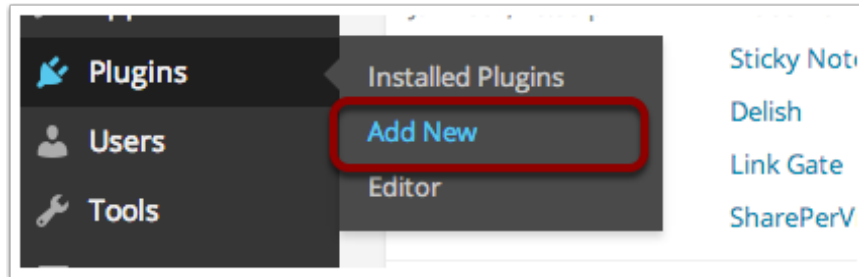


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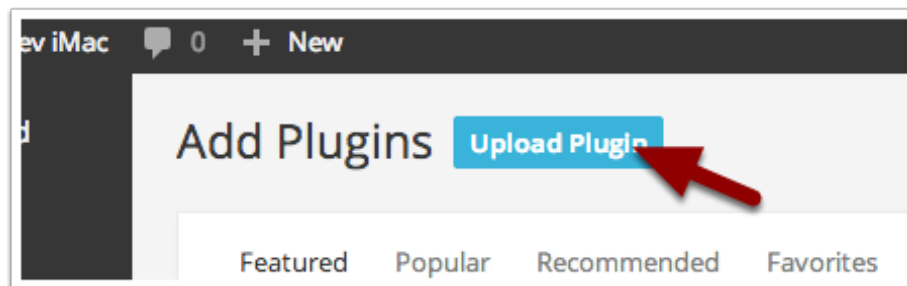
## Installing A Plugin

To install a plugin, go to Plugins >> Add New



## Upload plugin

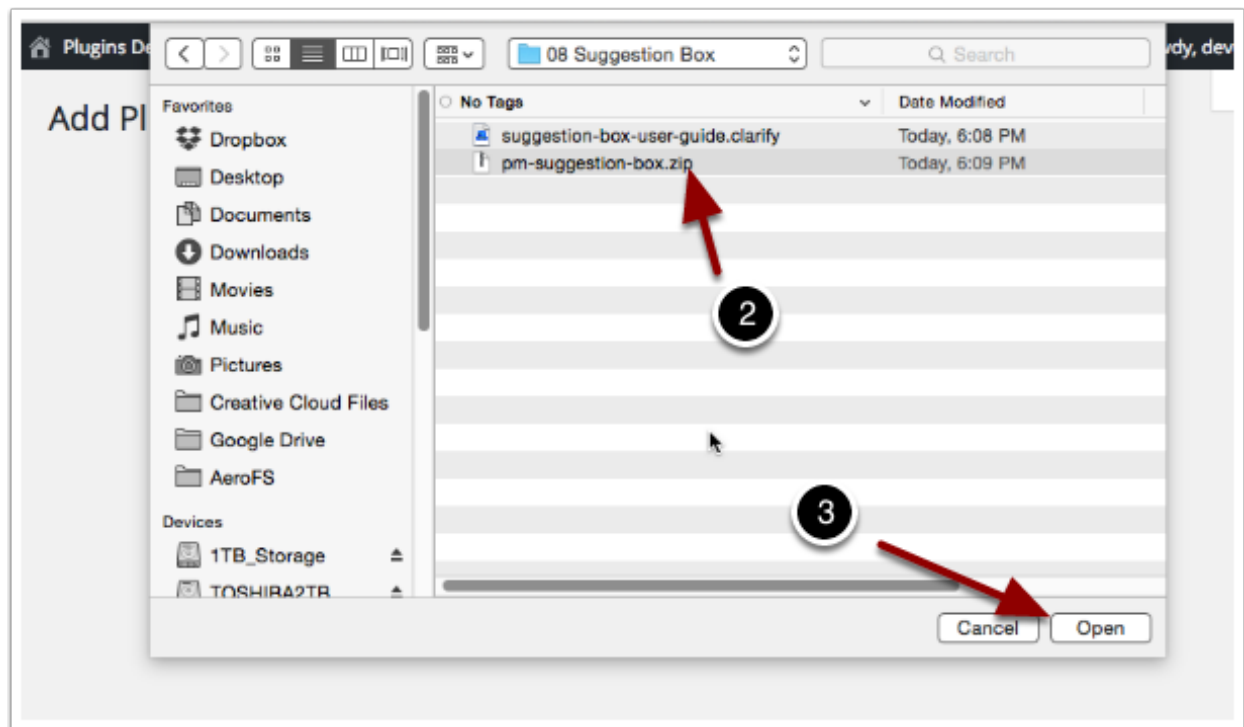
Click Upload Plugin



## Choose Upload File

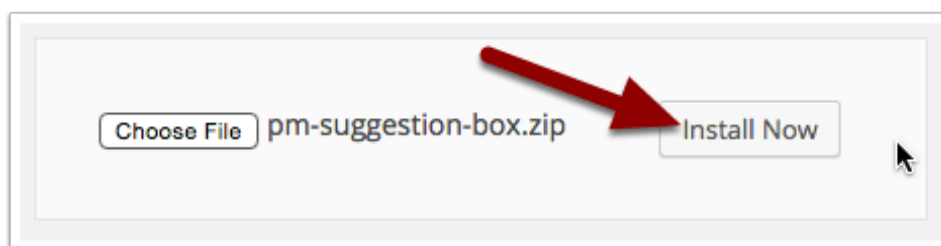
1. Click Choose File
2. Locate the zipped file of the plugin you'd like to install
3. Click Open

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## Install The Plugin

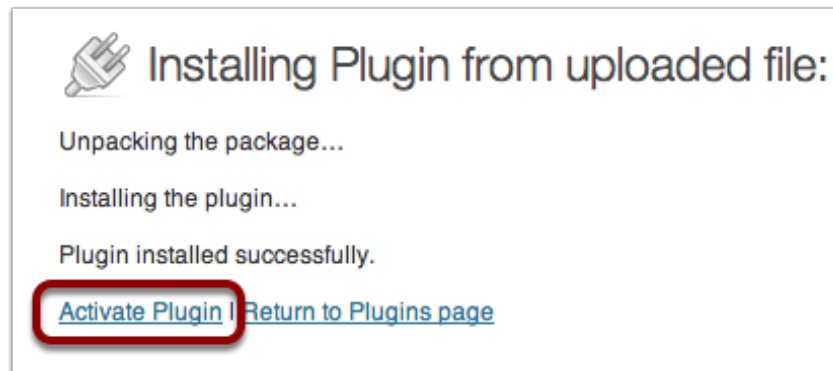
Click Install Now



## Activate The Plugin

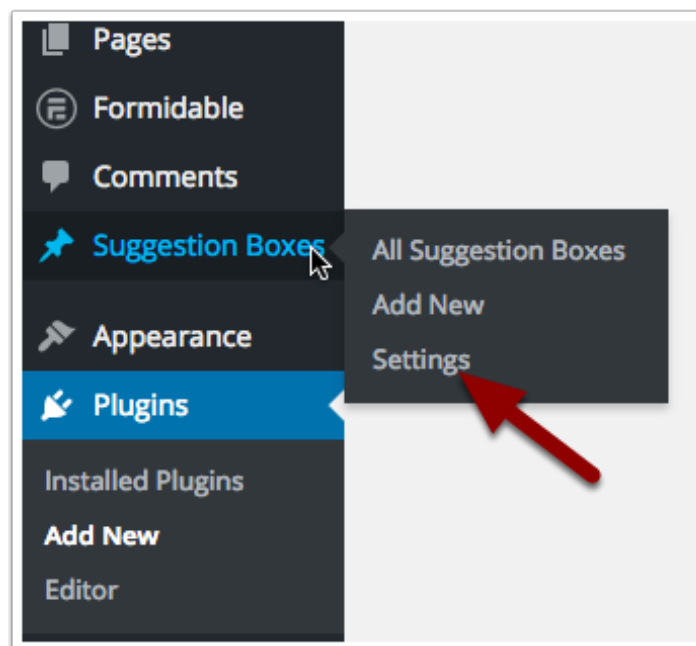
After successfully unpacking and installing the plugin, click *Activate Plugin*.

