

WALKING ON SUNSHINE celebrates the natural beauty of the Guadalupe River and Los Gatos Creek.

Comprising a major landscape element - Reflections - and an architectural icon - Dew - Walking on Sunshine will give San Jose its much-awaited beacon of light by accentuating the wonders of its natural landscape.

Reflections is an arboreal park on the West side of Arena Green. Three highly-polished reflective pools bring cool mist and the reflected sky into the lush greenery. The undulating landscape hosts seating areas moulded into the earth itself, encouraging visitors to wander and rest without explicit instruction. Eschewing kiosks and enclosed structures, the Glade is envisioned as a flexible public space, with generous clearings for social events and no intrusion beyond the site limits. The ecology of Arena Green will be preserved and augmented with the Glade's vegetation.

On the Northern end of the Glade stands Dew: A timber structure in the shape of morning dew. Containing double helix spiral ramps elevating visitors over the city, Dew suspends in its heart the world's largest wind chime, effectively turning it into a carillon that astonishes not just visually and aurally. At night, LED lights embedded in the timber truss create a spectacle of light visible from downtown San Jose. Standing at 200' tall - the FAA-mandated maximum height, Dew, together with Reflections, evoke the nourishment effect of water upon the land. Dew's trussed structure will be constructed primarily of engineered timber - the first of its kind - to reduce its carbon footprint. Porous and open, Dew will be instantly iconic.

As one of San Jose's premium public spaces and the hub of future developments, Arena Green must be carefully curated to maintain its open, verdant character. The nexus of Arena Green, the Guadalupe River, and the open skies of San Jose converge in Walking on Sunshine. The design seeks to minimize the externalities of architectural objects on Arena Green, with the exception of Dew (Which sits opposite the SAP Center). The free-flowing landscape of Reflections allows existing objects of cultural significance to be sited flexibly across the forested glade – Five Skaters can be ideally sited at the Southern entrance plaza, with the Children's Carousel and the current playground to be relocated.