

LAUGHLIN REGIONAL  
HERITAGE GREENWAY TRAIL





COLORADO RIVER

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The project is concentrated on the town of Laughlin, but is only part of a proposed larger emphasis on development of public recreational and event facilities in the area. It also anticipates linking to a regional network of trails extending far downstream on the Nevada side of the Colorado River and even into Arizona.

The design and construction of the project is being administered through Clark County Public Works and is funded by monies from the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) program.



VICINITY MAP



COLORADO RIVER

Although largely arrayed along the length of the Colorado River from State Road 163 to Davis Dam (the North Reach), the project also crosses into Laughlin proper, where it assumes more of an urban identity. This portion of the project is called the South Reach. In Laughlin, the project consists of a major trailhead, the southern landing of the pedestrian bridge over the highway, and an improved urban streetscape along Casino Drive.

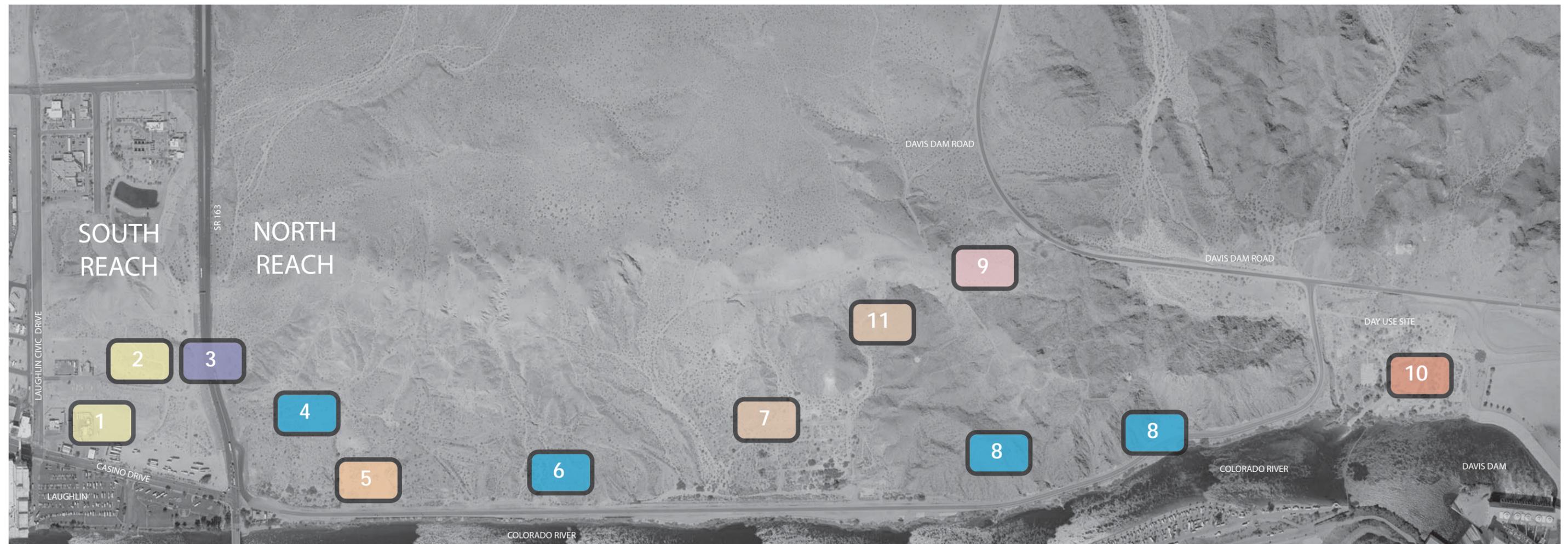


LAUGHLIN, NEVADA ENTRY SIGN

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| <b>1</b> RIVERWALK TRAIL     | <b>7</b> DISCOVERY SITE       |
| <b>2</b> TRAILHEAD ONE       | <b>8</b> RIVERWALK TRAIL      |
| <b>3</b> PEDESTRIAN CROSSING | <b>9</b> EQUESTRIAN TRAILHEAD |
| <b>4</b> RIVERWALK TRAIL     | <b>10</b> DAY USE AREA        |
| <b>5</b> TRAILHEAD TWO       | <b>11</b> EQUESTRIAN TRAIL    |
| <b>6</b> RIVERWALK TRAIL     |                               |