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## How To Get To The Plugin Settings

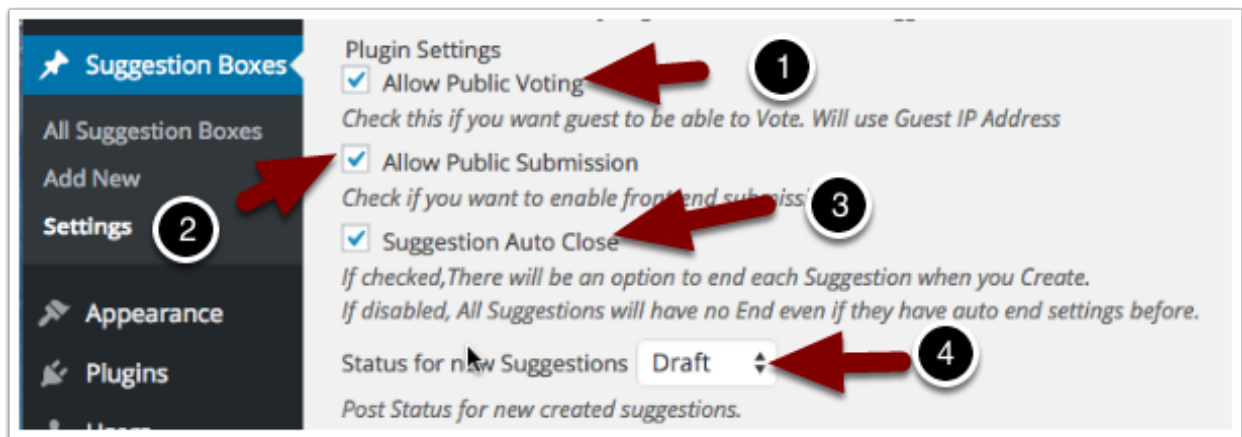
After activating the plugin, a new item named Suggestion Boxes will appear in the Menu. Hover over it to expose the sub-menus and click the Settings sub-menu to go to the settings screen.



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## Configure Plugin Options

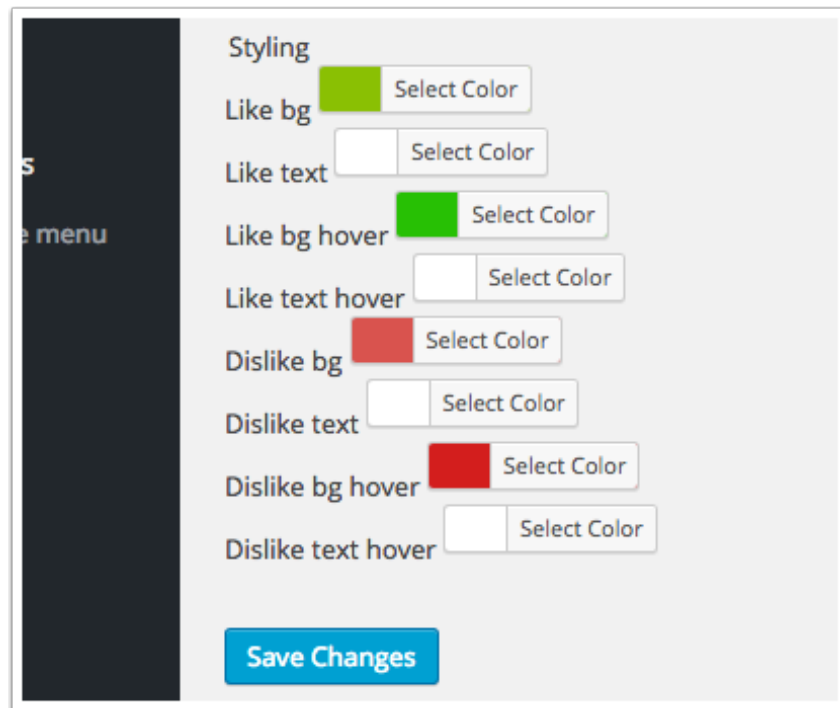
1. If you'd like to allow unregistered users to vote, check Allow Public Voting.
2. If you'd like to allow unregistered users to submit items for voting, check Allow Public Submission.
3. Check Suggestion Auto Close if you want suggestions to close by defined date or number of votes. Unchecking means the suggestions will be open for voting indefinitely.
4. When allowing public submissions, select a status for new suggestions submitted. Draft is default. This allows you to approve any suggestions submitted. If you do not wish to approve them, you can set it to Publish.



## Configure Vote Button Colors

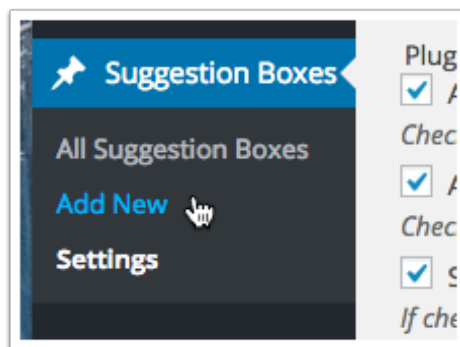
The next section allows you to change the voting button colors. Click the color swatch or Select Color button for each option to select a color.

