

The Cloud is an urban fun palace that celebrates the vibrant culture of innovation of the Silicon Valley. Located on the east side of the Guadalupe River Park and Gardens, the Cloud grows along Highway 87, establishing an iconic presence in downtown San Jose while resembling a cluster of ever-evolving cloud in nature. The Cloud attracts visitors from around the globe and contributes to a sense of community for downtown San Jose, as well as for the whole Silicon Valley.

The Platform

With its multiple access from the park through ramps, stairs and elevators, the Cloud brings the public from the Guadalupe River Park to an elevated platform overlooking downtown San Jose. The platform acts as a meaningful public space for both San Jose residents and visitors. All the cloud structures are connected by the platform into a continuous social playground with facilities for hosting a wide range of social and cultural events, as well as outdoor performances. The platform offers unique panoramic views of downtown San Jose. From the platform the Cloud emits subtle lights to its surroundings at night, establishing an important visual focus in the area.

The Track

The track that connects the platform with the park is accessible to all public with its less than 4% slopes. The track is linked with the Guadalupe River Trail, extending the existing trail upwards while providing wellness facilities for joggers, runners, bikers and yoga practitioners alike. Floating above the park, the track promotes a healthy and active lifestyle of Silicon Valley to the world.

Sustainability

The cloud is conceived as an education hub for innovation and sustainability. Part of the elevated platform is covered by dome-like canopies that collect rainwater to be used for vegetations on the platform as well as in the park. The roofs of the canopy are clad with PV panels that generate energy for the net-zero energy landmark of the 21st century.