The project site is bordered on the east by the Colorado River and varies in its western boundary. It extends roughly from Davis Dam on the north to Laughlin Civic Drive on the south, encompassing State Road 163, which divides the project into North and South Reaches. The North Reach may be characterized by its undeveloped nature and rugged desert terrain, including areas of steep, treacherous topography. The features of the North Reach include trailhead and trail development, recreational facilities focused at the Day Use Area, and enhanced access to the river's edge along its length in the North Reach.

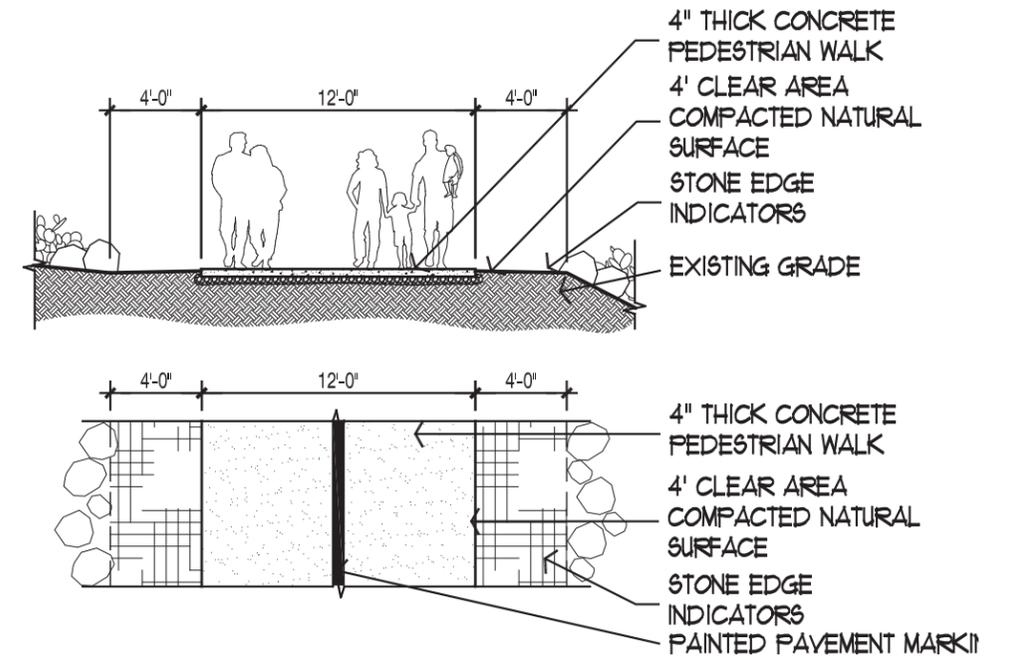
South of State Road 163, the project site is more urban in nature. It is surrounded on three sides by developed roadways and features trailhead and urban streetscape development. Because State Road 163 divides the North and the South Reaches, the most critical element of the entire project may be the pedestrian bridge that spans SR 163, providing users with safe passage over the highway - physically and safely connecting the two major geographical portions of the project.



A network of trails is proposed. Pedestrian trails will be concrete, lightly colored to blend with the desert environment, and will be twelve feet wide to accommodate pedestrian and bicycle users. They will be shared use trails and striped for bi-directional movement. All paved pedestrian trails will be ADA-compliant for gradient. These trails will arise from, and lead to, trailheads and will also offer user amenities such as signage, vegetation, and shade shelters, as appropriate. Their alignment will be delineated by regular use of stone or stone monument edges, and some of them will be lighted for nighttime use and security.

Equestrian trails will be improved native soil and will generally follow existing routes through the hills. While these trails are intended primarily for equestrian users, pedestrians or bicyclists might also utilize them, although not all of these routes are ADA-compliant. These trails will be signed for degree of difficulty, as appropriate. These trails may vary in width, but will be generous enough to allow for safe user movement. Their alignment will be delineated by regular use of stone or stone monument edges.

