

McDowell Mountain Ranch Aquatic Center

A regional facility owned by the City of Scottsdale, this aquatic center includes a variety of aquatic-oriented features, a complete fitness facility, skatepark and the award-winning public art commission, "Cactus Mirage" by Norie Sato, which was integrated to screen the waterslide.

The landscape concept developed layered zones within the overall context to create transitions between the various functional areas, while maintaining a strong relationship to the infill site's context. The bridged entry feature crosses a large wash, which was inadvertently destroyed during construction. The wash was carefully restored to its natural state to maintain this important focal element. Utilizing strong native and sculptural plant materials on the project's interior, the contemporary architecture is complimented by the suggested imagery of an underwater garden.



Client

City of Scottsdale

Location

Scottsdale, Arizona

Design Team

Weddle Gilmore Architects
Floor Associates, Inc.

Size

18 Acres

Services

Landscape Architecture

Budget

1.2 Million

Completion

December 2006

Recognition

American Society of Landscape
Architects Arizona Chapter:
-2008 Honor Award

ALA Western Mountain Region
-2008 Merit Award