

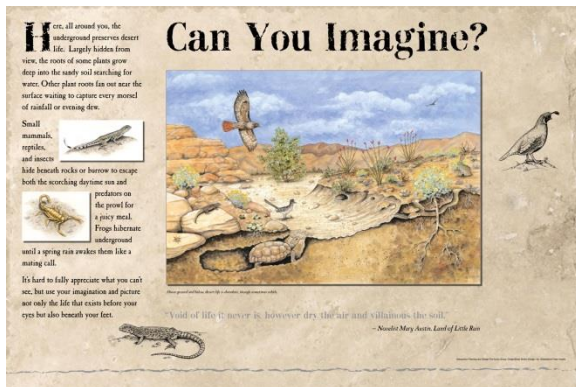
Coral Mountain Discovery Park La Quinta, California

In 2006, The Acorn Group began developing a conceptual plan for Coachella Valley Park and Recreation Department's Coral Mountain Discover Park.



Six hundred acres in size, the park is located at the foot of Coral Mountain, a large granite formation that rises from the desert floor and marks the shoreline of ancient Lake Cahuilla. The mountain's "ring" is really a deposit of minerals, or tufa, left behind as the lake receded hundreds of years ago.

In 2007, design development began. The Acorn Group created a series of stone interpretive panels, orientation and regulatory panels, and plant identification signs for the trail.



Long before settlers and explorers arrived in the southern desert region of California, the Cahuilla, an enduring constant in the region's human history, lived with and off the land. The significance of the site to native peoples is a critical element in the human story. To this end, The Acorn Group interviewed representatives of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians, Augustine Band of Mission Indians, and Morongo Band of Mission Indians, as well as archeologists and staff of the Agua Caliente Cultural Museum.