A portion of the embankment along the river will be designed to allow pedestrian access to the water. This river trail will be concrete and will be ADA-compliant. This trail will also see a significant amount of riparian revegetation with native species, and will be an interpretive opportunity.



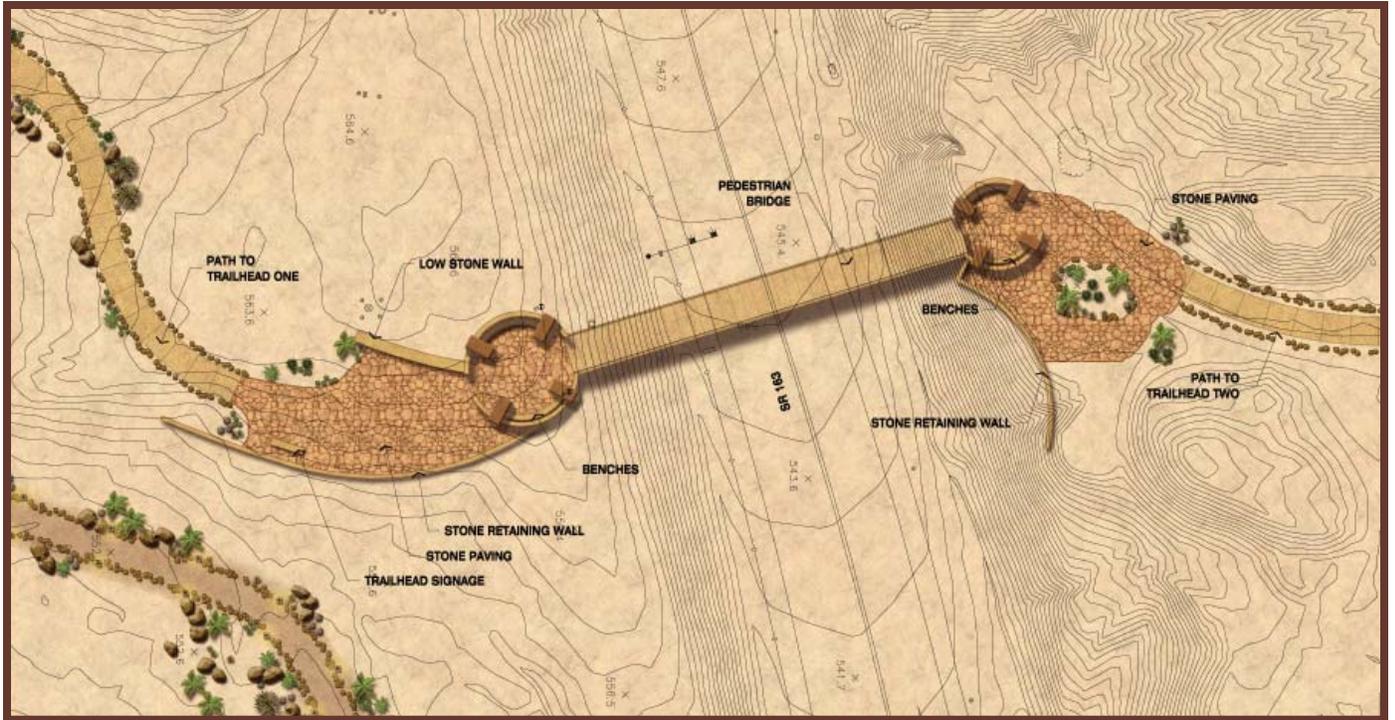


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Of the three trailheads planned for this project, Trailhead One is the most complex, due to its location and proximity to both the pedestrian bridge over SR 163 and Casino Drive. It is comprised of two distinct portions, defined by topography. The lower portion is at street level, while the upper portion sits atop a significant rise in grade from the street. The upper portion offers splendid views of the surrounding area, and a restroom and picnic shelters are planned here. Pathways lead to and from the pedestrian bridge. The lower level will have uncontrolled access, improved parking, and ADA-compliant access to the upper level. The site of Trailhead One offers a diverse package of experiences and opportunities.