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## Add A New Suggestion

To add a new suggestion, go to Suggestion Boxes > Add New

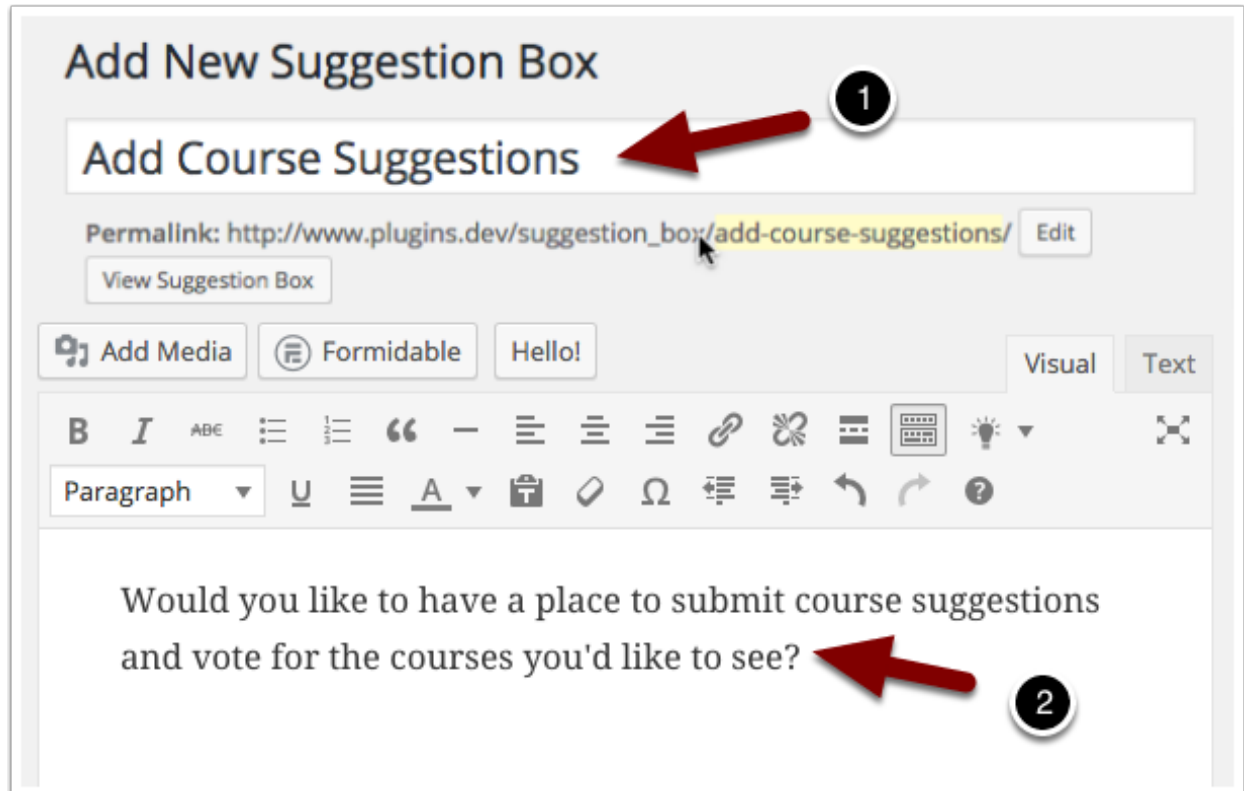


## New Suggestion

1. Give your new suggestion a title

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2. Enter a description of our suggestion to give voters a better idea what they are voting for.



The screenshot shows the 'Add New Suggestion Box' form. At the top, there is a title 'Add New Suggestion Box'. Below it is a text input field containing 'Add Course Suggestions', with a red arrow pointing to it and a circled '1' next to it. Below the input field is a permalink: 'http://www.plugins.dev/suggestion\_box/add-course-suggestions/' with an 'Edit' button. Below the permalink is a 'View Suggestion Box' button. Below these are three buttons: 'Add Media', 'Formidable', and 'Hello!'. Below the buttons is a rich text editor toolbar with various icons. Below the toolbar is a text area containing the text: 'Would you like to have a place to submit course suggestions and vote for the courses you'd like to see?' with a red arrow pointing to it and a circled '2' next to it.

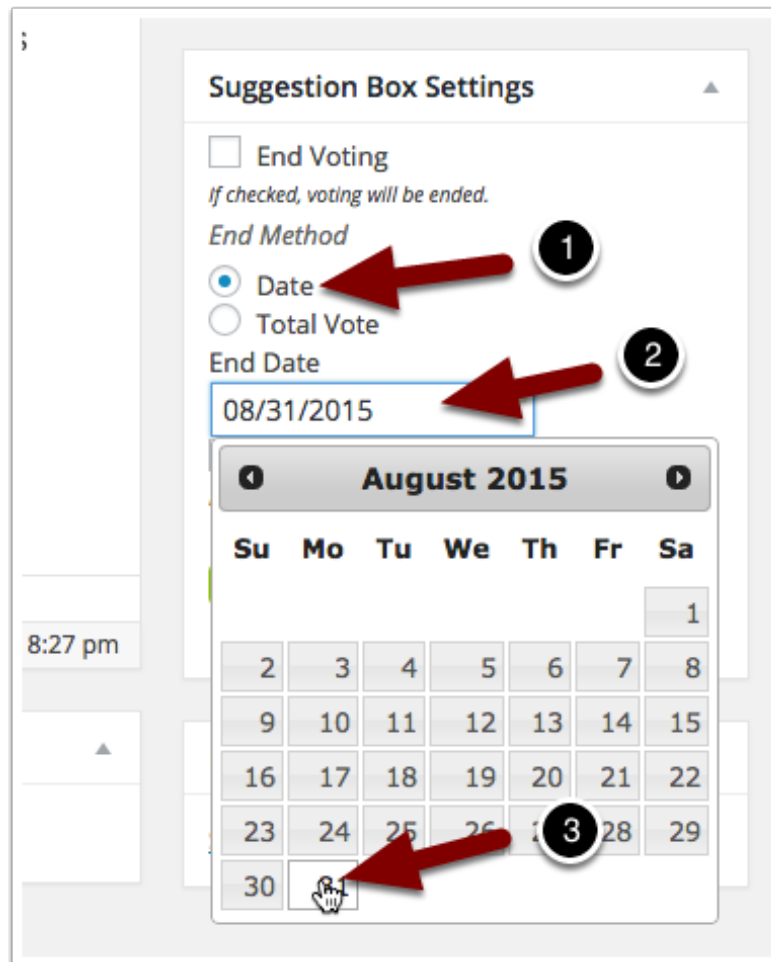
## Suggestion Voting Options: Autoclose by Date

To the right of the suggestion screen, you will find Suggestion Box Settings.

1. You can choose to automatically end the voting by date. If you do that, select the Date radio button,
2. Click the End Date field. A calendar will appear.
3. Click on the date you wish to end voting.

**Note:** In order of this to work, you must allow Suggestion Auto Close in the plugin settings.

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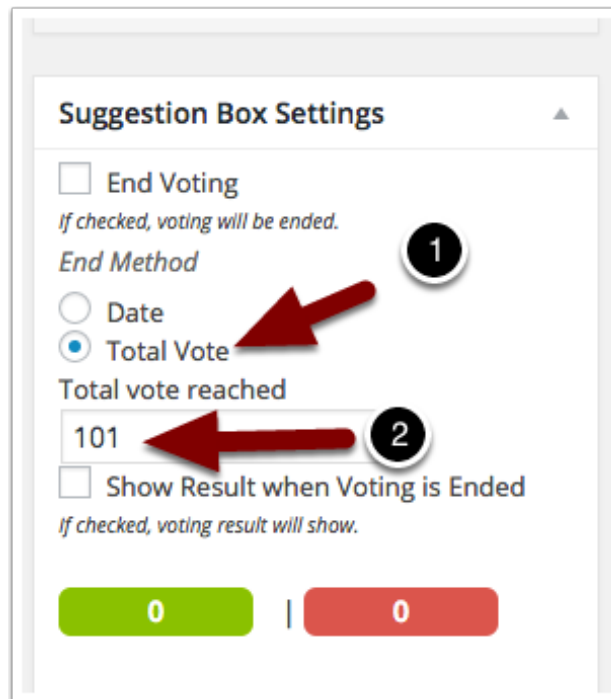
## Autoclose Suggestion By Votes

