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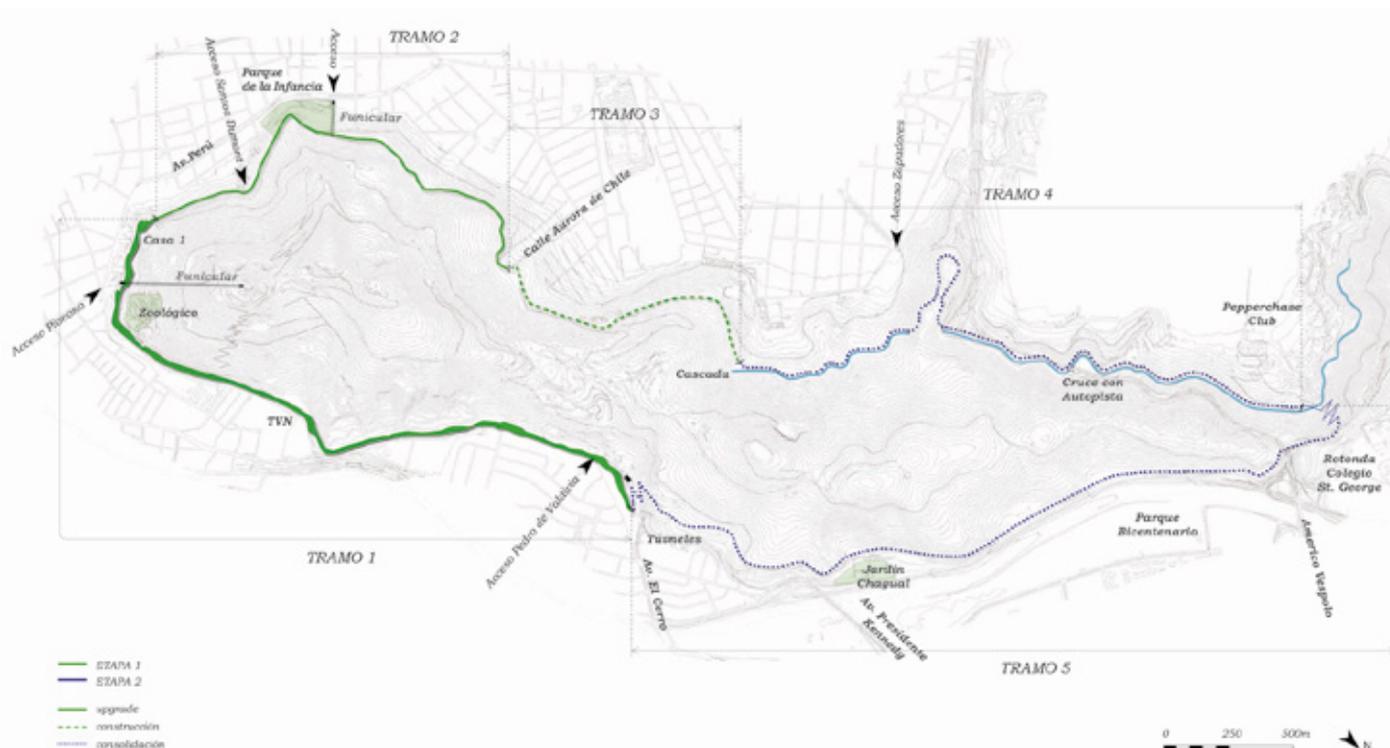
METROPOLITAN PROMENADE

Category: Parks/ Plazas
Location: Santiago, Chile
Project Year: 2015



dms 33°25'27.8"S 70°40'43.9"W
elevation 536 m

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Masterplan

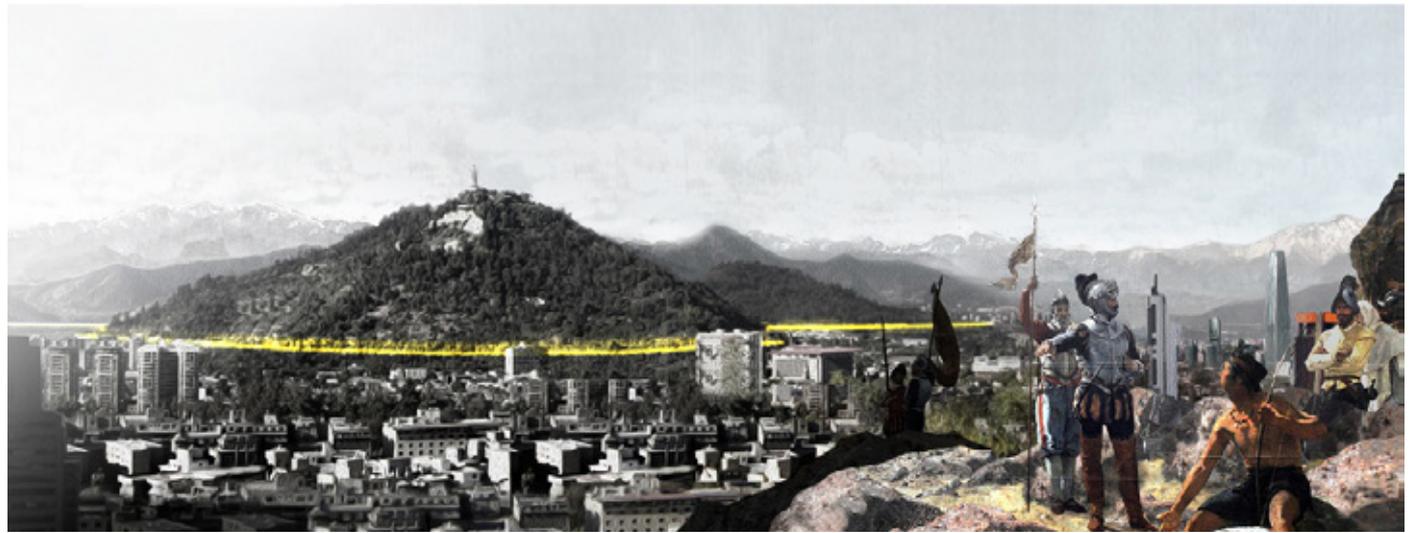
The project “Metropolitan Promenade”, designed by the Chilean architectural firm EL-ELEMENTAL, is a path for slow mobility, surrounding the San Cristobal hill, the largest metropolitan park in Santiago. The San Cristobal hill represents a sort of dam, deviating the course of Mapocho, the river that runs through the city of Santiago.

As the designers explain, despite its privileged position, the Metropolitan Park is visited only by 5 million people every year (i.e. each citizen of Santiago visits the park only

once a year) and although huge efforts have been made to transform the original rock into a green space, the steep slope makes the ascent difficult, limiting access to the park.

Taking advantage of an existing abandoned agricultural canal, a 14 km long horizontal area, the project proposes a new topographic promenade to enjoy the metropolitan Park but also the city’s geography and weather. The introduction of this horizontal, pedestrian, continuous walkway enhances the access to the

hill and the whole Metropolitan Park, giving direct and democratic access to the main environmental asset of the city. Besides improving people’s quality of life providing a more convenient access to a high standard public space, the promenade also works as a new pedestrian and bicycle route that connects rich and poor municipalities of the city of Santiago in a friendly and efficient way.







Credits:

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Address:

Cerro San Cristobal, Santiago, Chile

Client:

Santiago Metropolitan Park

Team:

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Photography/Images:

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Sources:

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<http://www.archdaily.com/499136/elemental-proposes-pedestrian-path-to-connect-districts-of-santiago>

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