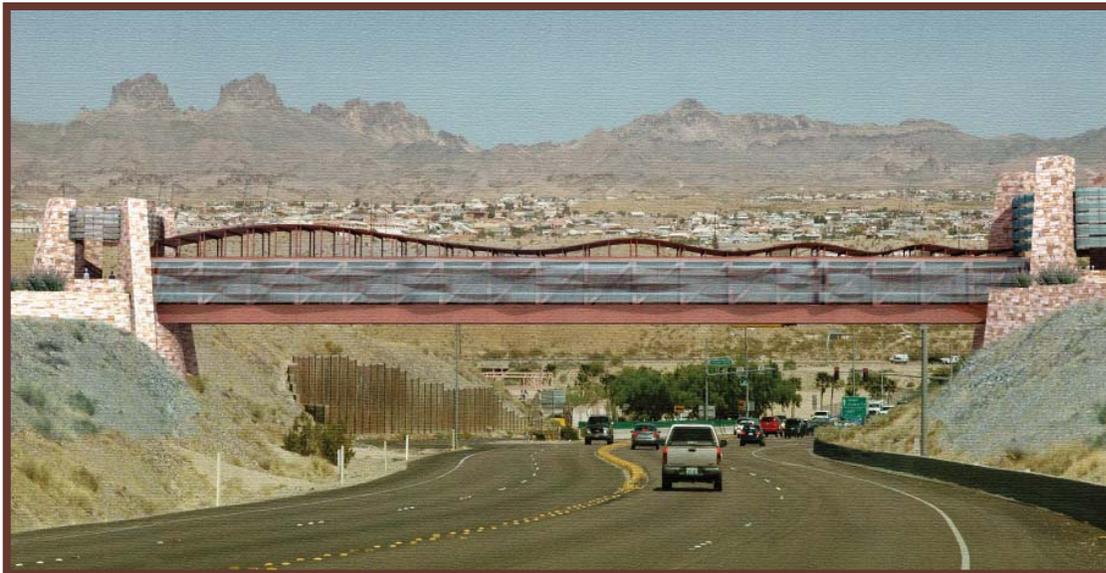


RESTROOM



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The bridge and plaza landings are designed to perform dual functions. One is to convey pedestrian and bicycle traffic safely across SR 163. The second is to serve as a visual signifier announcing one's arrival at Laughlin from the west.



PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

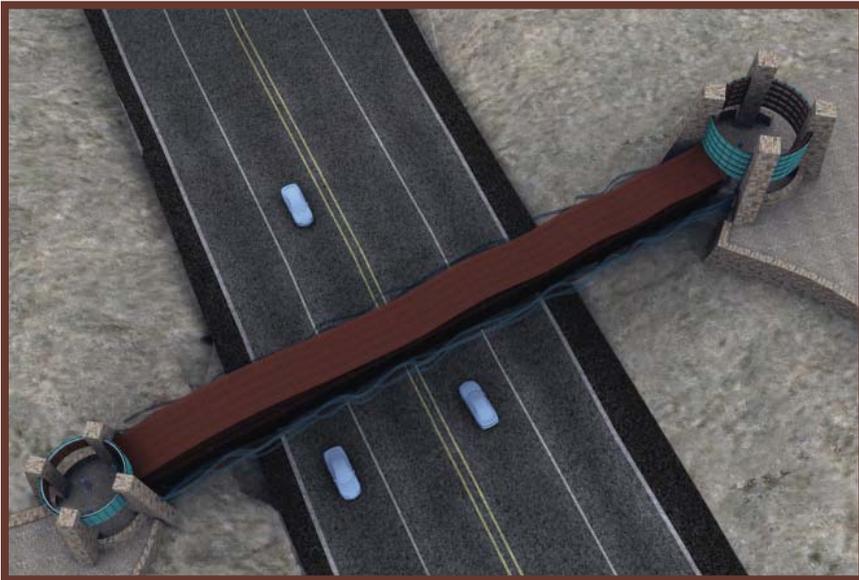
The bridge is an integral link in the proposed regional trail system, connecting destinations north and south of SR 163, free of conflict with the traffic flow on the highway proper. Without the bridge, the continuous trail system and recreational destinations north and south of SR 163 would be severed by the highway.