You can also choose to autoclose suggestions after a number of votes have been reached. To do that,

1. Select the Total Vote radio button.
2. Enter number of votes in the Total vote reached field.

**Note:** In order of this to work, you must allow Suggestion Auto Close in the plugin settings.

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**Suggestion Box Settings**

☐ End Voting  
*If checked, voting will be ended.*

**End Method**

☐ Date

☒ Total Vote

Total vote reached

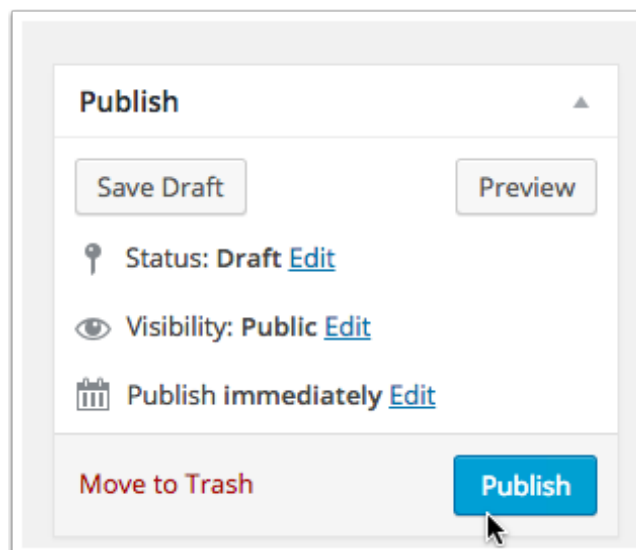
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☐ Show Result when Voting is Ended  
*If checked, voting result will show.*

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## Publish Your Suggestion

Once you are done creating and setting up your suggestion, click Publish.



**Publish**

Save Draft Preview

🔑 Status: Draft [Edit](#)

👁 Visibility: Public [Edit](#)

📅 Publish immediately [Edit](#)

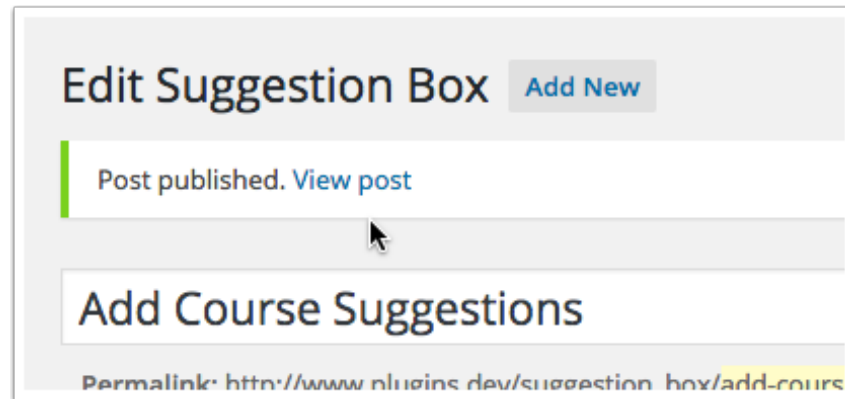
Move to Trash Publish



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## View Published Suggestion

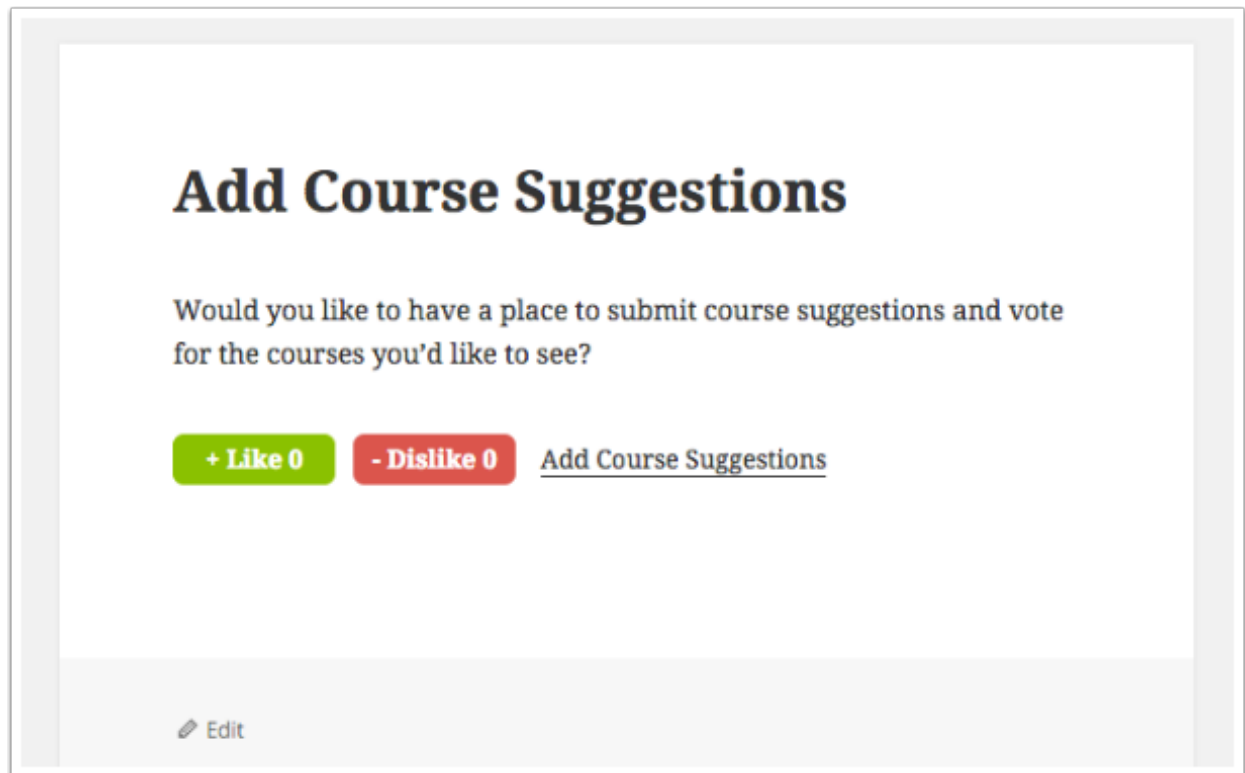
After publishing, you can view the suggestion like any other post or page in WordPress.



## Example Published Suggestion

This is an example of what a published suggestion page looks like. You can send people directly to this page for voting.

