

Horizons Park

A horizon is the furthest reach of our vision, a glowing edge, a perfect sliver, a fissure where the present meets an unknowable future. Horizons Park embodies this moment, creating a place to celebrate the region's extraordinary history and visionary future. Horizons Park's iconic forms scribe this gesture into land and sky.

The story of Silicon Valley can be told as cascading "epoch horizons" – histories of settlement, agriculture, industry – leading ultimately to the threshold of our present moment as a global portal and wellspring of innovation. Silicon Valley has revolutionized humanity's experience of private life and community, pulling us from an age of vertical, centralized hierarchies into our 21st century world – horizontal, interconnected, and forged through creativity and partnership.

Horizons Park embodies this new paradigm with a destination that is profoundly anchored to the land, yet one that provides a visceral sensation of being pulled towards the future. The Park's iconic feature is the structurally astonishing "Event Horizon Sky-Walk," an undulating calligraphic gesture that floats cloud forests across the sky. These Event Horizons ("rhizons") submerge and emerge from the ground like giant graceful rhizomes – metaphorically and physically interweaving and inter-connecting the site, resolving as destinations. The primary rhizon begins as an entry plaza at the vital new downtown hub, ends as an apricot orchard, pausing in the sky above the confluence and forest. Against the sky, the Event Horizon is an icon that symbolizes and physically manifests the spirits and dreams of people and place.

The ground plane maximizes an environmentally sensitive open plan, creating spaces for flexible, democratic civic programming: plaza, meadow, playground, amphitheater, community great hall. The site invokes the region's iconic landscape forms – headlands, mountains, redwoods, agriculture. Natural forms reveal themselves as architecture. Foothills resolve as floating, cantilevered earthen berms, forming an open pavilion. Bathed in light through expansive smart-glass display skylights, this Great Hall enables program opportunities ranging from art and educational installations, immersive performances, farmers' markets, festivals, and other innovative community activations. Throughout the park, a state-of-the-art media infrastructure creates an inspiring canvas for world-class artists. Horizons Park democratizes leading-edge art and technologies, making them public and free as air.

Horizons Park is an iconic, optimistic, global destination. Its flowing horizontals literally and figuratively carry visitors to the sky . . . a confluence of form and idea, agriculture and technology, light and land, creek and river, past and future.