



"Its most prominent architectural feature is a broad, arcing roof that suggests the dome of the sky, ... (and) takes on additional significance when visitors step inside to view the celestial observatory integrated with the interior."

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LOCATION Travis County, Texas
AREA 5,000 sf
COST \$1,200,000
ARCHITECT Jackson McElhane
Architects

This learning center sets a high standard for environmentally sensitive building construction. The building serves both as a pleasing learning environment and as an integral component of the educational installation at Westcave Preserve, providing valuable lessons in conscientious design, detailing, and selection of materials. The primary roof structure is comprised of a series of light, open steel trusses supported on native limestone pilasters. Seamless integration of structure and architecture is the result of a successful combination of modern design and sustainable practice, which led the American Institute of Architects' Committee on the Environment (AIA/COTE) to recognize the Warren Skaaren Learning Center with a national award as a "Top Ten Green Building Project" in 2006.



Warren Skaaren Learning Center at Westcave Preserve