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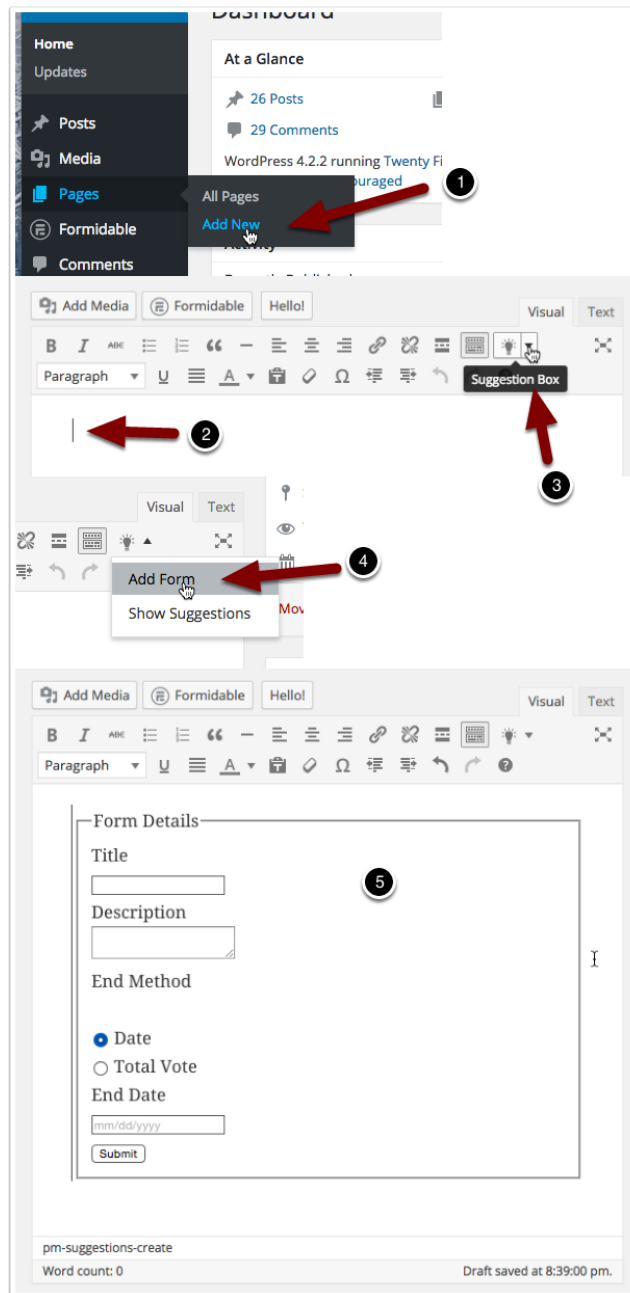


## Public Suggestion Submission

In order for others to submit a suggestion, you need to put a form somewhere. You can do this in posts or Pages.

1. In this example, we will be adding a suggestion form to a Page.
2. In the Page editor, place your cursor where you want the form to be.
3. Then click the Suggestion Box drop down button.
4. Click the Add Form option in the drop down.
5. The form will appear in the editor.

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## Deleting The Form

1. To remove the form from the editor, click on the form. When it is shaded in gray, that indicates it is selected.
2. Click on the X that appears on the top.

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The screenshot shows a web editor interface. At the top, there are buttons for 'Add Media', 'Formidable', and 'Hello!'. Below these are tabs for 'Visual' and 'Text'. The 'Visual' tab is active, showing a rich text editor toolbar with various icons for bold, italic, text color, background color, bulleted list, numbered list, quote, link, unlink, table, and more. The main content area contains a form titled 'Form Details'. The form has the following fields: 'Title' (text input), 'Description' (text input), 'End Method' (radio buttons for 'Date' and 'Total Vote', with 'Date' selected), and 'End Date' (text input with a date format 'mm/dd/yyyy'). A 'Submit' button is at the bottom of the form. A red arrow points to a 'Remove' button in the top right corner of the form. There are also two numbered circles: '1' is near the 'End Method' section, and '2' is near the 'Remove' button. At the bottom of the editor, there is a status bar showing 'pm-suggestions-create', 'Word count: 0', and 'Draft saved at 8:40:16 pm.'

## Public Suggestion Submission

This is an example of what the submission form will look like to your visitors.

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To submit a suggestion, they simply enter a title, a description and end method. After clicking submit, a green notice box will appear on the top of the form to indicate successful submission.

The image shows a two-part screenshot of a web form titled "Suggest A Course".

**Top Screenshot (Form State):**

- Left Sidebar:**
  - Plugins Development d**  
Just another WordPress site
  - Search ...
  - RECENT POSTS**
    - Survey
    - Media Guard
    - ReVisitor Content
    - 3rd post
    - Hello world!
  - PAGES**
    - About The Tests
    - Clearing Floats
    - Level 1
    - Level 2
    - Level 3
    - Lorem Ipsum
- Main Form Area:**
  - Suggest A Course**
  - Form Details**
  - Title:** Twitter Traffic
  - Description:** Show us how to get traffic and build leads from Twitter ads and tweets
  - End Method:** ☒ Date, ☐ Total Vote
  - End Date:** mm/dd/yyyy
  - SUBMIT** button

**Bottom Screenshot (Post-Submission State):**

- Suggest A Course**
- Success Message:** Your suggestion is submitted and is being reviewed.
- Form Details:**
  - Title:** [Empty input field]

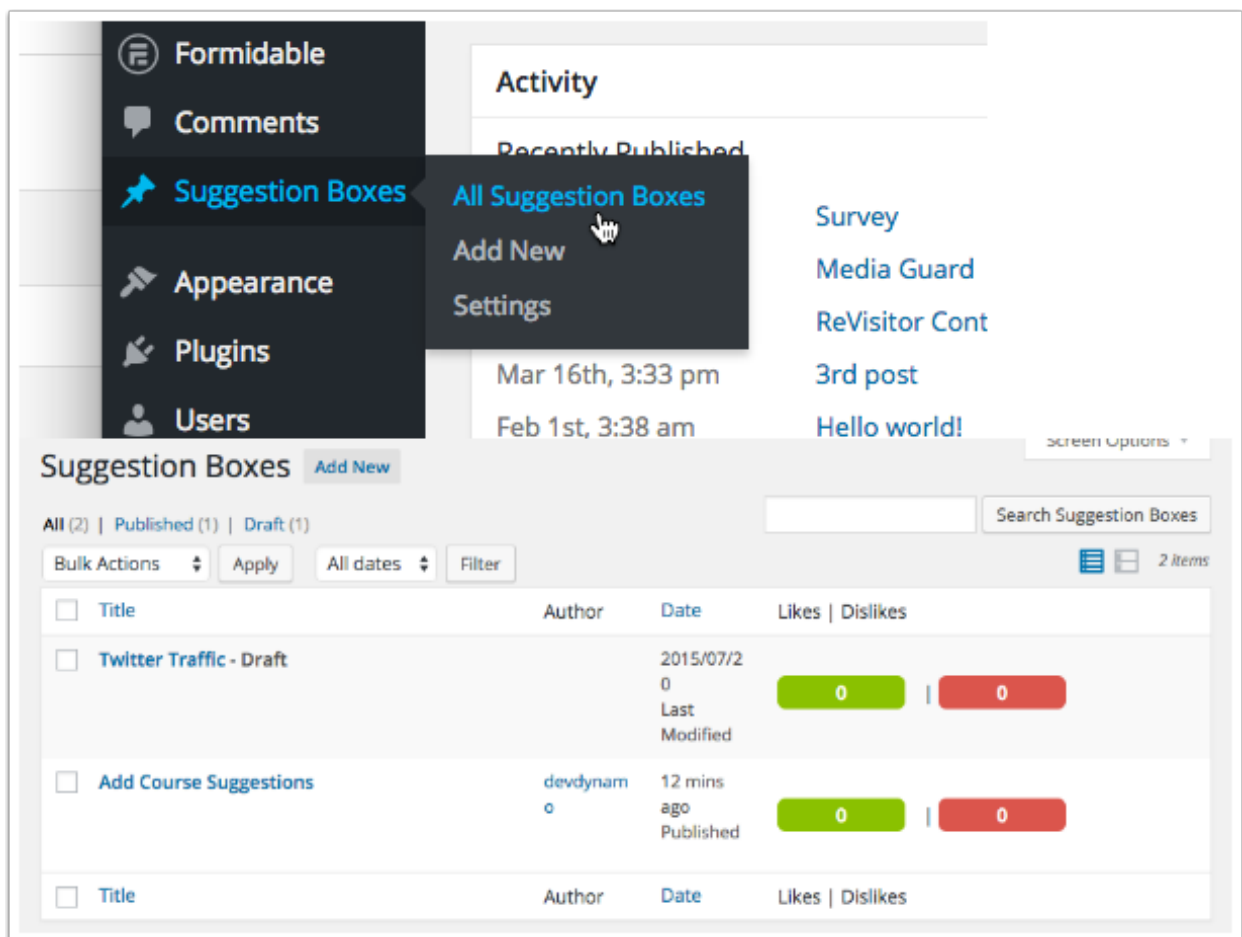
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## View All Suggestions

