

Silicon Valley Landmark

What is it you observe today? The landmark that you see is both transformational and extraordinary to the ingenious-harboring valley of the world, Silicon Valley. It levitates over the confluence of Los Gatos Creek and Guadalupe river, connecting the west and the east side of the waterbed. In the conception of its architecture was a story rooted from the beauty of San José's nature and people.

The structure is built to blend harmoniously with its surrounding environment, refusing to disrupt the flora and fauna, as well as the flyway of many migrating birds. Its design contains a variety of translucent elements that lay way for the observer to oversee the landscape without any obstacles. It is also apparent that the any of the activities the visitors of the park had performed before, such as exercising, riding a bike or simply meeting a friend for coffee, are now simply elevated. The extremities of the bridge are two ramps that gradually lift off on stilt-like arches, giving the walkway a smooth gradual escalation for the pedestrian. When reaching the highest point on the bridge, a 41 feet mark, the walkway transforms into a platform where visitors are able to oversee nature, as well as the cityscape of Silicon Valley. In the night, the structure becomes luminous, resonating the vigour of the pioneers of Silicon Valley onto the global citizens. It is in this city where the world was made more connected, agile and enlightened. The lighting system of the structure is sustainably sourced from solar energy during the daytime.

Walking the bridge, multiple elements spur spirit into the structure. Starting with the open-air amphitheatre that can host approximately 50 persons who are passionate about learning the history of Silicon Valley and it's innovators. Aside from available seats for those who wish to seize the moment, the sides of the bridge are ornamented with panoramic binoculars that helps sightseers explore their surroundings more. A rest stop is also made available for visitors who wish to get an energizer snack or quenching drink. The ramp exiting the bridge ends at 492 feet. Once the people of San José find themselves here, they will want to experience it over and over again. Near this new landmark in Silicon Valley, is where most brilliant ideas can be bridged, and an urban reality can be escaped.