



Stretch Your Legs

Current Site

Serving as an entry point to Bears Ears the site is home to a Kiva, Tower, and Roomblock. A paved path directs people to the site, a paved parking lot and bathroom can also be found here.

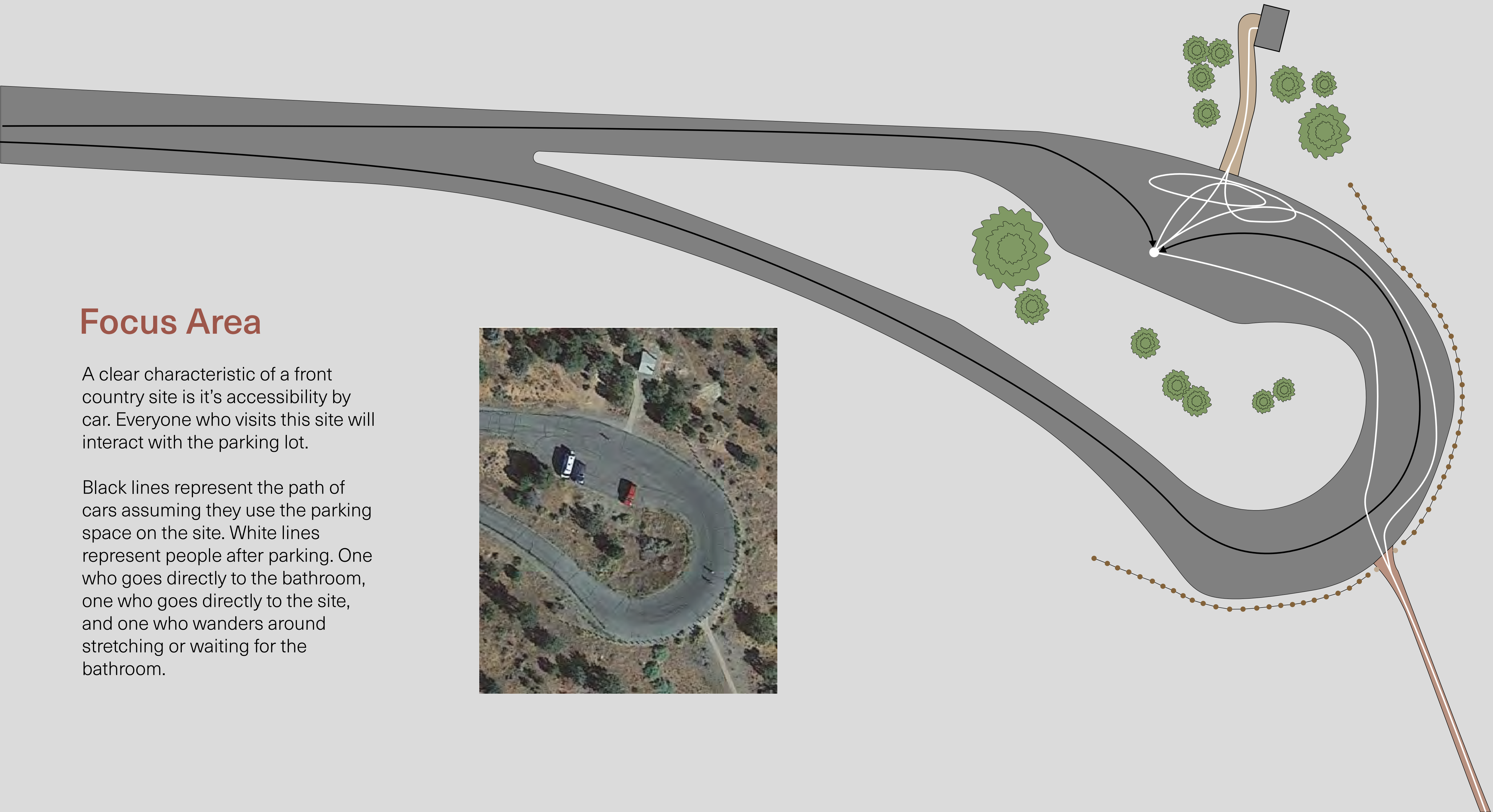
Because of it's accessibility the site serves both front country visitors looking for a quick stop as well as back country visitors who need a bathroom and place to set up and eat.



