

WESTIN LA CANTERA



Wiese Hefty completed a group of small but thoughtful projects for the Westin La Canterra Resort in San Antonio. Wiese Hefty added to the existing design of the welcome house (originally designed by Alamo Architects) by complementing its simple, tapered stone volume with various plays on that geometry. Painted steel planters and sconces invert and repeat the building's shape as does the custom signage. The trailheads Wiese Hefty designed and built at the beginning and end of the resort's hiking trails pick up on these same materials and textures. Built of native smooth-sawn cedar and steel roof trellis, the trailheads express a hint of modernism using traditional materials.

Working with the Westin and USAA Real Estate, Wiese Hefty is also expanding Discovery Junction, an existing children's playground and family recreation area at the resort. Using part of the slab of the existing tennis courts, the design installs a rubber floor tile system and organizes the space around a central building to be used for arts and crafts, ping-pong, or other indoor activities, as well as providing seating areas. Additional shaded seating areas are provided along the perimeter fence, which is made of the same painted steel slats as the trailhead trellises.

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