

Concept Sketch

- 1 Reinforce the trail leading to the garden from the wash. Incorporate stone treads where the terrain is steepest. Match style of stair used at Big Ditch Park.
- 2 Guard rail on downhill side of path
- 3 Simple trail marker to indicate entrance to the garden.
- 4 A cluster of boulders gathered from nearby in the wash provides informal seating and gross motor exploration. Viewing the boulders from the bridge helps visitors to register the height of the water when the creek is flowing.



Stone staircase at Big Ditch Park in Silver City, NM



Example trail marker

## LIFE IN THE CREEK | RECOMMENDATIONS

One of the delights of living in or visiting the southwest is witnessing a monsoon. These sudden torrential downpours often cause dramatic changes to the landscape. Silva Creek, while dry most of the year, will run during these storms and anytime of year with sufficient rainfall. The bridge spanning Silva Creek offers an excellent view of the creek, especially when water is flowing.

Several boulders presently sit under the bridge and could be rearranged in a cluster so that they are visible from the bridge. Then, with the heights of each boulder painted or engraved on their tops, visitors will be able to estimate the height of flowing water based on which numbers are visible and which are submerged.

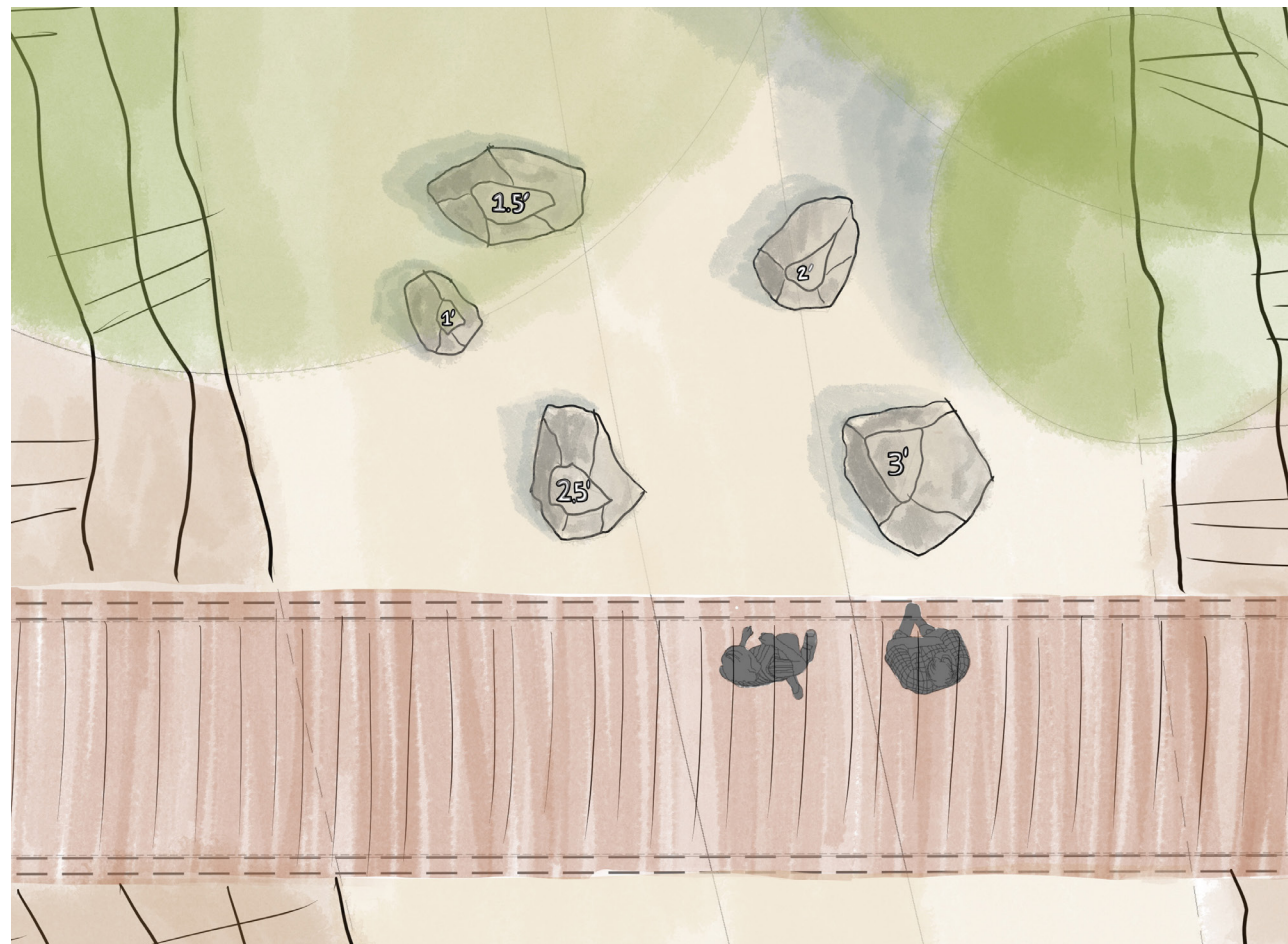
This cluster also provides informal seating and gross-motor play when the creek is dry. Additional boulders could be added to expand the amount of seating and provide a greater variety of heights to mark.



Existing boulders (2022)



Example engraved boulder



Concept Sketch—Dry Conditions



Concept Sketch—Wet Conditions