Focus Area

A clear characteristic of a front country site is its accessibility by car. Everyone who visits this site will interact with the parking lot.

Black lines represent the path of cars assuming they use the parking space on the site. White lines represent people after parking. One who goes directly to the bathroom, one who goes directly to the site, and one who wanders around stretching or waiting for the bathroom.



Visit With Respect Principles

Represented in the Friends of Cedar Mesa Trip Planner and the Bears Ears Education Center, these guidelines are very important and key to visiting the monument responsibly. These guidelines are not represented well at our site, my project focuses on finding a way to implement them to front country visitors.



Visit With Respect: Doing Your Part to Protect Cedar Mesa and Bears Ears National Monument



Leave All Artifacts Where You Find Them
Don't take or add to "Display Rocks"



Don't Touch or Damage Rock Writing
And don't add anything to panels you see



Steer Clear of Walls
Structures can be easily damaged



Leave the Grinding in the Past
Please don't touch or use grinding slicks



Historic Artifacts Aren't Trash
Leave artifacts like rusted cans in place



Don't Disturb Fossils or Bones
Leave fossil remains where you find them



GPS Reveals Too Much
Remove location data for online photos



Know Where Pets (on leash) are Allowed
Pets are never allowed in sites or springs



Go to the Bathroom Away from Sites
Pack out all toilet paper. Do not burn it!



Pay Your Fees
Your small fee supports protecting this area



Camp and Eat Away from Archaeology
Food attracts animals to fragile sites



No Fires in the Canyons of Cedar Mesa
Use existing fire rings when on the rims



Don't Bust the Crust
Stay on existing trails



Avoid Building (or Destroying) Cairns
Cairns can increase impacts to sites



Use Rubber Tips on Hiking Poles
To prevent scratching subtle rock art



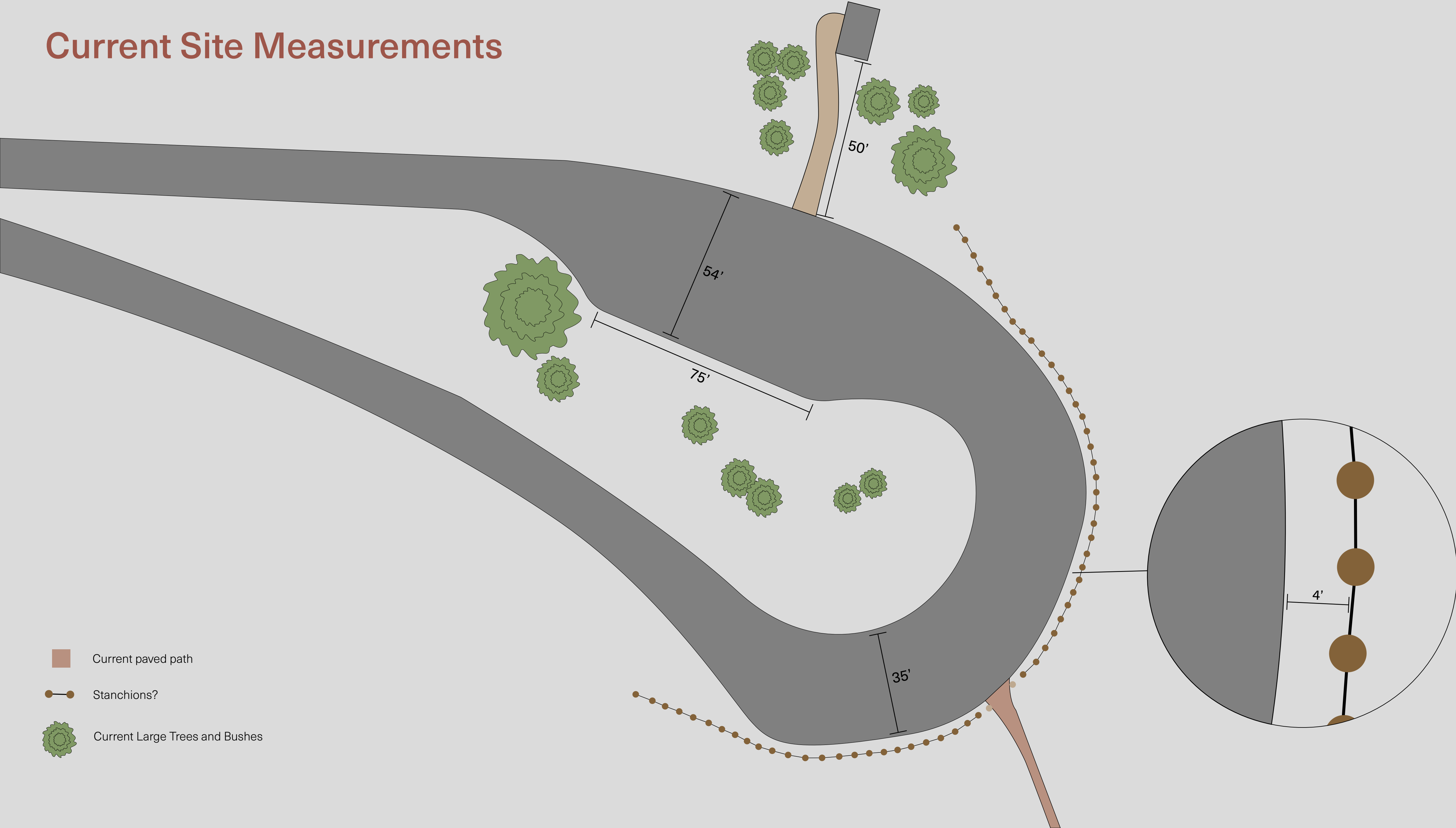
Stay on Designated Routes
Driving off-road can damage sites






