

2016 SoCal ASLA Quality of Life Design Awards
Design – Parks and Recreation
Image Descriptions
Beacon Park, Irvine, California



1 Beacon Park-Overall Illustrative

Beacon Park offers visitors countless opportunities for recreation and social interaction. Park amenities include a community center, art house, outdoor kitchen, great lawn, pool and spa, indoor/outdoor lounges, life-size chess set, bocce ball and basketball court, multiple play areas, public art installation, and tree house-type structure called The Lookout



2 Beacon Park-The Lookout

The Lookout, Beacon Park's tree house-type structure, sits amongst three massive Jacaranda trees which were salvaged from the Marine Corps Air Station El Toro. The Lookout is accessible from a sweeping skywalk that connects the platform to the park's navigation pathways and nearby trail systems.



3 Beacon Park-Community Center

Beacon Park's community building/visitors center includes an indoor information center, an outdoor lounge, a covered outdoor kitchen, and a fire pit with seating. These spaces are intentionally flexible, allowing for community gatherings of all sizes to take place.



4 Beacon Park-The Patio

The community building at Beacon Park provides a vast and strategic vantage point where the entire park can be seen, and children can be monitored while they learn, play, and discover. Expert lighting design illuminates the park's elements, offering a safe and secure environment when enjoying the park after hours.



5 Beacon Park-The Kitchen

Beacon Park's outdoor kitchen offers expansive views of the park and embraces multi-cultural community gatherings. The kitchen comes equipped with pizza and tandoor ovens, a refrigerator, warming drawers, seating, and custom shade trellis. A Sonos Bluetooth sound system allows for the space to be customized with personal music selections.



6 Beacon Park-Gathering Indoor

The covered gathering space adjacent to Beacon Park's pool and spa facility encourages community gathering and social interaction. Unique design elements include a mural of Southern California's coastal region, which creates a sense of place while adding diversity and visual interest to an intimate gathering space.



7 Beacon Park-The Playground

Beacon Park has multiple opportunities for play which cater to all age groups. Distinct landforms and structures allow for imaginary play, climbing, swinging, sliding, and all-inclusive play. These areas provide a combination of adventure and learning activities through the use of organic forms, diverse spatial relationships, and exciting play equipment.



8 Beacon Park-The Courts

Sport courts at Beacon Park include basketball, bocce ball, and a life size chess set. Each space is intended and designed to be flexible, allowing for large community gatherings such as farmers markets, movie nights, or art walks to take place.



9 Beacon Park-Pool and Spa

The swimming pool and spa promote relaxation, physical exercise, and a place for residents to cool off during hot summer months. Sharp modern architecture elements meld with natural finishes which complement the native landscape palette. Glass walls provide seclusion from the public while offering unencumbered views of the other park elements.



10 Beacon Park-Lookout

A thriving collection of heritage trees throughout Beacon Park bring scale and maturity to the park, while also offering unique opportunities for one-of-a-kind design elements. The Lookout was masterfully designed to nestle amongst the branches of three 40+ year old Jacaranda trees, offering a shaded space for people of all ages to relax, gather, and enjoy the view.