To view all suggestions, visit Suggestion Boxes > All Suggestion Boxes

This will list all the suggestions, their publishing status, and give you a quick overview of how many likes/dislikes they received.

As you can see below we have one suggestion saved as a draft. This is a suggestion submitted by the public. We know this because it has no author. You can click on it to edit.



The screenshot shows the 'Suggestion Boxes' management interface. On the left, a sidebar menu includes 'Formidable', 'Comments', 'Suggestion Boxes' (highlighted), 'Appearance', 'Plugins', and 'Users'. A sub-menu for 'Suggestion Boxes' is open, showing 'All Suggestion Boxes' (with a mouse cursor), 'Add New', and 'Settings'. The main content area displays a list of suggestions. At the top, there's a search bar and a 'Search Suggestion Boxes' button. Below the search bar, there are filters for 'All (2)', 'Published (1)', and 'Draft (1)'. A table lists the suggestions:

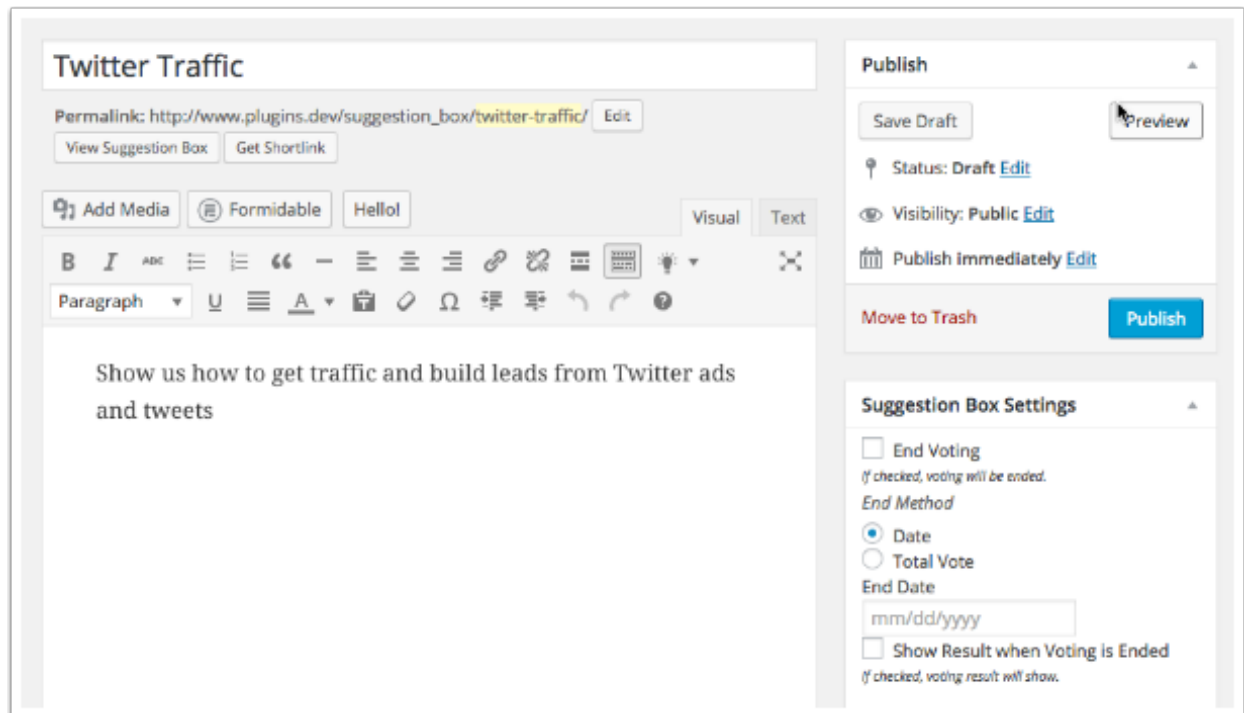
<input type="checkbox"/>	Title	Author	Date	Likes	Dislikes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Twitter Traffic - Draft		2015/07/20 Last Modified	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Add Course Suggestions	devdynamo	12 mins ago Published	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	Title	Author	Date	Likes	Dislikes

At the bottom right, there's a 'screen Options' dropdown and a '2 items' indicator.

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## Approving Submitted Suggestion

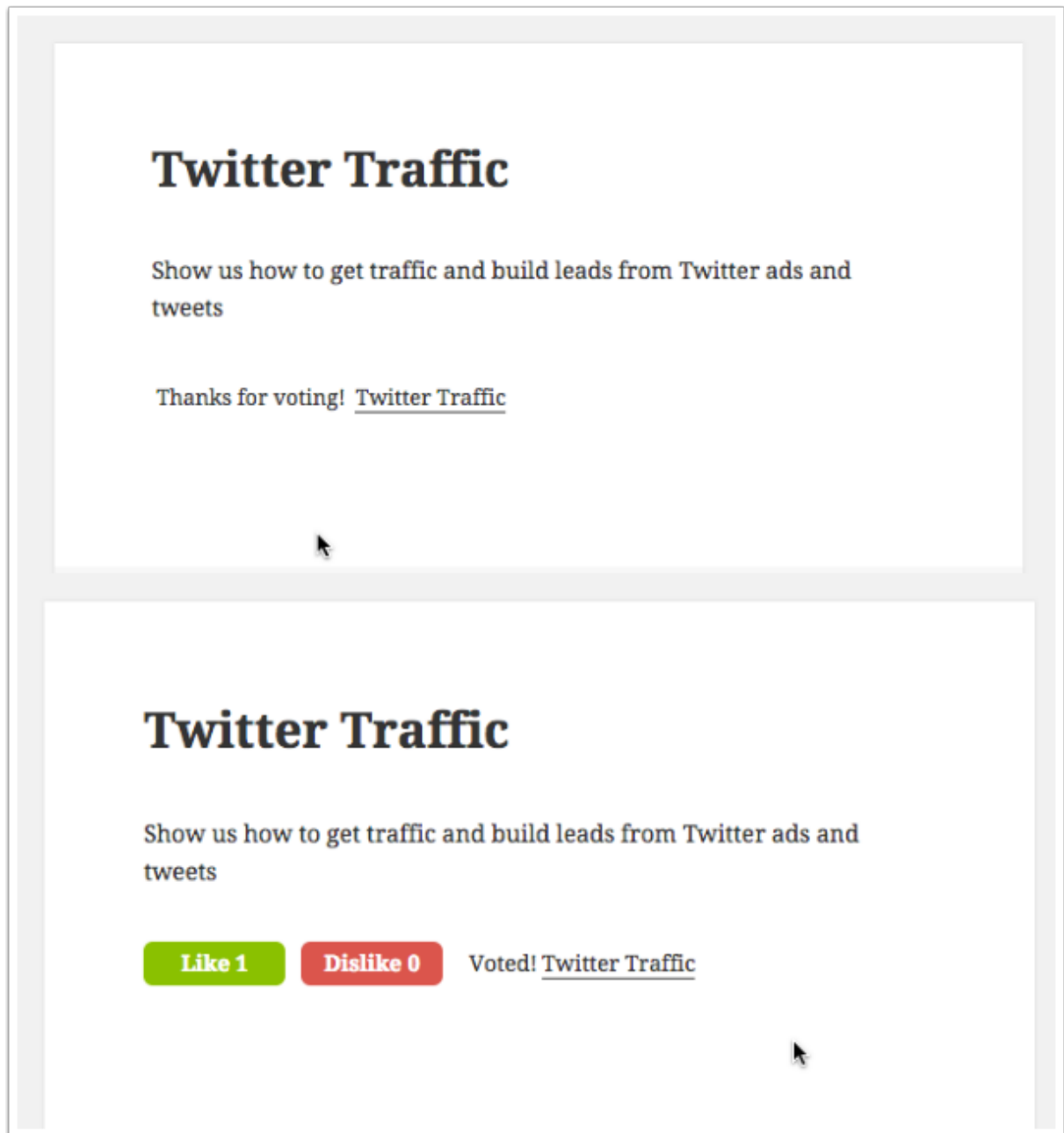
When editing a draft suggestion, you can change the title, description, even voting auto close options to suit your needs. Clicking Publish essentially approves the suggestion and make the page available for view and voting.



