

When will the new garden space open? Will admission cost include this section?

The new space is scheduled to open to the public in June 2022. Once open, access to this new section of The Garden is included with the prices of admission (\$16 for adults, \$12 for seniors, \$10 for students, and \$8 for children 3 to 13).

What about the Casitas playhouses, can we still access them?

As part of this new section we will be introducing all new Casitas, the natural playhouses created in partnership with local architects, designers, students, or hobbyists, throughout the year. We will be posting more about these new partnerships on sbbg.org as we get closer to unveiling them.

In the meantime, we are relocating the beloved play hives so families can continue to enjoy them while waiting for the opening of the new garden space. Starting in December 2021, the play hives will be located on the east side of Mission Creek, near the lower creek crossing.

Can we still access Mission Creek during construction?

Yes, even throughout construction, Mission Creek will still be accessible in the Redwoods, and at the lower creek crossing.

Is The Garden cutting down or removing any trees in this area?

Yes, a few trees are being removed to improve the safety of this area for our new garden space. The trees that were identified for removal either suffered from disease, decay or were still suffering from damage associated with the 2009 Jesusita fire.

All that said, we will be planting many new native trees, shrubs, and foliage to ensure the canyon retains its natural beauty and character. Our horticulture team has been working hard planning for these new plantings and they're very excited to unveil this new section of The Garden to our guests in June.

How is this project being funded? I'd like to make a donation, where can I find out more information?

To bring this new section of the garden to life, our total fundraising goal is \$4M by June of 2022. These funds will cover approximately \$1M in construction fees, a \$2.5M endowment to ensure that there is staffing and ongoing funds to cover the maintenance of this space, and \$500K for permitting, administration, and contingencies.

To learn more about donor opportunities, please contact our development office at rbarton@sbbg.org or call X 103.

Are we able to get a refund on our membership? Will our renewal be reduced to account for this closure?

The section of The Garden being closed represents less than 10% of the available trail system open to our guests. This means most of The Garden (90%) is still operational and we welcome you and your family to visit during this transition. Due to the limited impact, we will not be issuing refunds. However, if you have questions or would like to speak with our membership team they can be reached directly at membership@sbbg.org or call X110.

Will any of The Garden's historical features be impacted by the new garden?

While this area is included in the County Landmark Designation and because it was not gardened during the period of significance, we have much greater latitude associated with how we use this in the future based on our Cultural Landscape Plan. Additionally, the sort of gardens, activities, design, and management anticipated in this area is entirely within the approved uses outlined in the 105 conditions of our Conditional Use Permit. The historical aspects of The Garden will be maintained.