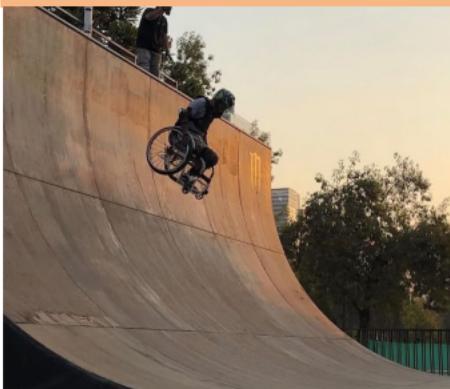


# 8 TIPS FOR SKATEPARK ACCESSIBILITY

## 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.

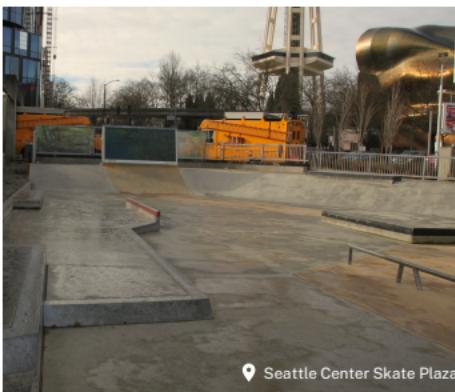


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Seattle Center Skate Plaza

## 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.



## 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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