## Vote Example

When a visitor votes, a short message will appear, thanking them for the vote. When the page is refreshed or when the same visitor returns to the page, it will show that they have already voted. People can only vote once.

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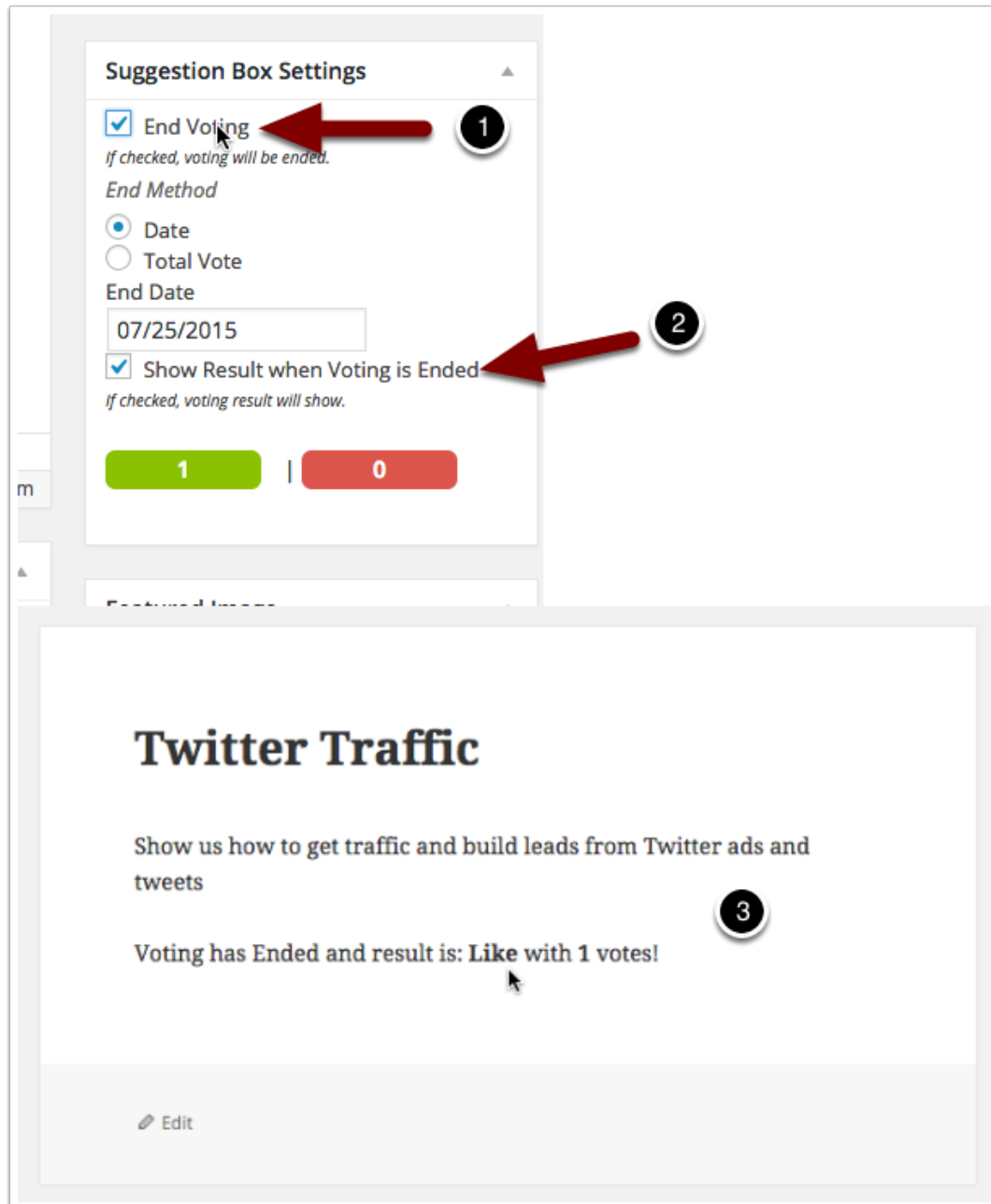
## End of Voting

If autoclose is active, votes will automatically end on its own.



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1. You can also manually end voting. To do so, edit the suggestion and check the End Voting box.
2. You can also choose to display voting results. Only check this box if voting has ended.
3. This is an example of what it looks like when voting has ended.



