

The Leaning Arch is a gateway to the world's epicenter of innovation. Luminous and harmonious with nature, this gravity-defying structure is a physical expression of the people's ingenuity. It is aware of the existing situation and makes effort to preserve and enhance it. The steel and concrete structure activates the site through interaction as visitors can enter it and ascend to the top to experience San Jose from a new perspective. It doesn't compromise because it takes into account the ideas of all the stakeholders. As people approach the park from Diridon Station they see the tilted green roof of the arch from a distance and this guides them to the arch. The green roof merges seamlessly into the landscape making the structure one with the landscape. The arch can be seen from the ground and the sky in both day and night using low luminance time-lock controlled lighting to minimize its impact on the native ecosystem. The tilt of the arch also ensures that the lighting from the split in the arch at the top points away from the rivers while that on the green roof can still be seen by visitors approaching from Diridon Station as it makes out the silhouette of the leaning arch. The arch also faces south so the green roof and the solar panels receive plenty of natural light.