

# Elkhorn

## PUBLIC ART TRAILHEAD MARKER

Sculptural and bold, the 15-foot height of this abstracted *Elkhorn Clarkia* Wildflower makes this trail marker highly visible from a distance. Four 3-lobed elkhorn petals open at the top of the stem and add a bold, friendly, welcoming presence. A leaf at the base forms a functional bench for resting. An educational element about native plants and wildflowers would be intergrated close to the sculpture.

Wildflowers and native plants are found along pathways and roadsides. The overall theme of wildflowers and native Idaho plants can be repeated as markers with other plants like *Arrowleaf Balsamroot* and *Western Columbine* at different locations along the trail. Each sculpture would be powder-coated in the same color white to ensure a cohesive series of markers.

My goal for this installation would be to contribute to the local Meridian residents' existing local pride with a unique art installation that begins a theming element for the trails system.



**Elkhorn Wildflower**  
Elkhorn Clarkia is a distinctive wildflower with 3-lobed petals. Lewis & Clark thought the petals looked like miniature elk antlers.



**Playground Panel from Discovery Park**  
This shows other flowers that could be used as part of the overall theme.



ELKHORN WILDFLOWER IMAGES





APPROX  
15' TALL

LEAF BENCH  
AT 30" HIGH

INTEGRATED  
EDUCATIONAL  
ELEMENT  
NEARBY

SKETCH



MODEL





### SUGGESTED LOCATION

*Note: I would like to work with city staff to determine the exact trail location for the sculpture so that it is prominently visible from the street and parking lot off Ten Mile Road.*