

Fossil Creek Trail Public Art Tour



Carolyn Braaksma worked with the City's Natural Areas Department on the design of *Wing Walls* (left) at the underpass at Taft Hill Rd. Through images, symbolism, and other clues, the goal of the art is to tell the viewer about the history and geography of the area.

Carolyn Braaksma also created wall and column design for *Raptor Observatory* (right). It is located in the Cathy Fromme Prairie Natural Area, just south of the Fossil Creek Trail near the Shields St. parking lot. The shelter is for birdwatching and features images of area birds in the concrete walls to help educate visitors. The concrete pillars and seating within the observatory replicate tree forms.



Stephen Shachtman created *Sphere*, located west of College Ave. southwest of the railroad underpass. The 8 ft. diameter flagstone sculpture draws from the natural color palette of the area and plays off the scale of the nearby tunnel. The area was home to a brick factory from 1902 to 1952. Search the sculpture to find an historic brick, which pays homage to the history of the site, in with the 903 brick-like pieces of flagstone.



Squid Jam & Jelly Preserve by **Mario Miguel Echevarria** is located where the trail crosses under College Ave. The artist created tile-mosaic creatures that are a link to the prehistory of Fossil Creek. To help alert path users to any flood danger, the artist designed dips in the wall, at strategic points, for users to peek over and see the creek water level. The project also incorporates a vertical viewing panel of clear material to show current water levels.

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