



Plants at Kennywood Answer Key

1. Look around you, particularly at the plants. Describe what you see.
Lots of flowers, bright colors, bushes/shrubs, large trees. Very pretty.
2. Now look around and imagine that there are no plants, not even trees. How do you think that might change the environment?
Kind of plain, no shade, hard, noisy, etc.
5. What benefits do trees provide? Which benefit do you think is most important here? Why?
Shade, protection from rain, nesting place for birds, food for birds – seeds, nuts, fruit, beauty, oxygen, help clean air, help to absorb sound

Shade is probably the most important benefit that trees provide in Kennywood Park, especially on a hot summer day. Shade is especially appreciated by those not riding rides.
7. What are some problems that plants might encounter at a public place such as Kennywood?
Full sun, people running through or falling into flower beds, people bumping against plants, drinks or food being spilled into beds and containers, heat reflecting from pavement
8. Imagine that you are responsible for deciding what plants to plant at Kennywood for the summer. What characteristic of a plant should you consider?
Flower color/bright colors, how long flowers will continue to bloom, interesting leaves, easy to grow, tolerates hot, dry summers, sturdy, adaptable.

Integrated Pest Management

1. What does IPM stand for?
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2. Why would IPM be important in a public place such as Kennywood Park?
It is always important to use the least toxic method of pest control but it is particularly important at Kennywood because there are people in the park most of everyday, all during the growing season.