Enjoy Archaeology without Ropes
Using climbing gear to access sites is illegal

*It is your responsibility to know the rules and regulations.
Contact the Cedar Mesa Permit Desk at (435) 587-1510.*

Current Site Measurements



-  Current paved path
-  Stanchions?
-  Current Large Trees and Bushes

Opportunity

After identifying the parking and bathroom area as a main point of interaction for visitors. Implementing fresh parking lines, a crosswalk and paved area near the bathroom would solidify the area as a gathering space separate from the site. A paved walkway to the site draws a clear line to main space.

70 feet before the site entrance used for large vehicles and overflow parking.

7 Standard 10 ft wide parking stalls

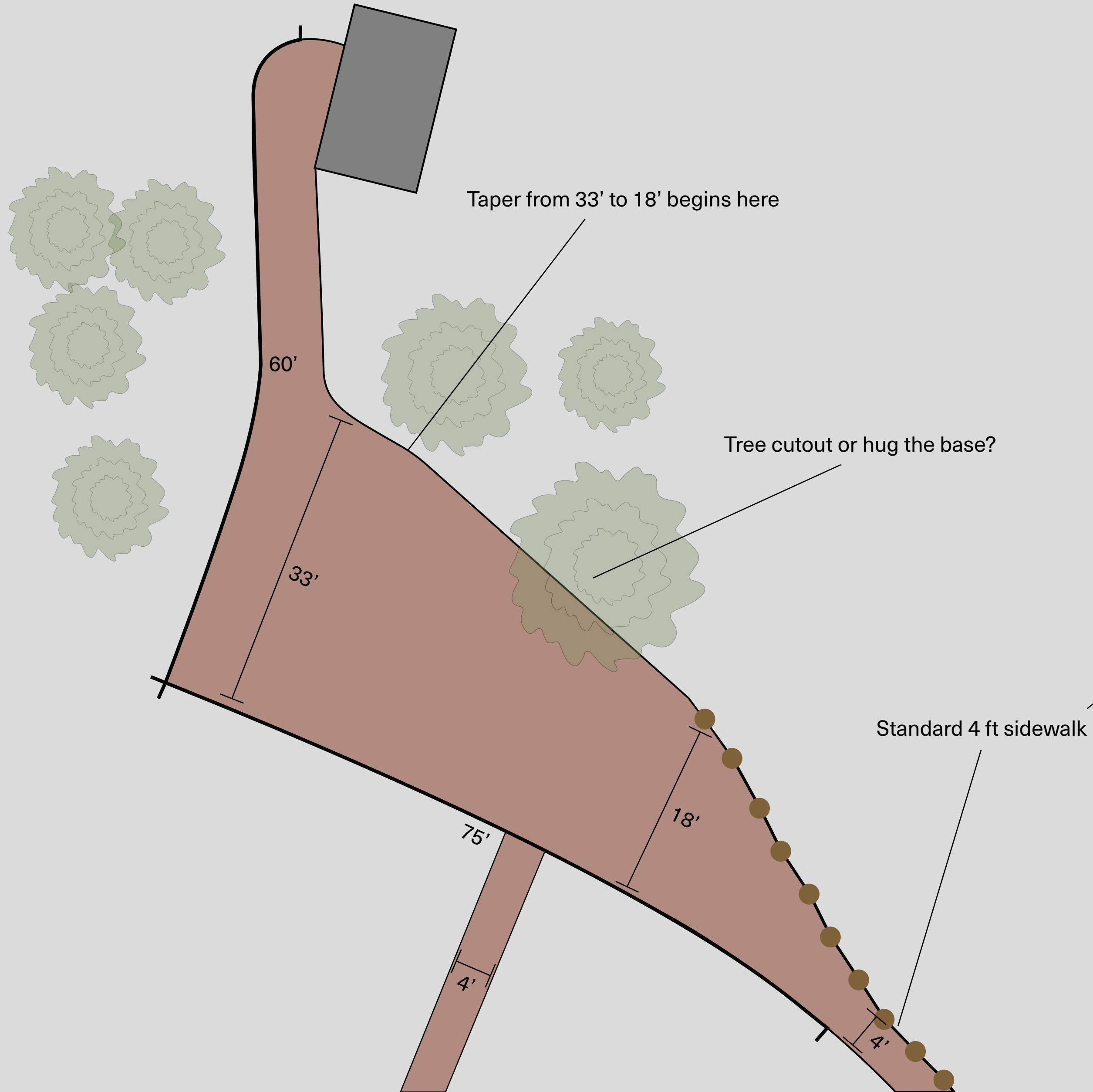
Implied boundary from trees and stanchions

