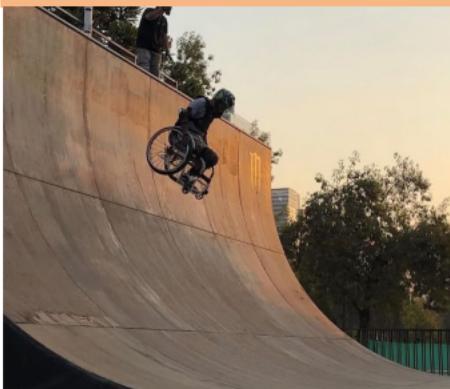


8 TIPS FOR SKATEPARK ACCESSIBILITY

ADAPTIVE SKATEBOARDING

Aims to expand the borders of skateboarding through adaptive methods. Examples include using crutches to support balance, using a long-handled cane to guide vision, methods of sitting on the board and propelling with arms, & much, much more!



WCMX

Athletes involved in wheelchair motocross (WCMX), use a specialized wheelchair at skateparks to do countless tricks, stunts, mega drops, flow through the bowls, & much, much more!

1. ENTRANCE

Entrance considerations for skateparks involve accessible parking, (12:1") access ramps, wide paved accessways, wide entranceways, fence or door handles at low heights, brailed paving & high visual contrast for changes in accessways.



2. RESTROOM

Having a clean, well-lit, and wide-open space supports a safe and accessible restroom. Other considerations include secure grab bars, space to transfer from wheelchair, and simple-use hygiene supplies. Having a clean water source is also important for hygiene and safety needs.

3. DESIGN

Skatepark design should provide options for all skill levels & skate styles. Unique obstacles support creativity & innovation for users. Obstacles should accommodate the various equipment & abilities of users. Including, wide deck space, access ramps to decks & obstacles, exit routes of bowls, & extended drop-off ramps.

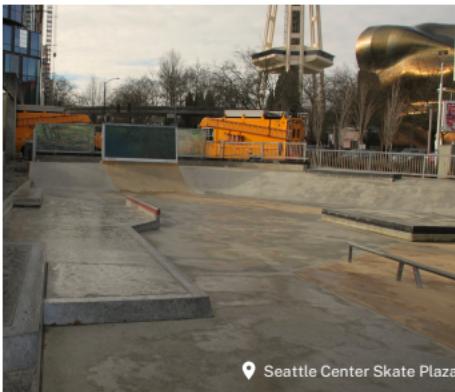


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Seattle Center Skate Plaza

4. SPACE

The sq ft. of a skatepark can impact the space available & the amount of users able to participate at once. The flow & layout of the skatepark should be considered to optimize space for multiple users. Space should include areas for rest & navigating around the park without disrupting the flow.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATIONS

Modifying the environment can support participation for individuals with various abilities. For example, adding visual contrast and tactile cues on obstacles to indicate changes in surfaces; or extended ledges on boxes to support transition time.



6. ADA & UD

ADA standards for the physical environment should be applied to skatepark entrances & access points for skatepark obstacles. The 7 principles of Universal Design (UD), should be applied to create equitable use, flexible use, simple and intuitive use, perceptible use, tolerance for error, low physical effort, and size & space for use. [[reference link](#)]

7. SAFETY

Encouraging protective equipment can minimize injury & keep you skating longer! Skateparks should have security lights & emergency response access. Location of the park should consider proximity to business & transportation systems. Providing shaded & covered areas, plus access to clean water can help on those major weather days.



8. COMMUNITY

Community pride, art design, and unique features can make a skatepark special. A sense of community promotes a safe & inclusive environment, which can create a sense of belonging for adaptive skaters, WCMX'ers, and all skaters together. At its core, community is why skateboarding is so special and meaningful for everyone.



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