VIEW OF PLAZA AND MONUMENT

A number of things distinguish the design of the pedestrian bridge. In addition to providing the critical connection between the North and South Reaches, it is intended to serve as a gateway, signifying arrival at Laughlin from the west. The special colorful cladding and the flowing roof line recall the movement of water in the Colorado River. It is lit at night, providing an illuminated gateway. The weathered steel structure

echoes the colors of the surrounding desert environment. At each end, the bridge lands in a plaza highlighted by towering monumental columns, whose shape derives from the skyline silhouette of the mountains beyond. The columns will be clad with stone, further solidifying their relationship to the regional native environment.

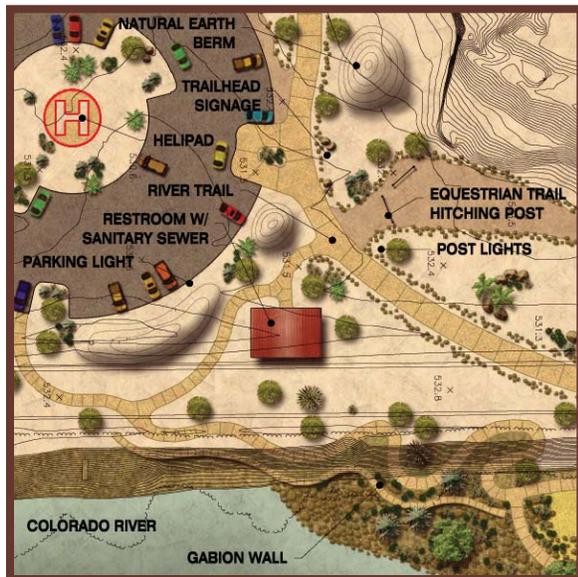


AERIAL VIEW



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This trailhead allows for access to the North Reach by car (no recreational vehicles). It offers parking, restrooms, shade and picnic shelters, signage, lighting, and access to ADA-compliant paved pedestrian trails. It is accessible by an ADA-compliant pedestrian trail from the pedestrian bridge over SR 163. A guest host site is also a feature of this trailhead. Flowing north from Trailhead Two, the River Trail offers pedestrian users dual opportunities to enjoy the desert and the river environments that make the North Reach unique. Visitors to Trailhead Two may enjoy access to the river's edge, fishing nodes, and riparian habitat.