Crosswalk to guide visitors to new hub

Standard 4ft sidewalk



Paved Path

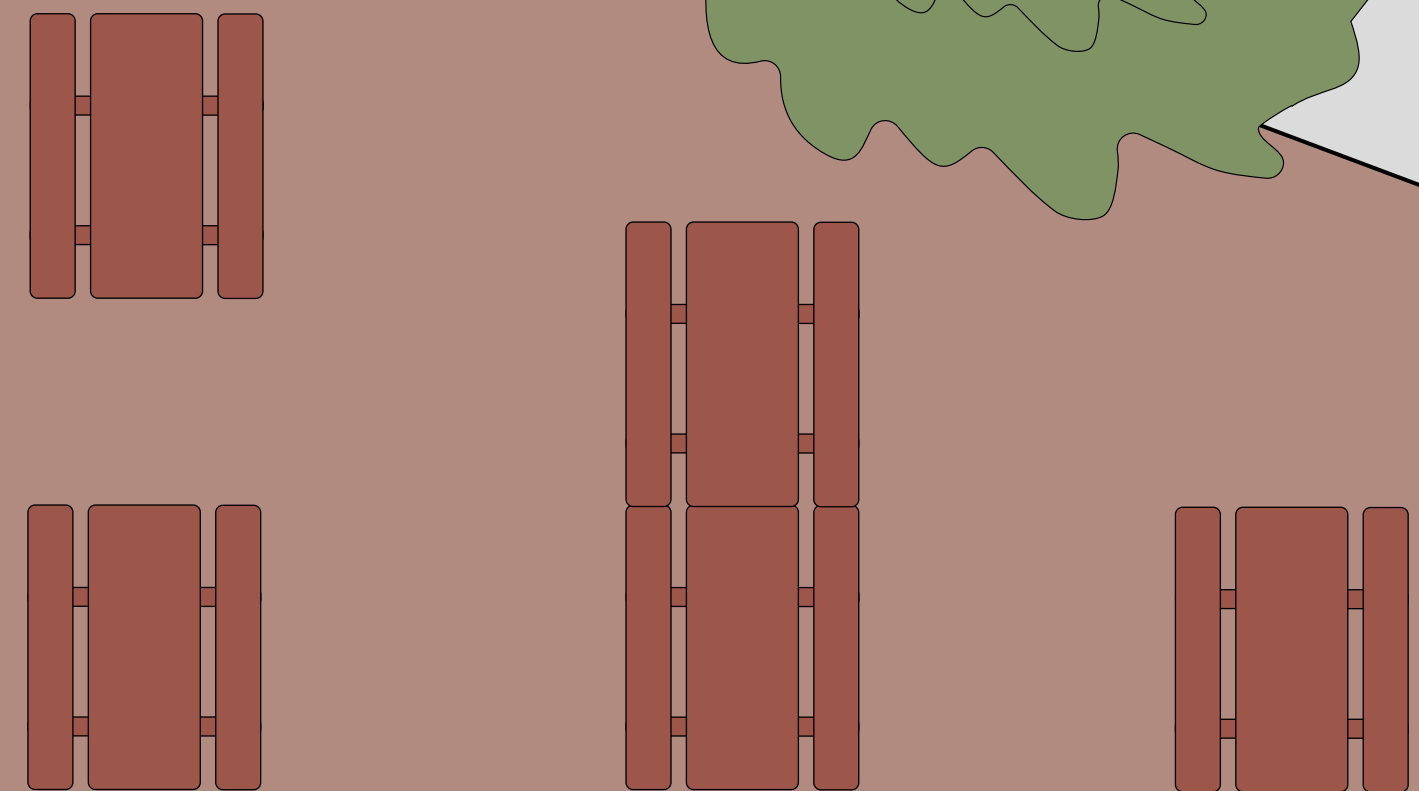
