How to make your Sakai site publicly available in Sakai 11

Sakai 11 has two new ways to share your site. One method lets you share your site with the public, without requiring them to login to Sakai. The other method will share your site with any logged in Sakai user, without you having to add them as a participant in your site.

This blog post outlines how to make your Sakai site public to anyone.

How to turn on public site sharing:

1. In your Sakai site, go to Site Info/Manage Access.
2. Click the checkbox labeled "Anyone (including non-logged in)" under the section called "General."
3. Course sites are automatically listed in the Site Browser. If your site is a project site, you will also need to click the checkbox labeled "Display in Site Browser."
4. Click the "Update" button.

How to tell people how to access your site:

The easiest way to notify users of your site's availability is to send or post a link.You can find the link by following these instructions:

1. In your Sakai site, go to Site Info.
2. Copy the URL listed and send via email or post to a web site.

Users can also find your site by going to the Sakai welcome page at https://sakai.claremont.edu. They can click on the tool called "Site Browser" and search for your site using title keywords.

How Sakai tools work with this feature turned on:

You should be aware that this method of making your Sakai site publicly available is quite different than in earlier versions of Sakai. Turning this feature on will make your site visible to the outside world and will share content that you have not made explicitly public as in previous versions. Please see below for detailed notes on how each Sakai tool works with this feature turned on.

Sakai tools that are visible to anonymous users:

- Overview: Anonymous users can see Site Information display, as well as summaries of Announcements, Calendar, Message Center Notifications, and Recent Chat Messages. They can open regular announcements, but not announcements generated from Assignments tool.
- Announcements: Anonymous users can see the list of announcements and click to open a specific announcement. Announcements generated from Assignments tool generate an error.
- Blogs: Anonymous users can see blog posts that are public. They can not see blog posts that were designated as site only.
- Calendar: Anonymous users can see all calendar events.
- Chat Room: Anonymous users can see previous posts by site participants. They can not send new chats.
- Email Archive: Anonymous users can see all previous emails by site participants.
- Help: Anonymous users can see the Sakai Help documentation.
- Resources: Anonymous users can see all Resource items except for Hidden and Group-only files and folders. Turning on the sharing feature in Manage Access automatically makes all Resource items public. Turning the sharing feature off should cause Sakai to revert all items back to being accessible to the site only, but it is a good practice to double-check. It may also take some time for the changes to take effect. RSS Feed: Anonymous users can see the RSS feed.
- Site Info: Can see student view of Site Info. No participants are visible.
- Syllabus: Anonymous users can see both public and other items, i.e. not explicitly set to public.
- Web Content: Anonymous users can see web content sites.
- Wiki: Anonymous users can see the wiki pages. They can also see the tool tabs at the top of the page but they can't edit and pages.

Sakai tools that are not visible to anonymous users:

- Assignments: Anonymous users see a message saying "There are currently no assignments at this location."
- Drop Box: Anonymous users see a message saying "You do not have permission to view this folder."
- Email: The Email tool is not visible to anonymous users.
- Feedback: Anonymous users can see the title of a feedback file and can see View link, but clicking on the link generates an error.
- Forums: Anonymous users see a message saying "There may be forums that are not yet available for participation. Contact the site owner if you have questions about the status of a forum."

- Gradebook Classic: Anonymous users see a message saying "The permission settings for your user role do not give you access to this gradebook. Please contact your site administrator for more information."
- Gradebook NG: Clicking on the tool generates an error.
- Lessons: Anonymous users see a message saying "You do not have permission to read this page."
- Messages: Anonymous users see a message saying "This tool does not support anonymous users."
- Polls: Clicking on the tool generates an error.
- Roster: Clicking on the tool generates an error.
- Section Info: Anonymous users see a message saying "You are not authorized to view sections in this site."
- Sign-up: Anonymous users see a message saying "You need to log-in to view the meetings."
- Statistics: The Statistics tool is not visible to anonymous users.
- Tests&Quizzes: Anonymous users see a message saying "There are currently no assessments available for you to take."
- Podcasts