds with side slopes of 3:1 minimum.



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