SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD LINE AND ESMOND STATION

How the park got its name....

ESMOND STATION - 1912

FOUNDATION AND CHIMNEY OF FOREMAN'S HOUSE

Esmond Station Regional Park is named after Esmond Station, a railroad stop along the original alignment of the Southern Pacific Railroad. One of the station's buildings, foundations associated with other railroad structures, and a portion of the old rail bed are present on the site today. These features will be preserved, protected, and interpreted in conjunction with park development.

A brief history of Esmond Station:

- The Southern Pacific Railroad was constructed through Tucson and neighboring communities such as Vail in the 1880's.
- Esmond Station (known as Papago Station prior to 1890) was one of four section stops between Tucson and Vail.
- In 1903, a deadly train wreck occurred near what is now Houghton Road. The "Esmond Wreck" was a head-on collision that killed 22 people and injured 45.
- The alignment of the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks was modified following World War II and the rail line through the park site was abandoned.
- Features from the old Esmond Station that remain on the site include the partially collapsed Crew Quarters Building, the foundation and chimney of the Foreman's House, the foundation for the station's water tank, and various other artifacts.

EXISTING CREW QUARTERS BUILDING

RAILROAD WATER TANK FOUNDATION

ESMOND STATION

RAILROAD CULVERT CONSTRUCTED IN 1905

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ESMOND STATION REGIONAL PARK MASTER PLAN

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