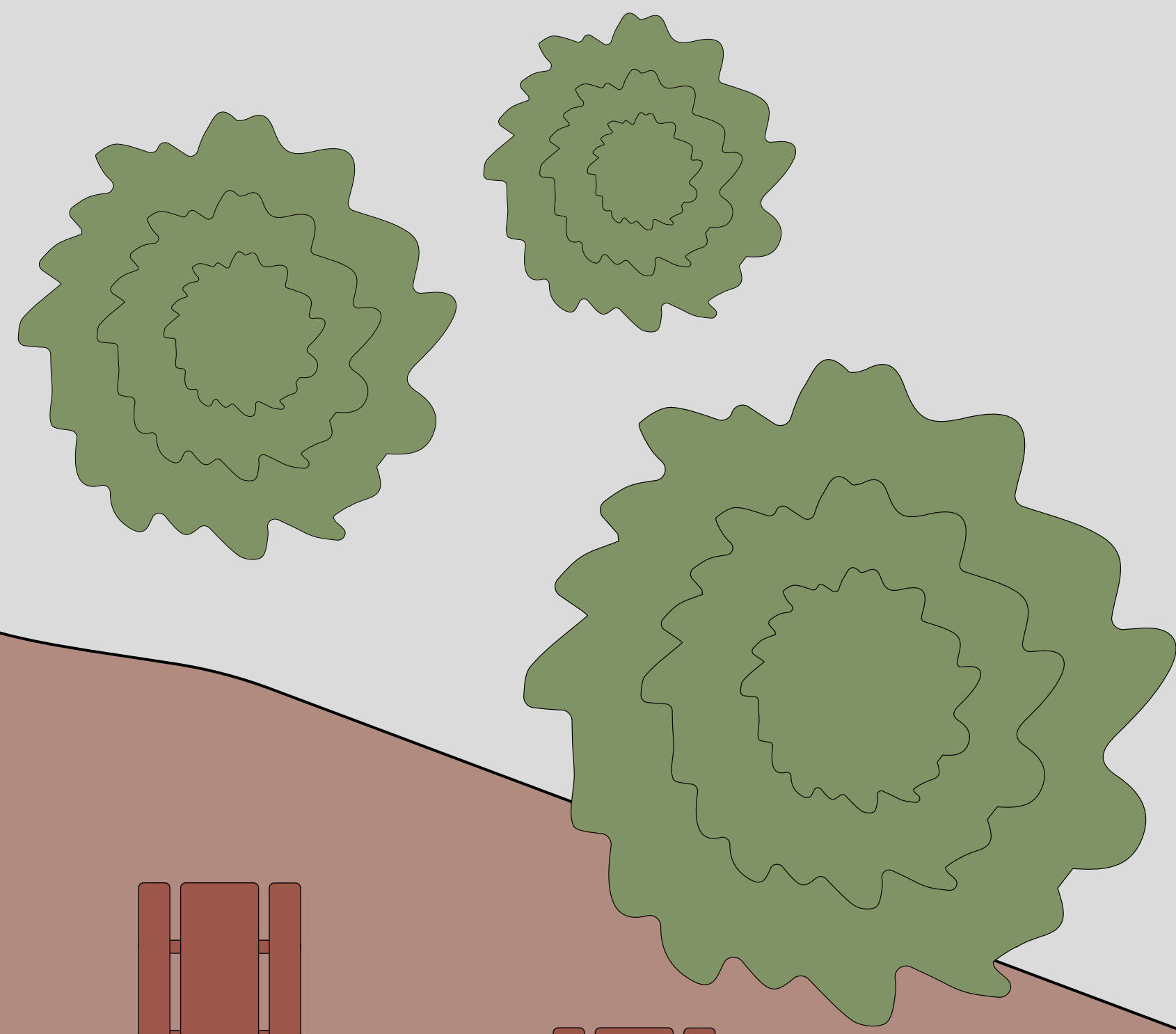
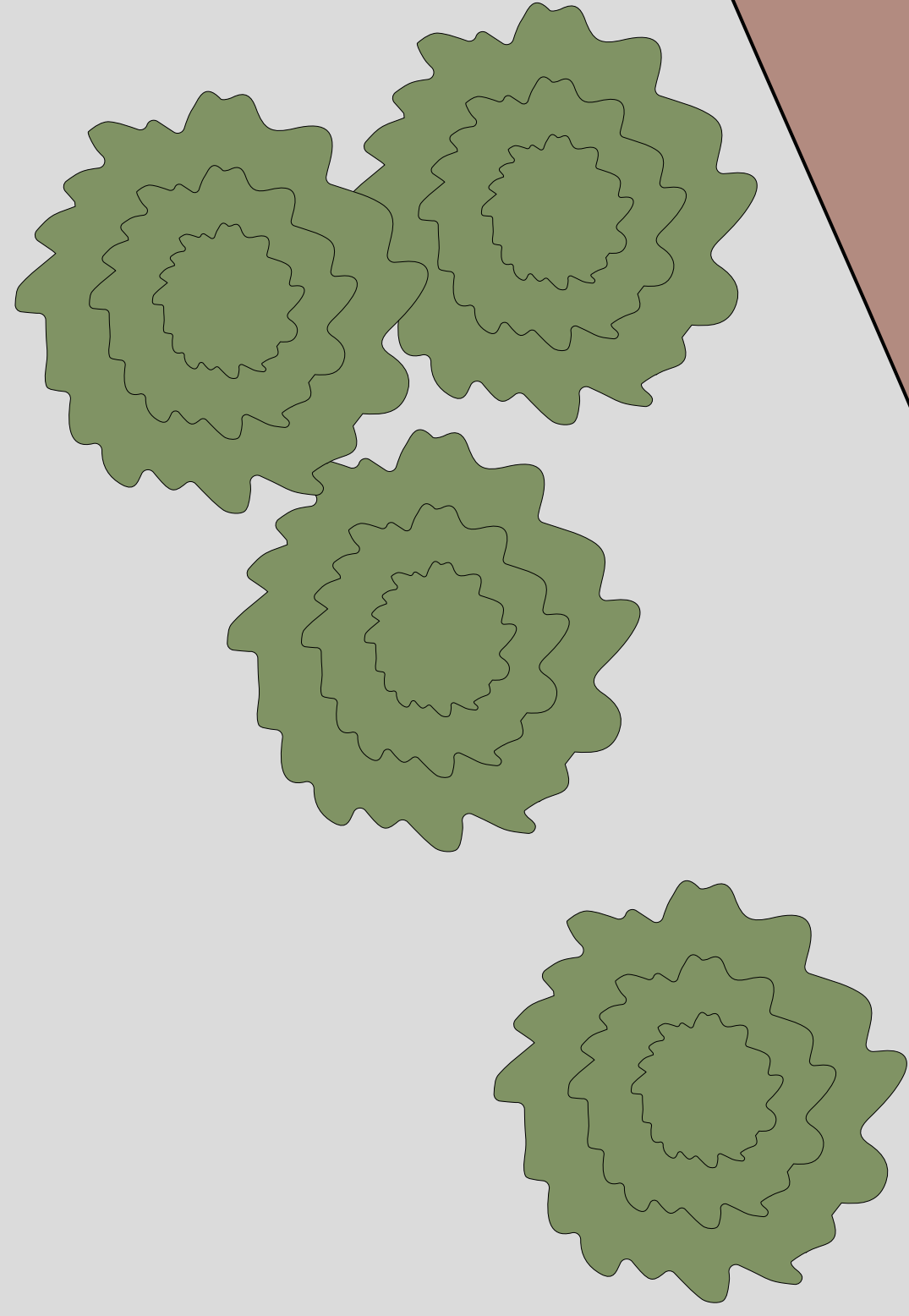


