



A Celebration of Home™

The Parks and Arbor Walk at Marley Park

Open spaces that invite community involvement are central to the design of Marley Park. Phases I and II call for approximately 72 acres of open space and parks, including linear parks and 15 uniquely themed neighborhood parks. The Arbor Walk links the parks and neighborhoods throughout the community.

Arbor Walk: A network of pathways and trails lined with Evergreen Elms, the Arbor Walk runs through each neighborhood interconnecting all the parks. The path is perfect for walking, biking, rollerblading and running; the Arbor Walk offers people the chance to travel from park to park within a beautiful and lush setting. The pedestrian-friendly underpass allows travelers on the Arbor Walk to pass beneath Sweetwater Avenue and through Heritage Park as well.

Phase I Parks

Heritage Park: Heritage Park, which is managed by the City of Surprise Community and Recreation Services Department, is the center of life and activity at Marley Park. The northern section, a hub of activity and play, includes two baseball fields, an adventure playground for young children and a plaza for community-wide events. The southern section, centered on the arts, features an open-air amphitheater that can accommodate up to 1,600 guests with a gazebo stage, a rose garden honoring the roots of Marley Park and an open field for playful activity.

Arbor Park: Arbor Park, a community garden and gathering area, is located at the center of the Arbor Walk. Arbor Park features a centralized play structure reminiscent of a French Cottage. Surrounded by gardens, the shaded seating area and amenities are ideal for an afternoon picnic or evening barbecue. Residents will have the opportunity to add their own touch to Arbor Park as a future community garden is planned.



Desert Garden Park: Desert Garden Park embraces Arizona's terrain from the high deserts of the Northern Riparian Woodlands to the Sonoran Desert in the south. Visitors can follow gently meandering paths lined with desert flowers, explore the canyon wall on their bikes, relax in the butterfly garden or observe native plants in the cactus garden.

Discovery Park: Imaginations blossom at Discovery Park. Children can play hide-and-seek among the trees, participate in planned games like scavenger hunts and build sand castles in the sandbox. Visitors who love the outdoors can roam this quaint park and discover a wide variety of plants and flowers. Petal and leaf shaped mounds engage visitors in the interactive flower design.

Founders Park: Inspired by Italian villa gardens, Founders Park is a natural playground for children of all ages. Through time, many parks evolve with a story; the story of Founders Park is that of sport. Toss Frisbees® across three large, green fields or play football in a natural football field. With a grand overlook and terraced steps, garden artwork and potted flowers enrich the experience. A great gathering place, Founders Park provides families with small children a chance to explore the play area surrounded by ruin designed walls completing the Italian theme.

Hourglass Park: Fun, learning and imagination are celebrated at Hourglass Park. Here, learning extends to everyone. Children can run and pretend to be "sands of time" flowing through the hourglass shaped lawn. Families, school classes and anyone with a love for science can learn about time, seasons, moon phases and calendars on the human sundial in Hourglass Park.

Marley Park: Music and play come alive at Marley Park. Neighbors can gather at Marley Park to enjoy weekend concerts and plays, which are performed at the Craftsman-style gazebo, located at the center of the park. Featuring a large tree-lined lawn, Marley Park is a perfect place for children to play flag football, fly kites or create their own fun.

Mosaic Park: Beauty is in the details. And Mosaic Park is a gem worth discovering. Mosaic Park invites visitors to roam and wander along its gently meandering sidewalks imbedded with colored glass. A splash play water fountain offers children a chance to cool off in the summer.

Wisdom Park: Children's imaginations run free at Wisdom Park. With a play structure resembling a Japanese sunken ship, this play space inspires creativity in children and invites them to explore a make-believe world. With carefully placed stones and tight rows of trees overlooking the mounded green, it is a great place for adults to relax.

Phase II Parks

Bumblebee Park: Follow the path of a bumblebee. Scheduled to open fourth quarter of 2008, Bumblebee Park will invite visitors to stroll the curving walkway leading to a flower shaped garden area. Along the path, families can gather within the honeycomb of picnic areas while children explore the circular play area, complete with shade wings.

Plaza Park: Plaza Park, planned to open second quarter 2008, will be a gathering place for residents and guests of Marley Park Plaza, the neighborhood shopping center. The park will feature a public art piece created by nineteen local teens and guided by three master artists in partnership with the West Valley Arts Council's Gallery 37 program. Visitors to the park will enjoy the final art piece, "Penumbra," a word that refers to the area between light and shadow, which will serve as a shade structure and cast patterns of shadow and color on the ground below.

Rose Garden Park: Once home to cotton fields and rose gardens, Marley Park celebrates its unique and rich history in Rose Garden Park. Look closely and you'll see the park itself is shaped like a rose, with the stem representing a path for leisurely walks and a play area shaped like the thorns.

Starlight Park: A place of discovery, Starlight Park will encourage children of all ages to explore the magic of the night sky. Planned for completion in 2009, this park will feature a large, basin-shaped grassy area with

well-known constellations identified all around – providing a perfect spot to set up telescopes for night viewing. From the basin to the observation-themed gazebo and picnic areas, Starlight Park will allow visitors to explore the wonders of space any time of day.

Strata Park:

Inspired by the amazing rock formations and canyons Arizona is famous for; Strata Park will invite visitors to celebrate this desert beauty. Children will become explorers as they climb the layers, also known as strata, of the rocky walls or follow the canyon trail down to the basin where a fossil shaped play area awaits discovery. Strata Park is scheduled to open second quarter 2009.

Storybook Park:

With a setting as enchanting as a classic childhood tale, Storybook Park features wide-open green space lined with shady seating areas ideal for relaxing with a favorite book. Families can stroll through the small garden niches while reading “Story Stones” that reflect narratives of positive character values and life’s lessons. Storybook park is planned to open in 2009.

Veranda Park:

From family get-togethers to block parties Veranda Park, planned to open second quarter 2009, will bring a feeling of comfort to all who visit. The gazebo will be the perfect backdrop to any sized gathering or visitors can create their own special place within the multiple picnic and grilling areas around the park. Patio style furnishings and shade trees will help visitors feel right at home while children can play badminton, toss the Frisbee® or use their imagination on the two level play structure.

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