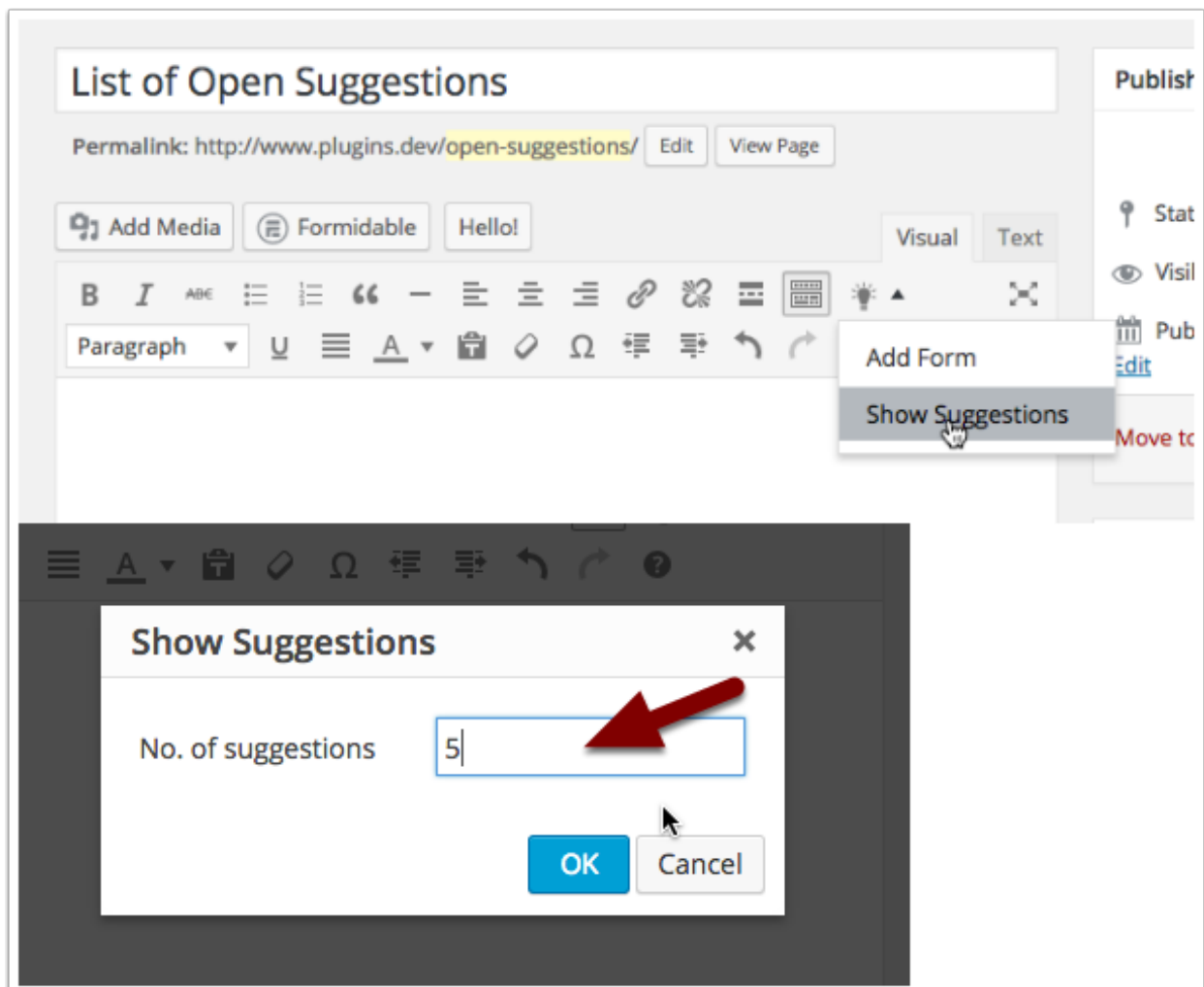
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## Displaying A List of Suggestions On A Page

If you have a lot of open suggestions, it might be a good idea to list all the open suggestions so people can vote for them. To do this, in any post or page, place the cursor where you want the list to appear.

Click on the Suggestion Boxes drop down. Next, click the Show Suggestions item.

A popup dialog box will appear asking how many suggestions you'd like to list. Enter a number and click OK.



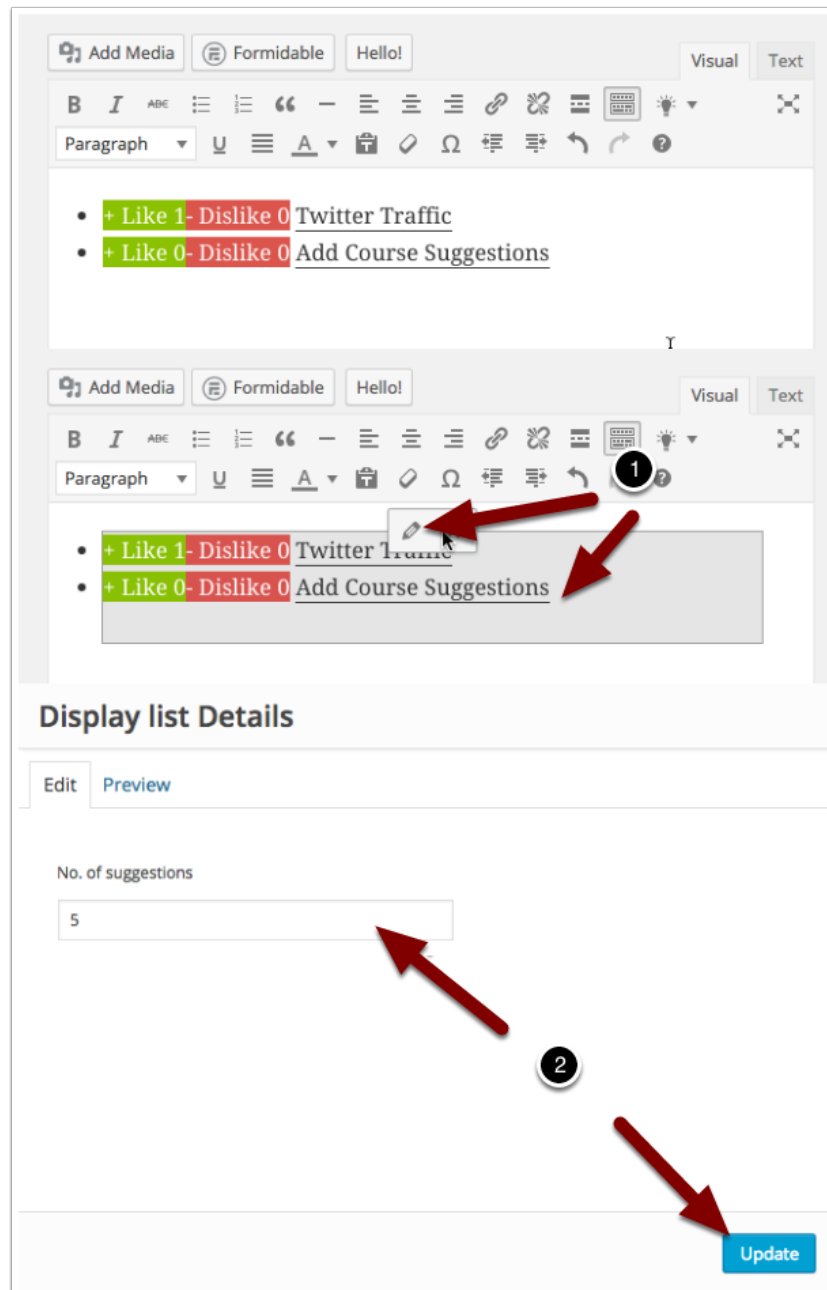
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## Suggestion List In Editor

The plugin will automatically pull the list of suggestions into the editor. This will probably look a little different once you publish and see it on the front end because the admin area does not use the front end theme. That's OK.

1. To edit the list, click it to select. The background will turn gray to indicate item is selected. Click the pencil icon on the top.
2. A new dialog will display where you can edit the number of suggestions and Update when done.

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## Example List of Suggestions

This is what the list of suggestion will look like to your visitors. Clicking the link for each suggestion will take them to the suggestion page with descriptions and voting options as well.

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