The new pavement in and around the bathroom extends the implied line left by the stanchions. This area is already subject to some erosion and social trailing to the bathroom. Laying a new concrete area would solidify a new hard boundary for the surrounding area.



Layout

1 in = 4 ft



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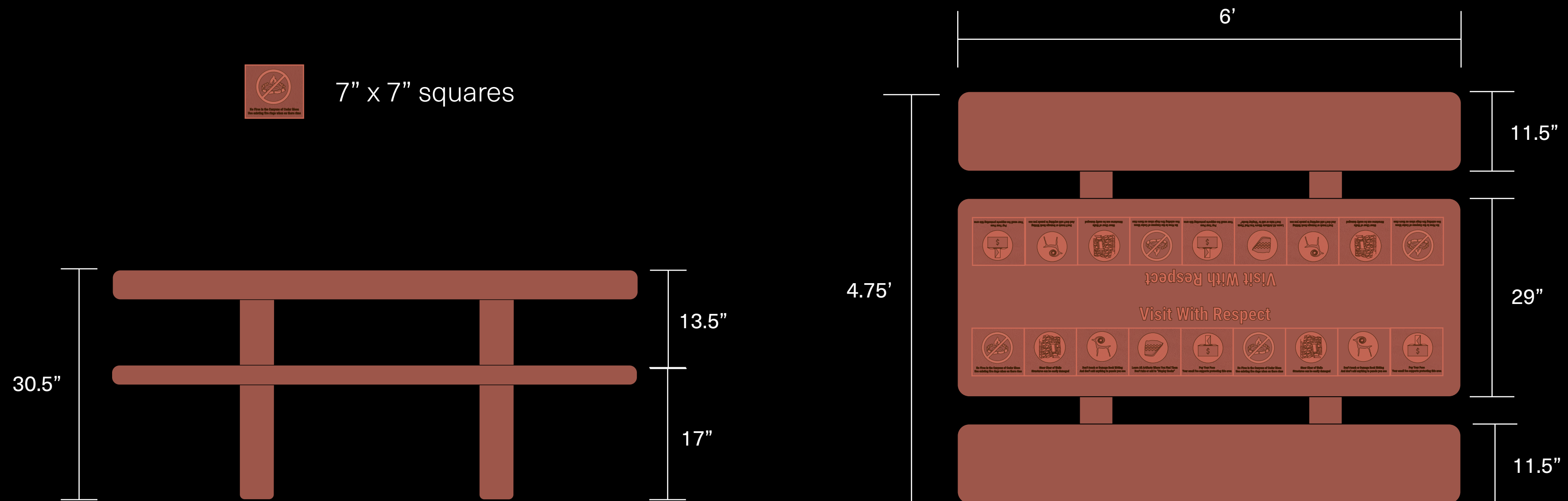
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This new space will give visitors of the monument a place to meet up, take a break and be introduced to bears ears. As a front country site this addition will focus on day trippers who want to see a site without a long hike. The addition will invite these individuals to stay longer, eat a meal and learn about Visit with Respect.