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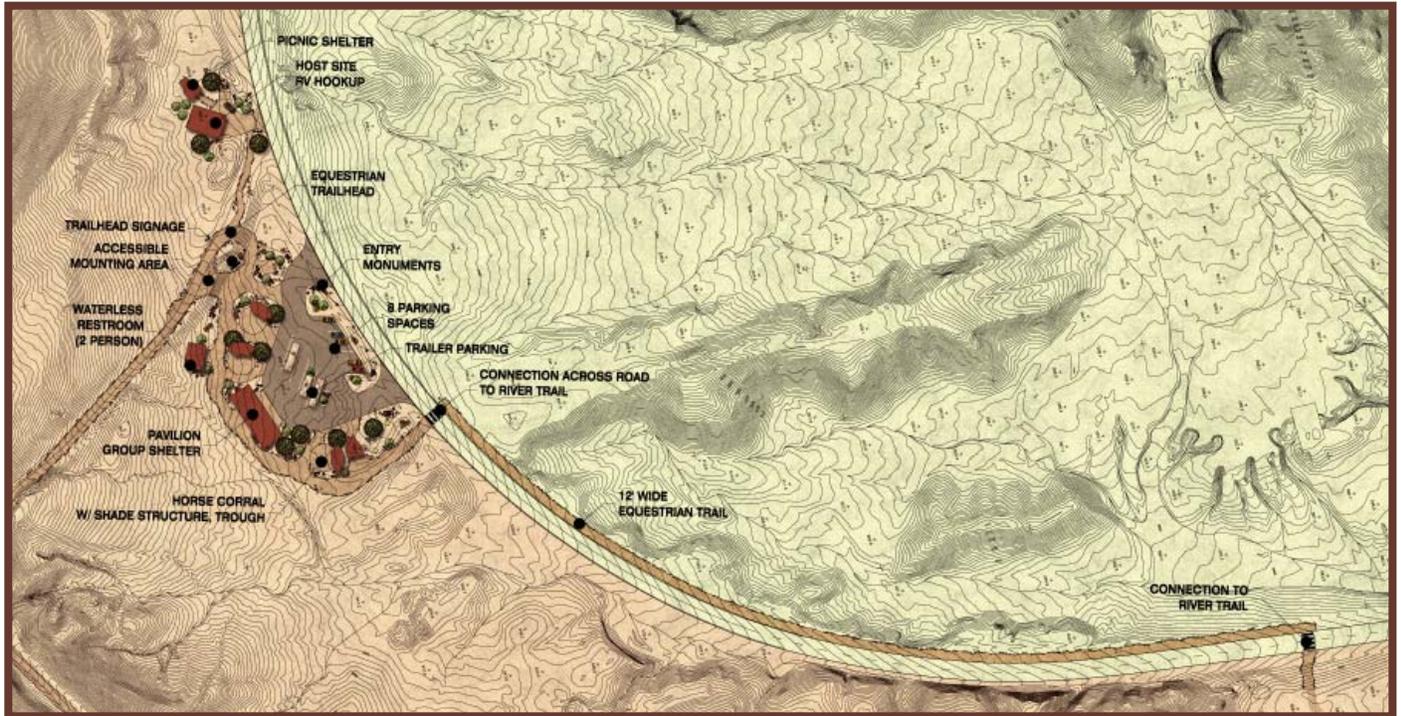
ENTRY

The detail manifestation of Trailhead Two – and the other constructed amenities – repeats the project’s reliance on custom forms and native materials to give the project a unique identity. Stone-clad columns, supported with native plantings, denote arrival at the trailhead. Amenities accessible from this trailhead include fishing nodes, elevated platforms that project out over the river for the convenience of recreational fishermen.

These elements are provided with shade structures for environmental comfort.



