

Sunset Park

Sunset Park has been a recreation icon for Clark County for several decades. It is an historic 300+ acre site at the southeast corner of Sunset & Eastern. The site has been the home of native inhabitants, early settlers, ranchers, farmers and a variety of wildlife. The site was given to the County over 40 years ago and a portion was developed into a regional park. About 140 acres of the site along the east and the south of the property were never developed. SLA designed this 140 acre area that included a natural water course,



protected bird species, coyote dens, and natural sand dunes.

Our design provides over four miles of trail system allowing users to experience the native dunes, flora and fauna without endangering the sensitive ecosystems. About 10 acres was developed as a typical park with playgrounds, picnic tables, shade shelters and open grass areas. 30 acres was restored to a native state with an extensive trail system. The southern 80 acres was left natural to preserve the dunes and wildlife. A lookout mound was constructed to overlook the sand dune area. Interpretive signage throughout the park teaches about the plants and animals that inhabit the area. History boards lining the walk to the dune overlook provide a detailed account of the development of the Sunset Park site.

SLA recently won an award from the Southern Nevada Water Authority for Sunset Park Phase I. I encourage you to visit the park. It is a fun place for a family bike ride, walk or picnic. You will even learn something while you are there.

“Ah, summer - what power you have to make us suffer and like it” – Russell Baker

FAVORITE FLORA: VERBENA TENUISECTA - ROCK VERBENA



The summer solstice is here and if you have this month's plant in your landscape then you are enjoying the color it has to offer. Rock Verbena (*Verbena tenuisecta*) is a low growing perennial native to South America. It typically grows in low mounds approximately 8 inches tall by 4 feet wide. In our warmer climate Rock Verbena grows as a perennial, dying back to the ground in the winter months before returning in early spring. In some colder locations this plant is grown as an annual. This Verbena has lacey foliage giving it a softer look than most other Verbenas. Fuchsia to purple flower clusters cover this groundcover from spring through fall, giving any landscape a big boost of color.

If you are looking to add this color producer to your landscape, plant it in full sun or partial shade. It is very drought tolerant so make sure it has well drained soil. Also take into account that it will die back in the winter months so plant it in combination with evergreen plants. Rock Verbena can be a great addition around Agaves and Aloes.

Photo of the Month

Sunset Over The Port
Port Alfred, South Africa
Nicolette Fisk