FISHING NODE

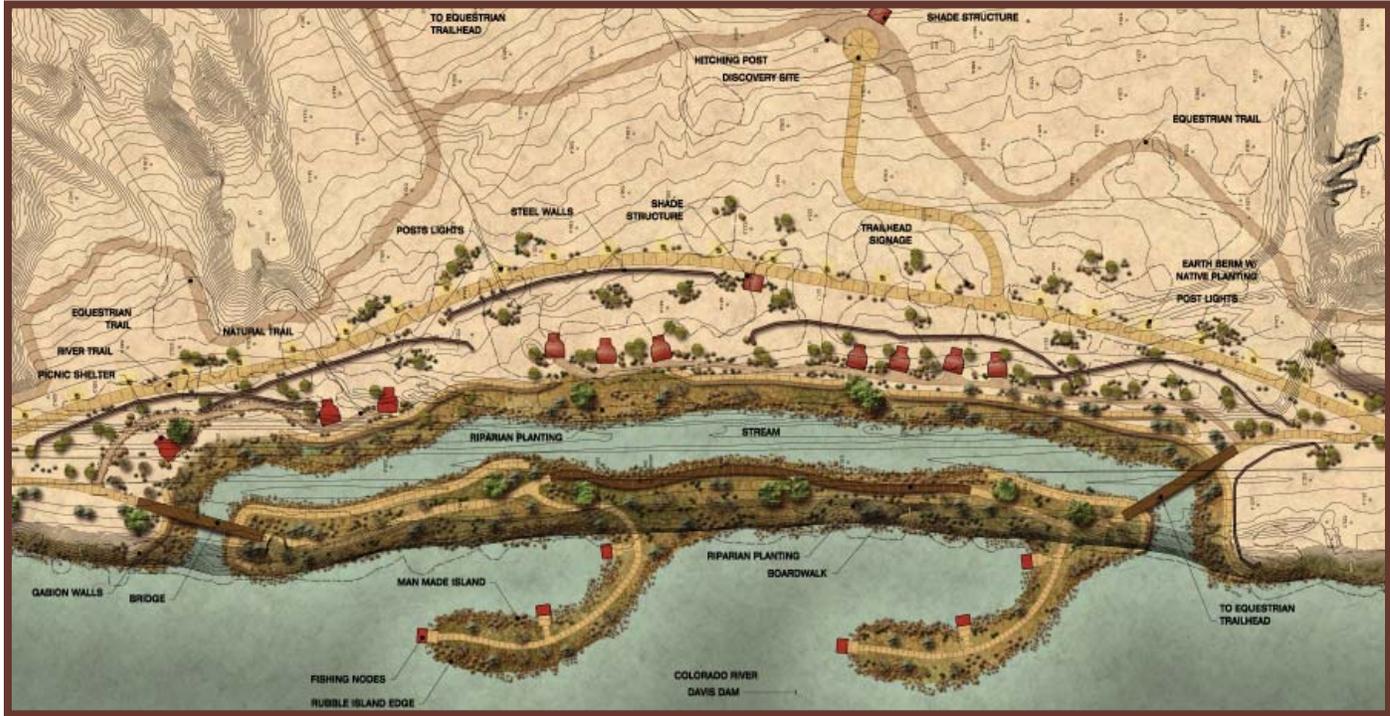


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This specialty trailhead accommodates those users who ride horses for recreation. It offers a full package of typical destination features – paved parking, shade and picnic shelters, restrooms, lighting, signage, and other amenity development appropriate to the site. There is a guest host site complete with utility hookups and set away from the trailhead activities for privacy. The guest host will provide a level of maintenance and security for the trailhead.



CORRAL AND SHADE STRUCTURE



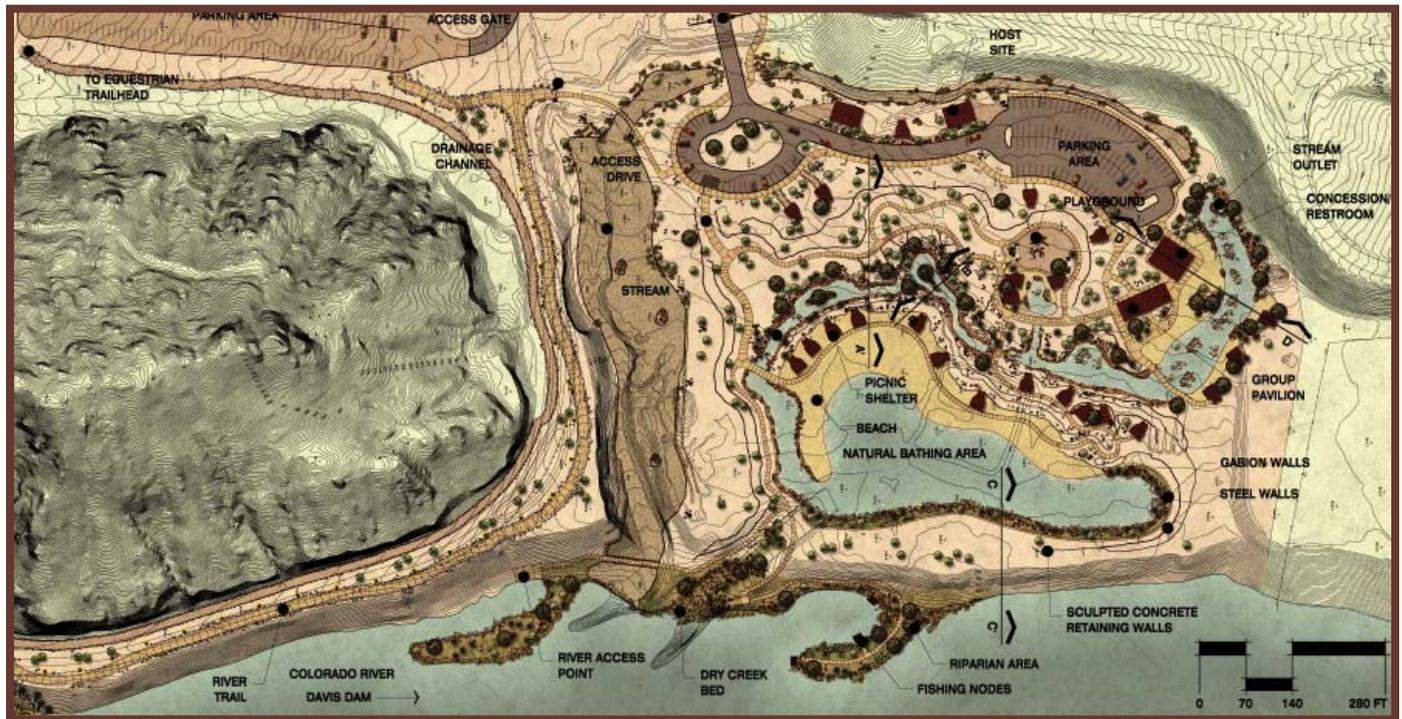
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Its alignment paralleling the Colorado River, this primary shared use trail connects Trailhead Two with the Day Use Area, and is the main accommodation of pedestrian users in the North Reach. The existing roadway – Casino Drive north – connecting SR 163 with Davis Dam Road in the North Reach will be removed almost in its entirety. (It will be retained between SR 163 and the new Trailhead Two.) From that point northward, the River Trail generally utilizes the right-of-way of the former road, but its alignment varies and the area is re-contoured to achieve a more natural topographic condition. In places, the trail draws near to the Equestrian Trail, but the two are always distinct and separate entities, to ensure user safety.

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PICNIC SHELTERS



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Immediately below Davis Dam, a former campground will be developed into a destination for daily outdoor recreational activities for individuals and groups. Vehicular access to the site will be from Davis Dam Road and there will be parking for passenger and recreational vehicles. Overflow parking will occur on the open, flat land immediately south. A major feature will be the natural water area and associated riparian revegetation.

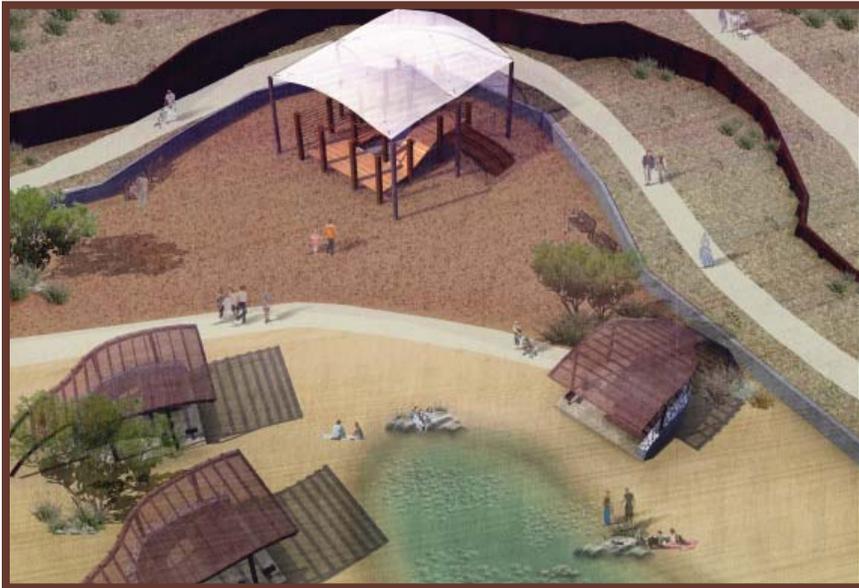


GROUP PICNIC AND RESTROOM BUILDINGS



ENTRY GATE

A variety of amenities is concentrated at the Day Use Area, including individual and group picnic facilities, children's play areas, fishing nodes, restrooms, hiking trails, and native and riparian vegetation. The physical forms and materials—stone-clad columns, native plantings, curvilinear roof lines, weathered steel structures—recall other areas of the project, for visual continuity and project identity.



NATURAL WATER AREA

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